

NORTHEASTERN CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of the ELECTRONIC Public Board Meeting held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at the Catholic Education Center.

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

Student Trustee: Emma Mills

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

Staff: Nil

Regrets: Denis Lincez, Trustee
Michele Mahaffy, Executive Assistant and Recorder

Guests: Nil

A. CALL TO ORDER

A.1 OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was recited. 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.

B. ROLL CALL

Motion

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

Resolution 21-101

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 and Michele Mahaffy

C. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

MOVED BY: M. Drainville
SECONDED BY: E. King

Resolution 21-102

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: C. Landers

Resolution 21-103

SECONDED BY: S. Skalecki

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

Public Board Meeting, June 16, 2021

Carried

F. DELEGATIONS – Nil

G. POLICY

G.1 E-9 School Food and Beverage

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers

Resolution 21-104

SECONDED BY: G. Sheculski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *E-9 School Food and Beverage* at first reading.

Carried

G.2 F-5 Community Planning and Partnerships

Motion

MOVED BY: R. MacInnis

Resolution 21-105

SECONDED BY: S. Skalecki

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *F-5 Community Planning and Partnerships* at first reading.

Carried

G.3 P-2 Leave for Political or Community Appointments

Motion

MOVED BY: L. King

Resolution 21-106

SECONDED BY: C. Landers

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *P-2 Leave for Political or Community Appointments* at first reading.

Carried

G.4 P-18 Line of Responsibility

Motion

MOVED BY: R. MacInnis
SECONDED BY: S. Malciw

Resolution 21-107

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *P-18 Line of Responsibility* at first reading.

Carried

G.5 H-1 Health and Safety

Motion

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

Resolution 21-108

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *H-1 Health and Safety* at first reading.

Carried

G.6 H-2 Workplace Harassment Prevention

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers
SECONDED BY: E. King

Resolution 21-109

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *H-2 Workplace Harassment Prevention* at first reading.

Carried

G.6 H-3 Workplace Violence Prevention

Motion

MOVED BY: R. MacInnis
SECONDED BY: S. Skalecki

Resolution 21-110

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *H-3 Workplace Violence Prevention* at first reading.

Carried

H. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

H.1 Presentations

H.1.1 – Enrolment Update and Impacts on Schools

The Superintendents provided an overall summary of projections versus actual enrolment. Currently, we have welcomed 166 additional students in our schools to our projections in Budget Estimates. Superintendent Brumwell provided a site-by-site synopsis of each elementary school, noting enrolment details, staffing impacts, and program opportunities for students. Based on the structures in place, there are only two schools with classes over 20/under 23 (PFES and AWCO). NCDSB is well within primary cap size limits.

Superintendent Dunkley provided an overview of O’Gorman High School, with details of staffing implications. The ACCESS program is operating under the same schedule as OHS

but also working in the quadmester cycle, to accommodate e-learning via coterminous boards in the province. Superintendent Dunkley reminded the Board of Trustees that this is Year 1 of the Grade 9 De-Streamed Mathematics program. As such, a dedicated Math Coach has been added to the staff.

Trustees engaged in conversation with the presenters commenting on the increase in enrolment being attributed to hard work and quality education; thanked all staff. There was an additional question on building capacities which will be provided to Trustees.

H.1.2 COVID-19: Health, Safety and Operational Guidelines & COVID-19 Protocol for Inter-School Sports, Activities and Clubs – Tricia Stefanic Weltz, Director of Education

Director Weltz provided a general overview of the provisions of the COVID-19 operational guidelines and protocol for inter-school sports. Operational guidelines included topics such as Protective Strategies, Ventilation, Vaccination, and Community Use of Schools. The *Joint Protocol for Inter-School Sports, Activities and Clubs* is a joint protocol of all four Northeast Boards. It includes information on how schools will be able to continue to offer events while maintaining safe protective strategies in our schools.

A trustee commented that they were pleased to see this important progress in continuing these events, such as sports, which are so important to our youth.

