



Special Board of Trustees' Board Meeting

A public meeting of the Board of Trustees was held Monday, November 7, 2022, at 1st 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:

Chloe Armstrong, Anika Fejerpatak

Administrative Officials Present:

Tyrone Dowling, Gerald Foran, Gerry Clifford, Shesh Maharaj, Judy Merkel, Kerry Pomfret, Jennifer Ritsma, Annalisa Varano

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Regrets:

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 6:00 p.m.

1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials

The meeting opened with prayer by Trustee da Silva.

1.2 Territorial Acknowledgment

Declared by Chair Gravelle.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

**2022-106-- It was moved by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee da Silva:
THAT the agenda for Monday, November 7, 2022 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

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

1.5 Items for Action: N/A

There were no items for action.

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)

NIL

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

NIL

4 Delegations

There were no delegations.

5 Advice from the CEO

5.1 East Kitchener 7-12 Boundary Review

Superintendent Maharaj, Virina Elgawly, Planning Officer, and Jennifer Passy, Manager of Planning briefly went through the report and concerns Trustees and had brought forward. Trustees sought further clarification on siblings, legacy expectations, and transportation.

Chair Gravelle noted that she will be reading motions in groups of headings. The first set of motions from 1-8 was read by Chair Gravelle under Boundary and Grade Configuration heading and a mover and seconder was requested.

Boundary and Grade Configuration

2022-107-- It was moved by Trustee Van Alphen and seconded by Trustee Weiler:

1. That the boundaries and grade configurations of Canadian Martyrs Catholic Elementary School (CES), Saint John Paul II CES, St. Anne (K) CES, St. Daniel CES, the new St. Patrick CES and East Kitchener 7-12 Catholic School be established in accordance with Option 6.

2. That Canadian Martyrs Catholic Elementary School (CES), Saint John Paul II CES, and St. Daniel CES become JK-6 and their boundaries be modified, effective September 2024 or at such time that the new schools open.

3. That Canadian Martyrs CES, Saint John Paul II CES, and St. Daniel CES students be directed to attend the new East Kitchener 7-12 Catholic School for Grades 7 and 8 and 9-12, effective September 2024 or at such time that the new schools open.

4. That St. Anne (K) CES will remain JK-8 English and Grade 1-8 French Immersion, and the new St. Patrick CES will become JK-8 and their boundaries be modified, effective September 2024 or at such time that the new schools open.

5. That St. Anne (K) CES and the new St. Patrick CES students be directed to attend the new East Kitchener 7-12 Catholic School for Grades 9-12, effective September 2024 or at such time that the new schools open.

6. That the East Kitchener 7-12 Catholic School open with Grades 7-10 as per the 7-12 Program Review recommendations (i.e., Grades 7-10 in 2024/25, 7-11 in 2025/26, and 7-12 in 2026/27).

7. That St. Mary's High School continue to be a 9-12 secondary school.

8. That Blessed Sacrament CES, new Huron Brigadoon CES, John Sweeney CES, Our Lady of Grace CES, Monsignor Haller CES, St. Aloysius CES, St. Bernadette CES, St. Kateri Tekakwitha CES, and St. Timothy CES remain part of St. Mary's High School family of schools and the St. Mary's boundary be changed to reflect its modified family of schools.

--- Carried by *consensus*.

Chair Gravelle read motions 9-15 under heading Elementary Legacy Exceptions and requested a mover and seconder.
Elementary Legacy Exceptions

2022-108-- It was moved by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee da Silva:

9. That Grade 5 students residing within the sub-area being directed to Saint John Paul II CES who are enrolled at Canadian Martyrs CES in the 2023/2024 school year, or the school year prior to the new East Kitchener 7-12 Catholic School opening, be provided legacy exceptions to finish Grade 6 at their current school.

10. That students who are granted legacy exceptions to remain at Canadian Martyrs CES as of the year prior to the boundary change, be provided with transportation, if they qualify in accordance with board procedure APO012 – Transportation.

11. That Grade 5 students residing within the sub-area being directed to St. Daniel CES who are enrolled at St. Anne (K) CES in the 2023/2024 school year, or the school year prior to the new East Kitchener 7-12 Catholic School opening, be provided legacy exceptions to finish Grade 8 at their current school.

