



Committee of the Whole Meeting

A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held Monday, October 2, 2023, 1st floor Board Room, Catholic Education Centre, 35 Weber Street, Kitchener.

Trustees Present:

Linda Cuff, Kathy Doherty-Masters, David Guerin, Renee Kraft, Marisa Phillips, Robert Sikora, Conrad Stanley, Tracey Weiler (Chair)

Student Trustees Present:

Bryanna Donoghue, Xavier Petrie

Administrative Officials Present:

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

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Regrets: Julie Molenaar

Absent:

Recorder:

Stephanie Medeiros, Executive Administrative Assistant

NOTE ON VOTING: Under Board by-law 4.7 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 4.11 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 called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials

Trustee Kraft led prayer.

1.2 Territorial Acknowledgement

Territorial Acknowledgment declared by Chair Weiler.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

Chair Weiler motioned for approval of the agenda with the following amendments:

- Amendment to section 6 to add item 6.4.
- Amendment to sections 8 to add items 8.1, 8.2, 8.3.
- Item 13.1 Faith Day that was noted Nov 17 correction is Nov 13.

**2023-20 -- It was moved by Trustee Doherty Masters and seconded by Trustee Sikora:
THAT the agenda for Monday, October 2, 2023, be now approved, as amended.**

--- Carried by consensus.

1.4 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

1.4.1 From the current meeting

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

2 Consent Agenda: Director of Education (e.g., day-to-day operational matters from the Ministry of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion)

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

3.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular and Special Meetings

3.1.1 Committee of the Whole Minutes – September 11, 2023

Chair Weiler motioned for approval of the consent agenda.

**2023-20 -- It was moved by Trustee Guerin and seconded by Trustee Doherty Masters:
THAT the Consent Agenda of Board of Trustees and the recommendations contained therein be now approved.
--- Carried by consensus.**

4 Delegations

5 Advice From the CEO

5.1 BIEP Update

Superintendent Ritsma presented the Board Improvement and Equity Plan (BIEP) as well as the Student Achievement Plan (SAP) update. Reviewed in detail the Pillars of BIEP and the three priorities of SAP. Chair opened the floor for questions. Trustees asked clarifying questions.

5.2 Pastoral Plan update

Superintendent Mendonca introduced the Pastoral Plan and then introduced John Murphy, Religion and Family Life Consultant, to present the Pastoral Plan update, highlighted review on three-year plan. Chair opened the floor for questions.

6. Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)

6.1 Linkages Activity

Trustee Sikora provided an update on Linkages Activities including updates to items in Teams site. Reminders to Trustees for fundraisers. Reviewed upcoming events.

6.2 Pastoral Care Activity

Trustee Guerin provided an update on Pastoral Care Activity including group gatherings to discuss events. Reviewed participation in Faith Day.

6.3 Trustee Committee Pay Process

Trustees Weiler and Doherty-Masters presented the Trustee Committee Pay Process. Trustees asked clarifying questions.

6.4 Letters from Toronto Youth Cabinet Statement - WCDSB Endorsement

Student Trustees Donoghue and Petrie made joint statement supporting the decision to send two letters to the ministry regarding food insecurity and the world mental health crisis. Trustees shared thoughts and discussed how to move forward with supporting the topics of concern in the letter from the Toronto Youth Cabinet Statement. Discussion to be revisited at next the Board meeting.

7. Reports From Board Committees/Task Forces

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

8.1 OCSTA - Awareness of Human Dignity model

Chair Weiler briefly reviewed the Awareness of Human Dignity model slideshow sent from OCSTA.

8.2 OCSTA – representative to review Bill 98

Chair Weiler brought forth suggestion to invite a representative from OCSTA to inform Trustees about Bill 98

8.3 Trustee Work Plan – October review

Trustee Doherty Masters reviewed the events for October in the Trustee Work Plan.

9. Policy Discussion

10. Assurance of Successful Board Performance

11. Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance

12. Potential Agenda Items

13. Announcements (all scheduled for the Catholic Education Centre unless otherwise indicated)

13.1 Upcoming Meetings/Events

Trustees discussed upcoming events.

14. Items for the Next Meeting Agenda/Pending Items

Trustees discussed upcoming items on agenda.

15. Adjournment – Confirm decisions made tonight. Closing Prayer

15.1 Confirm Decisions


The Recording Secretary confirmed the meeting decisions.

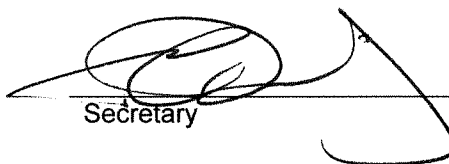
16. Closing Prayer

17. Motion to Adjourn

2023-21 -- It was moved by Trustee Phillips and seconded by Trustee Cuff:

THAT the meeting be now adjourned. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:44 p.m.


Chair of the Board


Secretary