H.2 Reports

H.2.1 Student Trustee – Emma Mills

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

- Back to School Events: Grade 9 Orientation, Sports and Clubs
- Highlighted important dates: Vaccination Clinics, Terry Fox Walk, and Orange Shirt Day
- Presented a variety of topics including, Student Council Election, highlights from Religion and Science classes and *Link Does Mental Health*
- an overview on *Project Provide* – a movement to help provide for less fortunate students

H.2.2 Audit Committee – Nil

H.2.3 Indigenous Education Advisory Council (IEAC)

Trustees were presented with the approved minutes of the June 15, 2021 IEAC meeting which had been reported on at the June Board Meeting.

H.2.4 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Trustees reviewed the minutes of the June 16, 2021 meeting which had been reported on at the June Board Meeting. Trustees were also informed that a SEAC meeting had taken place earlier in the day where the committee elected a new chair and vice-chair, Joel McCarthy and Ellen Renault respectively.

H.2.5 Supervised Alternative Learning – Nil

H.2.6 Transportation – Nil

H.2.7 Program – Nil

H.2.8 Business

Personnel Update, Keld Scott, Superintendent of Business

The Board of Trustees reviewed the latest *Personnel Update*, which included two retirements, two resignations, three new teaching and nine new support staff assignments as well as two new Principal assignments. It was also noted that there was an error in the report; Christina MacDougall was assigned to Holy Family School.

Summer Projects, Keld Scott, Superintendent of Business

K. Scott presented his report along with a detailed update on each Summer Project indicating its completion or current status. He also included good news of Ministry approval for house repairs in Moosonee.

Trustees engaged in conversation with the presenter in regards to the OHS theatre upgrade, ventilation projects, Ministry funding and the availability of Contractors to get the work done on time. Superintendent Scott indicated that the theatre repairs would begin in the spring, increased Ministry funding for the ventilation projects has not been communicated to the Board, and the scope of work and number of projects expected over a two-month period this summer was simply too much given current circumstances (pandemic, availability of supplies/laborers, costs, etc.).

H.2.9 Director of Education – Tricia Stefanic Weltz

H.9.1 DARE Program

Director Weltz provided an overview of the work done on the revisions to the DARE program over the past year, in partnership with the local directors and the local police services. The same approach will be employed with our OPP partners in programs they might offer in communities outside of Timmins.

10.9.2 COVID-19 Immunization Disclosure Protocol

In accordance with the Instructions issued by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health (OCMOH), all publicly-funded schools, child care licensees, private schools, and student transportation providers are required to have a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy in place that applies to the individuals defined in the OCMOH Instructions by September 7, 2021, and have the policy fully implemented by September 27, 2021.

T SWeltz reported on several practices the Board has been following and will continue to follow in this regard, including, collection of the vaccination statuses of employees/trustees/third party providers, attestations, proof of vaccinations and the reporting of this data to the Ministry and the general public via the Board's website. Other protocols includes mandatory education for unvaccinated staff as well as bi-weekly COVID testing.

H.2.11 Chair – COVID-19 Vaccinations, Fred Salvador, Chair

Trustee Landers presented a case for the need of mandatory vaccinations in schools – OCSTA Board has sent a letter aligned with these requirements. The Board asserts that COVID-19 vaccination be mandatory for staff and students. The Board is in agreement that a letter should be sent. Motion to be presented.

H.3 Motions

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers
SECONDED BY: M. Drainville

Resolution 21-111

Carried

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chair of the Board write to the Ministry of Education on behalf of the Northeastern Catholic District School Board with copies to the Ministry of Health, local MPPS, and Chairs of other Catholic school boards requesting the Ministry of Education to mandate vaccinations for all staff, eligible students, and school visitors. The NCDSB formally requests consideration that the Immunization of Student Pupils Act is amended to include COVID-19 within its mandatory immunization program.

I. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion

MOVED BY: G. Sheculski
SECONDED BY: E. King

Resolution 21-112

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

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Nil

K. CORRESPONDENCE – Thank you messages from retirees, S. Guevremont, L. Clausi, S. Leclerc and L. Davies as well as two Student Award recipients, Jared and Abi

L. NEW BUSINESS - Nil

M. INFORMATION – Nil

N. FUTURE MEETINGS

Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, October 20, 2021

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers

Resolution 21-113

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Carried

Question and answer period for guests attending the meeting

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Chair of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer