



Special Board of Trustees' Board Meeting

A public meeting of the Board of Trustees was held Monday, March 21, 2022, at 2nd floor Board Room, Catholic Education Centre, 35 Weber Street, Kitchener.

Trustees Present:

Bill Conway, Manuel da Silva, Jeanne Gravelle (Chair), *Shannon Nash, *Wendy Price, *Hans Roach, Brian Schmalz, Melanie Van Alphen, Tracey Weiler

Student Trustees Present:

*Sarah Simoes, *Sarah Wilson

Administrative Officials Present:

Loretta Notten, Jason Connolly, Gerald Foran, Shesh Maharaj, *Judy Merkel, Jennifer Ritsma, Annalisa Varano

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Regrets:

John Klein

*Via Teams

Recorder:

Alice Figueiredo, Executive Administrative Assistant

NOTE ON VOTING: Under Board by-law 5.7 all Board decisions made by consensus are deemed the equivalent of a unanimous vote. A consensus decision is therefore deemed to be a vote of 9-0. Under Board by-law 5.11 every Trustee "shall vote on all questions on which the Trustee is entitled to vote" and abstentions are not permitted.

1. Call to Order:

The Chair of the Board called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials

The meeting opened with prayer by Trustee Price.

1.2 Territorial Acknowledgment

The Territorial Acknowledgement was declared by Chair Gravelle.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

Amendment to note Jeanne Gravelle as Chair of the meeting.

2022-28 It was moved by Trustee Weiler seconded by Trustee da Silva:

THAT the agenda for Monday, March 21st, 2022, as amended, be now approved.

--- Carried by *consensus*.

1.4 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

1.4.1 From the current meeting – NIL

1.4.2 From a previous public or in-camera meeting – NIL

1.5 Items for Action:

NA

2 Consent Agenda: Director of Education (e.g. day-to-day operational matters from the Ministry of Education that the board is required to do)

3 Consent Agenda: Board of Trustees (Minutes of meetings)

4 Delegations

5 Advice from the CEO

5.1 Update on Health and Safety Measures in Schools

Direction Notten provided Trustees with update on Health and Safety Measures in Schools based on the Ministry announcement of March 9th, 2022. Effective March 10th school boards are no longer required to have a vaccination disclosure policy. Also, effective March 21st, masks are no longer required for students, staff, and visitors in schools.

Trustees discussed concerns surrounding Ministry announcement including timing of removal of masks following March Break, no consideration by government to extend masking in schools for two weeks or longer and feeling that removal of masks are too soon.

Trustees discussed possible motion to write a letter to the Minister of Education on issue of extending masking for safety of staff and students and whether this was best venue. Trustees also discussed possibility of OCSTA advocating issue for Trustees. Trustees directed Chair Gravelle to contact OCSTA to see where they stand on this issue of masking. Chair Gravelle stated that she will contact OCSTA prior to the Monday March 28 Board meeting and will hope to have a response to share. Trustees stated that based on their response, they may craft a motion to OCSTA or the Ministry.

Trustees also questioned whether there was a need to rescind the motion of March 2020 supporting all students be required to wear masks indoors. Director Notten and Chair Gravelle noted that there was no need as it will be null and void.

6. Board Education (at the request of the Board)

7. Reports From Board Committees/Task Forces

8. Board Education (at the request of the Board)

9 Policy Discussion

10 Assurance of Successful Board Performance

11 Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance

12 Potential Agenda Items

13 Announcements

13.1 Upcoming Meetings/Events

NA

13.2 Pending Items: N/A

13.3 Pending Items for OCSTA Consideration: N/A

14 Items for the Next Meeting Agenda

15 Adjournment – Confirm decisions made tonight.

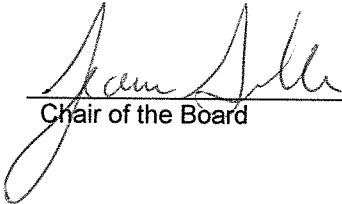
15.1 Confirm Decisions made tonight

16 Closing Prayer

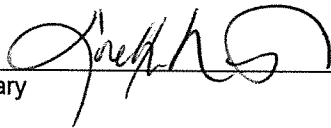
17 Motion to Adjourn

2022-29-- It was moved by Trustee da Silva and seconded by Trustee Conway:

THAT the meeting be now adjourned. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 5:52 p.m.



Chair of the Board



Secretary