

#### **MINUTES**

# Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 7:00 p.m. Conference Call

Trustees: Sharon Hobin Chair

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Relations

Mathew Thomas Superintendent, Planning and Operations

Max Vecchiarino Superintendent of Equity, Policy, Strategy, Research

Margaret Beck Counsel

Richard Smith Chief Information Officer

Bruce Campbell General Manager, Communications and Community

Relations

Theresa Davis General Manager, Human Resources

Christiane Kyte General Manager, Clinical Services and Special

Education

Richard Moriah General Manager, Physical Plant Facilities

Recorder: Cindy Child Board and Committee Information Officer

## A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Chair Sharon Hobin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Acknowledgement of First Nations Sacred Territory

Chair Sharon Hobin acknowledged the sacred territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

3. National Anthem

a. Approval of Calendar Items - Nil

#### 6. Declaration of Interest

The following trustees declared an interest in agenda items: H 3 and M 5 a.

- 1. Trustee Sharon Hobin family members belong to OECTA
- 2. Trustee Mario Pascucci family member belongs to OECTA
- 3. Trustee Bruno lannicca family members belong to OECTA and CUPE 2026
- 4. Trustee Stefano Pascucci family member belongs to OECTA

Motion 350 (21-02-23) Moved by Luz del Rosario Seconded by Shawn Xaviour

THAT THE DECLARED INTEREST ITEMS BE MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM L AND M 9.

**CARRIED** 

7. Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, January 26, 2021

Motion 351 (21-02-23) Moved by Mario Pascucci Seconded by Bruno lannicca

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, JANUARY 26, 2021, BE APPROVED.

**CARRIED** 

a. Business Arising from the Minutes – Nil

### B. W • š } Œ [• Z Mon Denier Joseph Shiels - Video Presentation

Director Mazzorato welcomed Auxiliary Bishop Ivan Camilleri and introduced videotaped Pastor's Remarks by Monsignor Joseph Shiels on Respect.

Chair Sharon Hobin on behalf of the Board of Trustees requested that Director Mazzorato thank Monsignor Shiels and advise that the video presentations are very well received. We are very grateful for his guidance on the virtue of Respect.

#### C. Awards and Presentation

1. Welcome to Bishop Ivan Camilleri - Chair of the Board, Sharon Hobin

We are joined this evening by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Ivan Camilleri. Before I welcome Bishop Camilleri, I want to share a bit of information about him with those attending our meeting this evening.

Bishop Ivan Camilleri was born in Sliema, Malta. His family moved to Canada in 1980. He studied at Laurentian University earning a Bachelor of Commerce and then at The Edinburgh Business School earning a Master of Business Administration. After some years working in finance, he entered the seminary in 2001, completing a Bachelor of Sacred Theology and a Master of Divinity. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 12, 2007. Bishop Camilleri also studied at the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. completing a Licentiate in Canon Law in 2011.

Following ordination, Bishop Camilleri was appointed as Associate Pastor at Merciful Redeemer Parish, Mississauga. Prior to his ordination as bishop, he served as Chancellor of Spiritual Affairs, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia. Father Camilleri also served as a sessional lecturer at St. Augustine's Seminary, and a Judge at the Matrimonial Tribunal of Toronto.

Bishop Camilleri is Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto with responsibility for the Western Region, which includes 72 parishes in the western part of the City of Toronto and the Regional Municipality of Peel. In addition to his regional responsibilities, he is also Vicar for Religious and Liaison for Liturgy.

Your Excellency, my greeting to you this evening, which I deliver on behalf of the Board of Trustees with great honour and pleasure is three-fold.

First, a warm welcome to our board meeting this evening.

Secondly, congratulations on your recent appointment as Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto with responsibility for the Western Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

And lastly, to welcome you back as a graduate of our Dufferin-Peel0.000BT/F o5TJ-

The rosary is a timeless and familiar prayer to both the young and old and with the intercession of Our Lady they are brought together in faith and love that gives life and hope both to our students and the senior residents.

500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines

The Philippine Consulate General of Toronto hosted an art competition, as part of the year-long celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> year of Christianity in the Philippines. 68 students from across DPCDSB elementary and secondary schools participated. The competition ended on February 16. Each painting had a write-up, and all were well researched and meaningful. A teacher from St. Elizabeth Seton submitted 15 entries from her Grades 1 and 4 students. Winners will be announced next month.

Trustee Bruno Iannicca Ward 7 Mississauga

St. Paul Catholic Secondary School Sad but inspiring news. On February 8, a former student, Mario Mesorre, passed

away. Mario was an inspiration to all St. Paul staff and students because of his positive impact on others.

#### Trustee Sharon Hobin passed the Chair to Trustee Luz del Rosario

Trustee Sharon Hobin Ward 2 & 8 Mississauga

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Secondary School

The school received a wonderful tribute from a former student that speaks to the impact our educators make every day, perhaps without realizing it.

- Н. Trustee/Committee/Administration Reports Requiring Action
  - 1. Motions Recommended by the Audit Committee Meeting, February 2, 2021

Motion 362 (21-02-23) Moved by Anna da Silva Seconded by Thomas Thomas

THAT THE AUDIT COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THAT THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF RORY KEILTY AS AN EXTERNAL NON-BOARD MEMBER OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR ANOTHER THREE (3) YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 2023, BE APPROVED.

**CARRIED** 

Motion 363 (21-02-23) Moved by Anna da Silva Seconded by Thomas Thomas

THAT THE AUDIT COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THAT THE AUDIT COMMITTEE PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE 2021, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED. **CARRIED** 

Motions Recommended by the By-Law/Policies Meeting, February 16, 2021 2.

Motion 364 (21-02-23) Moved by Anna da Silva Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE BOARD BY-LAW/POLICIES REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THAT POLICY 4.80 t PAYROLL SYSTEM - STANDARDIZED, BE RESCINDED. **CARRIED** 

Motion 365 (21-02-23) Moved by Brea Corbet Seconded by Luz del Rosario

THAT THE BOARD BY-LAW/POLICIES REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THAT POLICY 6.57: CONCUSSIONS, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED, AS AMENDED.

**CARRIED** 

Motion 366 (21-02-23) Moved by Thomas Thomas Seconded by Shawn Xaviour

THAT THE BOARD BY-LAW/POLICIES REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THAT POLICY 6.70: SIGNING AUTHORITY, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

**CARRIED** 

5. 2020-2021 School Year Calendar - Revised - Superintendent Peel

Superintendent Peel summarized the report.

Motion 372 (21-02-23) Moved by Darryl D'Souza Seconded by Thomas Thomas

THAT THE REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR **t** REVISED, BE RECEIVED.

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Motion 373 (21-02-23) Moved by Thomas Thomas Seconded by Shawn Xaviour

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR - REVISED REPORT, TO BE SENT TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.

**CARRIED** 

- I. Notices of Motion Nil
- J. Additional Business Nil
- K. Questions Asked of, and by, Trustees
  - 1. Trustee Brea Corbet: In response to hearing of another large board putting plexiglass barriers in all classes over 15 students, as part of the Federal Safe Funding. Are we considering plexiglass desk barriers for our students?
    - Associate Director Del Bianco: To date we have not determined in consultation with the public health authorities that this would provide additional protection. We continue to explore the option.
  - 2. Trustee Brea Corbet: Despite the one metre physical distancing, we still have large classes which does limit us from further physical distancing in our classrooms. With new variants that are emerging and given that they are likely more contagious, I am concerned about virus transmission, specifically during the time when students are unmasked in the classroom. We know there are frequent opportunities as students need to remove their mask to eat snacks/lunch and drinking. Plexiglass dividers on the desks may be a barrier for

Director Mazzorato: Yes, we will provide an update either at an Administration and Finance Committee Meeting or through Issues and Events.

4. Trustee Shawn Xaviour: As Catholic School Councils (CSC) have not had as many opportunities to spend funds raised, have we increased the roll-over amount?

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: Any funds raised through CSC and School Generated Funds (SGF) are held in their accounts and carried forward, regardless of amount. We do encourage funds raised within the school year to be spent within the same year, so that current students do benefit from their fund raising efforts.

5. Trustee Shawn Xaviour: In secondary are we looking at continuing quadmesters for 2021-2022?

Director Mazzorato: We are awaiting direction from the Ministry that will guide school boards regarding plans for start-up in September. Likely we will be preparing for different scenarios.

Associate Director Amaral: As the Director has indicated, we will be preparing various scenarios and are working to mitigate any scheduling, timetable, and student database issues. Currently we are working through the staffing process for next year.

Director Mazzorato: We will be using the hybrid model in elementary next year. We will offer virtual learning options in elementary and secondary. We will not be offering elementary students remote only.

6. Trustee Shawn Xaviour: Would you provide status update for EQAO and OSSLT testing?

Director Mazzorato: The OSSLT window has been extended for participation this year.

Associate Director Amaral: OSSLT is not a requirement for graduating students this year. However, students are encouraged to write the field test; it will count as an attempt for students, which is beneficial. Grade 3 and 6 EQAO testing will not occur this year.

7. Trustee Frank Di Cosola: We understand that the medical officers have advised that students must wear masks outside, is it possible to provide the rationale behind this recommendation?

Director Mazzorato: Peel is a hot spot and there are variant concerns. Masks are one of the four strategies used in the prevention of the spread of COVID-19. In the cold, droplets take longer to fall to the ground, therefore there is longer/more opportunity for their transmission/spread to others. Young children have a difficult time judging physical distance and have a tough time staying at a safe distance from others.

We will follow

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Director Mazzorato: All our staff are required to wear a mask and face shield in the presence of students.

9. Trustee Bruno lannicca: What happens if a student's mask is soiled?

Director Mazzorato: We encourage parents to send two or three masks daily. We can provide extra masks. We have requested additional supply to ensure we always have masks available.

10. Trustee Bruno lannicca: It would be ideal if all areas had the same policy regarding mask wearing. Do we know if Toronto is having to wear masks outside?

Counsel Beck: Through Issues and Events, we can confirm which school boards in the area are wearing masks outside.

Director Mazzorato: Please note that each area has their own medical officers and are making decisions based on their own circumstances.

11. Student Trustee Alejandro Garcia Polo: Since we have returned to classes in February, students have noticed a decline in student attendance, is this correct?

Director Mazzorato: Your peers are correct, there are less students attending in-class learning. We have had a significant number of secondary students request to continue as remote only learners.

12. Student Trustee Alejandro Garcia Polo: The board was to provide two masks for each student. Has that number been increased?

Director Mazzorato: If schools require additional masks principals only need to make a request via General Manager Moriah. We have asked the Ministry for additional supplies. Students are expected to supply their own masks; however, masks are available at the school should students forget or need a mask.

13. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Please provide an update on technology for teachers i.e. tripods and enhanced Chromebooks.

Associate Director Del Bianco: The first batch of enhanced Chromebooks have arrived. The second batch of enhanced Chromebooks will arrive shortly.

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: The deliveries of other tech items are arriving. When schools were closed it was difficult to organize deliveries and shipment drop-offs. Most items have been delivered, however there was a delay in receiving some of the headsets. They should be arriving this week or next.

14. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Can we ensure that handicapped parking spots are not covered during snow removal?

Director Mazzorato: We will follow up.

15. Trustee Brea Corbet: Regarding elementary vaccinations typically done in school for students in Grade 7 and/or 8: HPV, Meningococcal and Hepatitis B vaccinations. Last year, the decision was made that public health units would not be doing these in-school vaccinations. The Region of Peel centres are not doing these vaccinations. Local physician

offices can do them, but at a cost of \$300 to parents/guardians. We have students from last year that missed these in-school vaccinations and this year's students; potentially two years of elementary cohorts. Now that in-person learning has resumed, will we facilitate these vaccinations for our elementary students, in-class, and online learners?

Director Mazzorato: We will follow up with our local public health units and provide information in Issues and Events.

16. Trustee Shawn Xaviour: The Minister of Education has asked for five percent of schools to participate in rapid testing on a weekly basis. Last weekend it occurred at Cardinal Ambrozic Secondary and St. Francis Xavier Secondary, can you provide a report?

Superintendent Thomas: The asymptomatic program DPCDSB incorporated is a model where two secondary schools will be a hub and include all the feeder schools. We invited all the students, staff and families and tested 45 individuals. It was our first event, and we are working with Peel Public Health to promote participation.

Trustee Shawn Xaviour: That is concerning that only 45 came out as a board. We need to communicate better. I realize parents do say they receive a lot of communication during the pandemic, but we need to get more people out.

Director Mazzorato: We will follow up with the public health authorities during our weekly meetings.

- 17. Trustee Darryl D'Souza: Is it possible to ensure all secondary schools in the hub, as well as the elementary feeder schools can be informed of upcoming asymptomatic rapid testing?
  - Director Mazzorato: We will leverage our School Messenger system and ensure broad communication.
- 18. Trustee Anna da Silva: When the announcement came out regarding postponing the March break what was the reaction from our stakeholders?
  - Director Mazzorato: We have not received feedback, negative or positive.
- 19. Trustee Anna da Silva: Please explain how the information was shared from the board and from the Ministry?

Motion 374 (21-02-23) Moved by Darryl D'Souza Seconded by Thomas Thomas

THAT THE MOTION RECOMMENDED BY THE CONTRACT AND NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE, FEBRUARY 23, 2021, BE RECEIVED.

**CARRIED** 

Motion 375 (21-02-23) Moved by Thomas Thomas Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT THE CONTRACT AND NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THAT THE PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE CONTRACT AND NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE t 2021, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

**CARRIED** 

#### M. In Camera Session

Motion 376 (21-02-23) Moved by Mario Pascucci Seconded by Stefano Pascucci

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING BE ADJOURNED AND THE TRUSTEES IMMEDIATELY CONVENE AN IN CAMERA, IN CAMERA PRIVATE **t** TRUSTEES AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND IN CAMERA PRIVATE **t** TRUSTEES AND DIRECTOR ONLY MEETING, APPROVAL OF IN CAMERA MINUTES, WITH REFERENCE TO THE CRITERIA SET OUT ABOVE.

**CARRIED** 

#### N. Report from In Camera

Motion 377 (21-02-23) Moved by Starzyl D'Souza Seconded by Thomas Thomas

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECEIVE THE CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA, IN CAMERA PRIVATE **t** TRUSTEES AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND IN CAMERA PRIVATE **t** TRUSTEES AND DIRECTOR ONLY MEETING, APPROVAL OF IN CAMERA MINUTES, AND RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS SET OUT THEREIN.

**CARRIED** 

### O. Future Meetings

March 23, 2021 April 27, 2021 May 25, 2021 June 15, 2021

## P. Adjournment

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