12. That students who are granted legacy exceptions to remain at St. Anne (K) as of the year prior to the boundary change, be provided with transportation, if they qualify in accordance with board procedure APO012 – Transportation

13. That Grade 7 students residing within sub-areas being directed to St. Patrick CES who are enrolled at Saint John Paul II CES, St. Anne (K) CES, or St. Daniel CES in the 2023/2024 school year, or the school year prior to the new St. Patrick CES opening, be provided legacy exceptions to attend the new East Kitchener 7-12 Catholic School for Grade 8 onwards.

14. That Grade 7 students who are granted legacy exceptions to attend the East Kitchener 7-12 Catholic School for Grade 8 be provided with transportation, if they qualify in accordance with board procedure APO012 – Transportation.

15. That St. Patrick CES open with Grades JK-7 and that Grade 8 students residing within the new St. Patrick CES boundary in the year that it opens, be granted legacy exceptions to attend the new East Kitchener 7-12 School (i.e., Grades JK-7 in 2024/25 and JK-8 in 2025/26).

Trustee Conway requested an addition to the motions, 15 A so that legacy exceptions be provided to existing students in sub areas Y. Wording was discussed and Trustee Conway proposed the addition to **15 A that legacy is exceptions be provided to existing students at sub area Y that they continue to attend Saint John Paul II with continued transportation and no exceptions made for siblings not currently attending.** Trustee Schmalz seconded the motion. Chair Gravelle asked for consensus for motion of 15 A. Consensus was not reached; vote was taken by show of hands:

In Favour: 2

Not in Favour: 7

Motion not carried.

Trustee Nash brought forth concerns with respect to transportation and motioned that motion 9, 11, 13 and 15 add “and their siblings” and in motion 10 and 12 “After the word transportation to have “for one year added”. Chair Gravelle confirmed that there was a motion on the table and requested a seconder. Trustee Roach seconded the motion. Chair Gravelle asked if there was consensus. Consensus was not reached; vote was taken by show of hands:

In favour: 3

Not in favour: 6

Motion not carried.

Chair Gravelle went back to the original motion and motion was passed.

Chair Gravelle read motion 16 and 17 under heading Secondary Grade Configuration and requested a mover and seconder.

Secondary Grade Configuration

2022-109-- It was moved by Trustee da Silva and seconded by Trustee Weiler:

16. That Grade 10-12 students residing within elementary school boundaries being directed to the new East Kitchener 7-12 Catholic School who are enrolled at St. Mary's High School in the 2023/2024 school year, or the school year prior to the new East Kitchener 7-12 Catholic School opening, will remain at St. Mary's High school until they graduate.

17. That Grade 10-12 students who are enrolled at St. Mary's High School in the 2023/2024 school year, or the school year prior to the new East Kitchener 7-12 Catholic School opening, be provided with transportation, if they qualify in accordance with board procedure APO012 – Transportation.

--- Carried by *consensus*.

Chair Gravelle read motions 18-20 under heading Elementary French Immersion and requested a mover and seconder.

Elementary French Immersion

2022-110-- It was moved by Trustee Conway and seconded by Trustee da Silva:

18. That Grade 1-7 students residing in sub-areas C and D being directed to St. Daniel CES or St. Patrick CES who are enrolled at St. Anne (K) CES for French Immersion in the 2023/2024 school year, or the school year prior to the new St. Patrick CES opening, be provided legacy exceptions to finish Grade 8 French Immersion at St. Anne (K) CES.

19. That siblings of French Immersion students who are also enrolled at St. Anne (K) CES in the 2023/2024 school year, or the school year prior to the new St. Patrick CES opening, be provided a legacy exception to remain at St. Anne (K) CES until their French Immersion sibling finishes Grade 8, at which time the non-French Immersion student is expected to attend their designated home school.

20. That Grade 1-7 students who are granted legacy exceptions to attend St. Anne (K) CES for French Immersion until Grade 8, and their siblings registered and attending St. Anne (K) CES in the 2023/2024 school year, or the school year prior to the new St. Patrick CES opening, be provided with transportation, if they qualify in accordance with board procedure APO012 – Transportation.

--- Carried by *consensus*.

Chair Gravelle read motions 21-24 under heading Secondary French Immersion and requested a mover and seconder.

Secondary French Immersion

2022-111-- It was moved by Trustee Van Alphen and seconded by Trustee Weiler:

21. That Grade 8 students who are enrolled at St. Anne (K) CES for French Immersion in the 2022/2023 school year be directed to attend St. David Catholic Secondary School (CSS) for Grade 9 French Immersion beginning in 2023/2024 with board-provided hub-model transportation.

22. That Grade 8 students who are enrolled at St. Anne (K) CES for French Immersion in the 2023/2024 school year, or the year prior to the new East Kitchener 7-12 Catholic school opening, be directed to attend the new East Kitchener 7-12 Catholic School.

23. That Grade 9 French Immersion students who are enrolled at St. David CSS and residing in the St. Anne (K) French Immersion attendance area in the 2023/2024 school year or the year prior to the opening of the new East Kitchener 7-12 Catholic School, be directed to attend the new East Kitchener 7-12 Catholic School for Grade 10-12 with transportation if they qualify in accordance with board procedure APO012 – Transportation.

24. That, if the opening of the new East Kitchener 7-12 Catholic School opening is delayed beyond 2024/2025, that French Immersion students in Grades 10 or above who are enrolled at St. David CSS in the year prior to the opening of the new school who resides within the St. Anne (K) CES French Immersion attendance area, remain at St. David CSS until graduation with board-provided hub-model transportation and that any Grade 9 French Immersion student who resides within the St. Anne (K) CES French Immersion attendance area be directed to the new East Kitchener 7-12 Catholic School for Grade 10 onwards. Grade 10 or above French Immersion students may remain at St. David CSS as Out of Boundary students, without board-provided transportation.

--- Carried by *consensus*.

Chair Gravelle read motion 25 under heading Timing and requested a mover and seconder.

Timing

2022-112-- It was moved by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Conway:

25. That, if the opening of the new St. Patrick CES precedes the opening of the East Kitchener 7-12 Catholic School opening, that the boundaries of Canadian Martyrs CES, Saint John Paul CES, St. Anne (K) CES, St. Daniel CES, and St. Patrick CES be established in accordance with the preferred option, Option 6, but with a grade JK-8 configuration for all existing schools, until such time that the East Kitchener 7-12 Catholic School opens. St. Patrick CES would open with Grades JK-7 and Grade 8 students residing within the new St. Patrick CES boundary in the year that it opens, be granted legacy exceptions to remain at their current school for Grade 8.
--- Carried by *consensus*.

Chair Gravelle read motion 26 under heading Capping & Appeal Process and requested a mover and seconder.

Capping & Appeal Process

2022-113-- It was moved by Trustee Van Alphen and seconded by Trustee Weiler:

26. That new Out of Boundary admissions to Canadian Martyrs CES, Saint John Paul II CES, St. Anne(K) CES, and St. Daniel CES be considered by special administrative level committee, prior to the opening of the new St. Patrick CES and East Kitchener 7-12 Catholic School. Admission of Out of Boundary students in unusual and extraordinary circumstances will be considered if:

- A student's mental, physical, or academic well-being would likely be compromised if they were moved.
- Upon the professional consideration of school and board staff, there is a determination that a student's unique personal and educational needs are better served at the current school.
- There are unique health and safety considerations pertaining to the student, that are better served at the current school and which are verified by school and board staff.

Trustee Van Alphen asked for clarification on communication. Chair Gravelle requested if there was Consensus.

--- Carried by *consensus*.

Chair Gravelle read motion 27 under heading Transition and requested a mover and seconder.

Transition

2022-114-- It was moved by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Nash:

27. That a Transition Planning Committee, which includes students, be formed in the year prior to the opening of the new St. Patrick CES and East Kitchener 7-12 Catholic School to support all students whose school direction will be affected as a result of the East Kitchener 7-12 Boundary Review and to solicit input from staff who support equity initiatives, as required.

--- Carried by *consensus*.

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

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.

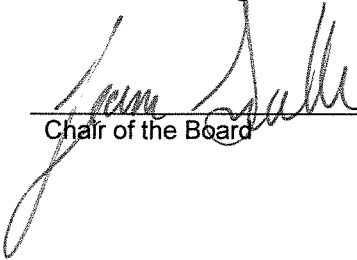
15.1 Decisions confirmed

16 Closing Prayer

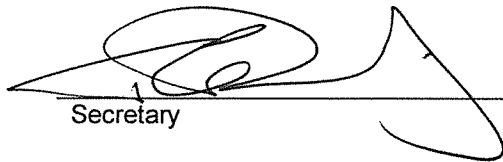
Deferred to Committee of the Whole.

17 Motion to Adjourn

2022-115-- It was moved by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Van Alphen
THAT the meeting be now adjourned. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:28 p.m.



Chair of the Board



Secretary