

NORTHEASTERN CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held on March 30, 2022 at the Catholic Education Center.

PRESENT: Trustees: Martin Drainville
Elizabeth King t/c
Colleen Landers
Ron MacInnis
Steve Malciw t/c
Fred Salvador
Glenn Sheculski
Stan Skalecki t/c

Student Trustee: Emma Mills

Administration: Tricia Stefanic Weltz, Director of Education
Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education
Jennifer Dunkley, Superintendent of Education
Keld Scott, Superintendent of Business

Staff: Michele Mahaffy, Executive Assistant and Recorder

Regrets: Denis Lincez

Guests: Nil

A CALL TO ORDER

Opening Prayer

The Chair acknowledged that we were on the Traditional Territory of the Ojibway and Oji-Cree people of the Mattagami First Nation located in Treaty 9 and acknowledged that others were joining us from additional treaty territories of the Cree, Ojibway, Algonquin, and the Metis. The opening prayer was recited.

B ROLL CALL

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers

Resolution 22-32

SECONDED BY: S. Skalecki

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board receive the following declaration of absence and excuse the following trustees and administrative personnel from attending this meeting: Denis Lincez

Carried

C DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil

D APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

MOVED BY: E. King

Resolution 22-33

SECONDED BY: M. Drainville

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board adopt the agenda for the Public Board Meeting, as presented.

Carried

E APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki
SECONDED BY: S. Malciw

Resolution 22-34

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve the following minutes as presented:

Annual Public Board Meeting – February 23, 2022

Carried

F DELEGATIONS – Nil

G POLICY

G.1 E-10 Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting of Student Achievement: Kindergarten to Grade 12

Motion

MOVED BY: G. Sheculski
SECONDED BY: C. Landers

Resolution 22-35

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *E-10 Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting of Student Achievement: Kindergarten to Grade 12* at first reading.

Carried

G.2 E-11 Selection and Review of Learning Materials

Motion

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki
SECONDED BY: S. Malciw

Resolution 22-36

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *E-11 Selection and Review of Learning Materials* at first reading.

Carried

G.3 E-26 Reporting Abuse

Motion

MOVED BY: G. Sheculski
SECONDED BY: S. Skalecki

Resolution 22-37

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *E-26 Reporting Abuse* at first reading.

Carried

G.4 E-27 Control of Pediculosis

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers
SECONDED BY: R. MacInnis

Resolution 22-38

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *E-27 Control of Pediculosis* at first reading.

Carried

G.5 T-8 Delegations to Board Meetings

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers
SECONDED BY: R. MacInnis

Resolution 22-39

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *T-8 Delegations to Board Meetings* at first reading.

Carried

G.6 T-15 Student Trustee

Motion

MOVED BY: G. Sheculski
SECONDED BY: C. Landers

Resolution 22-40

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *T-15 Student Trustee* at first reading.

Carried

H PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

H.1 Presentations - Aboriginal Children's Health and Wellness Measure (ACHWM) – Kim McEntee, Supervisor of Mental Health and Wellness, and Kristine Arthur, Supervisor of Indigenous Education

K. McEntee and K. Arthur jointly presented information on ACHWM, a culturally relevant health and wellness assessment tool currently being used at the secondary level. They highlighted what it is, why it is used, how it is used and their target audience (students who self-identify as First Nation, Metis or Inuit). They presented a sampling of assessment questions and indicated the assessment is comprised of multiple choice questions as well as three open-ended questions. Further, they reviewed the *Balance App*, the ACHWM Resource Hub and next steps.

H.2 Reports

H.2.1 Student Trustee – Monthly Student Report, Emma Mills

E. Mills presented her report to the Board of Trustees and highlighted the following:

- School Events: a variety of Spirit Days, Winter Carnival, Epilepsy Awareness Day, and O’Gorman Supports Ukraine
- Sports: A return to sports update highlighting Boys’ Basketball and Boys’ and Girls’ Hockey
- highlights from OHS’ Open House hosted March 23, 2022
- the introduction of a new Outdoor Education Class for the 2022-23 school year as well as a new school mural currently being created
- a review of the impacts of pandemic protocol changes on students

The Chair thanked Emma for her presentation.

H.2.2 Audit Committee – Nil

H.2.3 Indigenous Advisory Committee - Nil

H.2.4 Special Education Advisory Committee – March Meeting Update

Trustees Landers and Skalecki shared an overview of the March 30, 2022 SEAC meeting. This included an announcement on additional government funding for next year, ideas on how to recruit more staff including support staff, tutoring and summer learning programs, and a projected increase in enrolment.

H.2.5 Supervised Alternative Learning – March Meeting Update

Trustees Drainville and Sheculski shared an overview of the March meeting. Trustees were familiarized with the committee members as well as the key concerns currently being faced by the program. Attendance and mental health continue to be two key issues. Trustees engaged in a question and answer period with the presenters and Superintendent Dunkley.

