



**Special Board of Trustees' Board Meeting**

Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

*\* Committee of the Whole In Camera, if necessary, will precede or follow the Board Meeting, as appropriate.*

Location: 1st floor Board Room, Catholic Education Centre, 35 Weber Street, Kitchener

Attendees: **Board of Trustees:**  
Wendy Ashby, Linda Cuff, Kathy Doherty-Masters (Vice-chair), Sally Fuentes, David Guerin, Renee Kraft, Marisa Phillips, Robert Sikora, Tracey Weiler (Chair)

**Student Representatives:**  
Chloe Armstrong, Anika Fejerpataky

**Senior Administration:**  
Tyrone Dowling, Gerald Foran, Shesh Maharaj, Paul Mendonca, Judy Merkel, Kerry Pomfret, Jennifer Ritsma, Annalisa Varano

**Special Resource:**

**Recording Secretary:**  
Alice Figueiredo

ITEM	Who	Agenda Section	Method & Outcome
1. Call to Order	Chair		
1.1 Opening Prayer/Memorials	Pastoral Committee Trustee		
1.2 Territorial Acknowledgement I (we) would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather today is the land traditionally cared for by the Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe and Neutral People. I (we) also acknowledge the enduring presence and deep traditional knowledge, laws and philosophies of the Indigenous People with whom we share this land today.	Chair		
1.3 Approval of Agenda	Board of Trustees		Approval
1.4 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest 1.4.1 From the current meeting 1.4.2 From a previous public or in-camera meeting	Individual Trustees		
1.5 Items for Action: Items for Action from Private, Private meeting of May 24, 2024 regarding Trustee matters.			
<b>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)</b>			
<b>3. Consent Agenda: Board (Minutes of meetings, staff report)</b>			

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<b>4. Delegations/Presentation</b>			
<b>5. Advice from the CEO</b>			
<b>6. Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)</b>			
<b>7. Reports from Board Committees/Task Forces</b>			
<b>8. Board Education (at the request of the Board)</b>			
<b>9. Policy Discussion</b>			
<b>10. Assurance of Successful Board Performance</b>			
<b>11. Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance</b>			
<b>11.1 Monitoring Reports</b>			
<b>12. Potential Agenda Items/Trustee Inquiry Report (CEO)</b>			
12.1 Resignation of Trustee Ashby	Chair	pp. 4	Approval
12.2 Trustee Replacement Process	All	--	Information
<b>13. Announcements</b>			
<b>13.1 Upcoming Meetings/Events (all scheduled for the Catholic Education Centre unless otherwise indicated):</b>	Chair	--	Information
<b>13.2 Pending Items:</b>	<u>Committee/Task Force</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
<b>13.3 Pending Items for OCSTA Consideration</b>			
<b>14. Items for the Next Meeting Agenda</b>	Trustees		
<b>15. Confirm Decision Made Tonight</b>	Director of Education		
15.1 Confirm Decision Made Tonight	Recording Secretary Chair	-- --	Information Decision
<b>16. Closing Prayer</b>			
<b>17. Motion to Adjourn</b>	Board of Trustees	Motion	Approval

***CLOSING PRAYER***

O Risen Lord, you have entrusted us with the responsibility to help form a new generation of disciples and apostles through the gift of our Catholic schools.

As disciples of Christ, may we educate and nurture hope in all learners to realize their full potential to transform God's world.

May our Catholic schools truly be at the heart of the community, fostering success for each by providing a place for all.

May we and all whom we lead be discerning believers formed in the Catholic faith community; effective communicators; reflective and creative thinkers; self-directed, responsible, life-long learners; collaborative contributors; caring family members; and responsible citizens.

Grant us the wisdom of your Spirit so that we might always be faithful to our responsibilities.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Rev. Charlie Fedy, CR and the Board of Trustees, 2010

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**To:** Superintendents <[SUPERS@wcdsb.ca](mailto:SUPERS@wcdsb.ca)>; Trustees and Students <[Trustees.and.Students@wcdsb.ca](mailto:Trustees.and.Students@wcdsb.ca)>; Tyrone Dowling <[Tyrone.Dowling@wcdsb.ca](mailto:Tyrone.Dowling@wcdsb.ca)>

**Subject:** Statement

Diverse voices, when elected, come with truth and history. Expecting these voices to assimilate because the historical truth they challenge makes some uncomfortable is something that should be reflected on. There is no easy way to have these tough conversations.

The outrageous rage baiting campaign that has been playing out illustrates the exact kind of harassment and online bullying that so many kids experience. What is even more troubling is that this behaviour is coming from adults. Most are from outside interest groups who have their own agenda

This noise distracts from the important work that is being done to further diversity equity and inclusion at the Waterloo Catholic District School Board. The willingness of this board to lead in these areas is why I chose to be a part of this in the first place and why I so strongly support Catholic Education.

I have been encouraged to continue the internal process and remain in my duly elected seat by so many. I appreciate the support, it was overwhelming, and I know that most understand the historical context to which I was referring.

However, I have decided to vacate my seat at this time, so that we can all return our focus back on the important work that we have dedicated ourselves to doing.

I stand, as always with our Black, Indigenous, People of Colour, and the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

Particularly with transgender and nonbinary folks at this time of great uncertainty and fear. I will be continuing my advocacy in a capacity where I will be able to challenge tough issues and bring lasting change in a way that is positive and meaningful. I hope that one day advocacy for these groups will no longer be considered an act of bravery.

Best,

Wendy Ashby

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