



## **Board of Trustees' Inaugural Board Meeting**

A public meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, **November 27, 2023**, at 1st floor Board Room, Catholic Education Centre, 35 Weber Street, Kitchener.

Trustees Present:

Linda Cuff, Kathy Doherty-Masters, Winston Francis, David Guerin, Renee Kraft, Marisa Phillips, Robert Sikora, Conrad Stanley, Tracey Weiler

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:

*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 Secretary of the Board called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

### **2. Opening Prayer & Memorials**

Student Trustee Petrie led in prayer.

### **3. Territorial Acknowledgement**

Territorial Acknowledgement declared by Director Dowling.

### **4. Roll Call**

All Trustees were present.

### **5. Declaration and Signing of Oath of Allegiance**

Trustees together made their declaration and signed the Oath of Allegiance.

## **6. Election of the Chair**

The Secretary asked for nominations for Chair of the Board. Trustee Phillips put forth Trustee Sikora's name. The Secretary asked Trustee Sikora if he accepted the nomination, and he did.

Trustee Guerin put forth Trustee Weiler's name. The Secretary asked Trustee Weiler if she accepted the nomination, and she did.

The Secretary asked if there were further nominations for Chair of the Board three times. Trustee Weiler read her statement.

Secretary Dowling requested a show of hands for the election of Trustee Sikora.

Show of hands in favour: 6  
Show of hands opposed: 3

Secretary Dowling noted that show of hand is not required for Trustee Weiler as majority in favour of Trustee Sikora. A motion was made to nominate Trustee Sikora.

**2023-99 -- It was moved by Trustee Guerin and seconded by Trustee Phillips:  
THAT Robert Sikora is nominated to be the Chair of the Board of Trustees.  
--- Motion carried by Majority.**

## **7. Election of the Vice-Chair**

Chair Sikora asked for nominations for Vice-chair of the Board. Trustee Stanley put forth Trustee Cuff's name. Trustee Kraft nominated Trustee Doherty-Masters for Vice-chair. No further nominations were received after requesting three times. Chair Sikora requested a show of hands for the nomination of Trustee Cuff.

Show of hands in favour: 5  
Show of hands opposed: 4

Chair Sikora requested a motion to nominate Trustee Cuff to be the Vice-chair of the Board.

**2023-100 -- It was moved by Trustee Phillips and seconded by Trustee Stanley:  
THAT Linda Cuff is nominated to be Vice-chair of the Board of Trustees.  
--- Carried by consensus.**

## **8. Inaugural Remarks by the Chair of the Board**

Chair Sikora gave his inaugural remarks.

## **9. Confirm Decisions**

The recording secretary confirmed the decisions made tonight.


## 10. Motion to Adjourn

2023-101-- It was moved by Trustee Cuff and seconded by Trustee Weiler:  
THAT the meeting be now adjourned. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 6:19 p.m.



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Chair of the Board



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Secretary of the Board

### **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