H.2.6 Transportation Committee – Nil

H.2.7 Program

H.2.7.1 EQAO Update, Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education

Superintendent Brumwell updated trustees on the reintroduction of EQAO testing after a two-year pause. She outlined the preparation, training and instructional strategies taking place including targeted instructional and intervention strategies for students, professional learning opportunities for educators, and the development of local planning for schools. An outline of the electronic delivery of the testing was included in the presentation. Results will be shared with the Board in the fall of 2022. Trustees engaged in a question and answer period with the presenter.

H.2.7.2 Keeping Students Safe Strategy, Jennifer Dunkley, Superintendent of Education

Superintendent Dunkley presented information in regards to PPM 166 *Keeping Students Safe: Policy Framework for School Board Anti-Sex Trafficking Protocols*. This new policy will ensure every school board has a plan with core components in place to protect students and empower school communities to play a key role in fighting sex trafficking and keeping children and youth safe from sexual exploitation. Developing protocols has been a joint effort with other boards and will be in place soon. As a next step, during the April 4, 2022 PA day, all NCDSB education staff will be engaged in an introductory learning session to better understand the current reality of sex trafficking in Ontario and the roles school staff may play in mitigating this issue. This learning will continue through the 2022-23 school year and beyond. Trustees engaged in a question and answer period with the presenter.

H.2.8 Business – Keld Scott, Superintendent of Business

H.2.8.1 Personnel Update

K. Scott reviewed the Personnel Update, which included five new hires, two resignations and four retirements.

Superintendent Scott recognized Nicole Pontello, Office Clerk, Maintenance, for her 42 years of exceptional service. On behalf of the Board, he wishes her all the best as she begins her retirement this fall.

Superintendent Dunkley recognized retiring teacher Laura Shillinglaw. She commended Laura's commitment to special education and continuous learning. On behalf of the Board, she wishes Laura all the best on her retirement at the end of the school year.

Superintendent Dunkley recognized retiring teacher Guy Lessard. She recognized Guy's passion and commitment to not only academics but to athletics and the arts as well. On behalf of the Board, she wishes Guy all the best on his retirement at the end of the school year.

Superintendent Brumwell recognized retiring teacher Florence Eno for her dedication to the vocation of teaching and her commitment to NCDSB and the Church. She commended Florence's heart of gold as well as her active participation and leadership in many aspects of school life. On behalf of the Board, she wishes Florence all the best on her retirement at the end of the school year.

The Chair added well wishes to all the retirees and thanked the presenters.

H.2.9 Director of Education – Tricia Stefanic Weltz

H.2.9.1 School Naming Policy

Director Weltz presented information regarding the implementation of a policy around ‘School Naming’. She presented background information on a recent request to review school names. This request caused the board to identify a need to develop a standardized process through a ‘School Naming Policy’. Preliminary work would go to the May 2022 Policy Committee Meeting. She recommended that the Board approve a motion to adopt a school naming policy. Motion to follow.

H.2.9.2 COVID-19 Update

Director Weltz presented updates including the revocation of staff to disclose vaccination status, masking requirements for staff and students, confirmation of daily screening, and the reporting of positive cases. She further advised that schools will continue to report student and staff absences through the Ministry portal. In addition, extra-curricular activities are back to pre-pandemic rules including the allowance for spectators and Community Use of Schools has begun to emerge on a select basis. In closing, she advised that the Operational Guidelines that have been in place during the pandemic expired on March 11, 2022 and any future guidance or directives will come from the Director of Education.

H.2.9.3 Student Transportation Update

Director Weltz gave a brief update on items that will be presented at the Transportation Committee meeting on March 31. A full update will be presented at the next Board Meeting. These items included two new pilot projects, Cold Weather Days and Urban/Rural Route Cancellations, developed to attempt to lessen the effects these events have on student attendance. She further discussed bus cancellations due to driver shortages and COVID protocols, as well as some possible solutions to lessen the effects of these issues on student attendance. Questions and discussions surrounding these initiatives followed the presentation.

H.2.10 Chair – AGM- Resolutions/Proxy Voting – Fred Salvador, Chair of the Board

Chair Salvador reminded trustees of the dates/times of the AGM as well as the process to vote by proxy should a trustee be unable to attend. Chair Salvador reviewed the resolutions being brought to the floor at the AGM and requested comments/feedback from the Board of Trustees. Discussion followed a few of the resolutions.

I Motions

I.1 School Naming Policy

MOVED BY: C. Landers

Resolution 22-41

SECONDED BY: M. Drainville

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board adopt a school naming policy to ensure a process for the naming or re-naming of schools that supports the Board’s commitment and legal responsibilities to Indigenous rights, human rights, anti-oppression, anti-racism, anti-discrimination, and equitable and inclusive Catholic education.

Carried

J COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion

MOVED BY: R. MacInnis
SECONDED BY: C. Landers

Resolution 22-42

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board accept the report of the Committee of the Whole Board and all recommendations contained therein.

Carried

K UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Nil

L CORRESPONDENCE – Nil

M NEW BUSINESS - Nil

N INFORMATION – Nil

O FUTURE MEETINGS

Regular Board Meeting – April 27, 2022 at 4:45 p.m.

P ADJOURNMENT

Motion

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki

Resolution 22-43

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Carried

Question and answer period for guests attending the meeting

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Chair of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer