

**MINUTES
of the Regular Board Meeting**

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

PRESENT:

Members: In Person: F. Alexander, M. Barbieri, E. Crowe, J. DiMeo, A. Grella, M. Iafrate,
T. McNicol, A. Saggese, J. Wigston, Student Trustee J. James
Virtual: Student Trustee A. Peta-Dragos

Administration: In Person: D. Scuglia, R. Antunes, A. Arcadi, M. Brosens, J. Chiutsi,
K. Elgharbawy, M. Farrell, M. Gray, T. Laliberte, C. McNeil, S. Morrow,
T. Pechkovsky, J. Sarna, S. Wright, A. McDonald

Absent with Notice: Trustee C. Cotton

Recording Officer: S. Greco

Presiding F. Alexander, Chair of the Board

2023:118 CALL TO ORDER / OPENING PRAYER

Chair of the Board, Frank Alexander welcomed everyone to the Regular Board Meeting and welcomed the Faith Ambassadors to lead the opening prayer at 7:35 pm. The Land Acknowledgement followed.

2023:119 ROLL CALL – Trustee C. Cotton – Absent with Notice

2023:120 APPROVAL OF NEW MATERIAL: NIL

2023:121 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Iafrate/Saggese

2023:125 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: NIL

2023:126 CHAIR'S REPORT / UPDATE / INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGES:

Frank Alexander, Chair of the Board provided his report in the February 28, 2023 Regular Board Agenda package. Topics included: Tamil Heritage Month Pongal Celebration, Our Voice Black Leadershi

c) Catholic Values in Our Schools

Sheree Di Vittorio, presented virtually her delegation expressing her opinion on the safe school sticker.

Due to the disorderly audience a recess was called at 8:20 p.m. until 8:34 p.m.

2023:132 JOURNEY TOWARDS OUR VISION:**a) MYSP – Year Five Quarterly Report – Board Improvement Learning Cycle for Student Achievement and Well-Being 2022-2023**

J. Sarna, Associate Director advised that York Catholic DSB is at the end of the five year 2018-2023 MYSP Plan and have undertaken stakeholder input to prepare and unveil a new Multi-Year Strategic Plan. Data has been gathered from all stakeholders and the consultation results from in-person and virtual sessions were shared. 75% of stakeholder input indicates a high satisfaction with Integration of our Catholic Faith; 62% indicate a high satisfaction with how the YCDSB supports Student Achievement; 54% indicate a high satisfaction with how the YCDSB supports Exceptional Learners; 66% indicate a high satisfaction with YCDSB strategies for Equity and Diversity; 54% indicate a high satisfaction with YCDSB strategies for Mental Health and Well-Being; 65% indicate a high satisfaction with YCDSB Facilities and Grounds; 67% indicate a high satisfaction with YCDSB Engaging Our Community Strategies. A Steering Committee has reviewed all stakeholder feedback and extracted four areas of focus to guide the actions expenditures and commitments of the MYSP for 2023-2027. Strategic Commitments for each of the four areas of focus were drafted. Once these commitments are finalized, they will lead into the next step of the Board Improvement Plan to help guide the smart goals that will be developed by action teams in these four areas. A draft five-year MYSP Plan will be presented to the Board of Trustees in April 2023.

2023:133 ACTION ITEM(S) (including Committee Reports):**a) RESPONSE TO TRUSTEE MOTION: POPE FRANCIS CES BOUNDARY**

A. McDonald, Assistant Manager, Planning Services presented a report to respond to the Notice of Motion from the December 2022 Board Meeting regarding the enrolment cap at Pope Francis CES. The report proposed an increase to the JK cap and introduced a process to permit admission of SK-8 students who reside within the Pope Francis CES attendance area should there be space available within the existing class structure.

MOTION: Saggese/lafrate

THAT for the 2023-2024 school year, Junior Kindergarten registrations at Pope Francis CES will be increased from 90 to 101.

THAT the SK to 8 enrolment cap at Pope Francis CES be amended to accept new students from SK-8 as outlined in Steps 1 to 6 identified in the report.

THAT Administration report back to the Board in February 2024 regarding any proposed changes to the enrolment cap prior to the 2024-2025 school year.

- **MOTION CARRIED** -

Trustee Angela Saggese thanked T. Pechkovsky, Coordinating Manager, Planning & Operations and his staff for putting forward the report and expressed her gratitude for doing the review. It was also suggested that staff get in touch with those families that were not able to get into Pope Francis CES last year.

Steps 1 to 6:

1. Following the release of the preliminary class structure for the next school year, Administration will determine the number of vacant spaces in each class with consideration to Ministry of Education compliance requirements and the Board's collective agreement obligations with regards to class sizes.
2. Families of students who have been redirected to St. Stephen CES due to the enrolment cap will be invited to submit their child's name for inclusion on a waitlist for any available spaces that may be identified following #1 above.
3. For the 2023/24 school year, a cutoff date of Monday, March 27, 2023 is established for families to submit their child's name.
4. An SK-Grade 8 Selection Process will be held to establish an 'SK-Grade 8 Wait List'. Consistent with the priority rankings for the JK lottery, the 'SK-Grade 8 Wait List' will be determined with the following priority and in the following order:

- a) SK-Grade 8 students with existing siblings attending Pope Francis from:
 - 1) Area A; then
 - 2) Area B; then
 - 3) Area C
 - b) SK-Grade 8 students without existing siblings in the school from:
 - 1) Area A; then
 - 2) Area B; then
 - 3) Area C
5. Administration and the Pope Francis CES administrative team will fill any vacant spaces

THAT as of September 2024, students entering grade 9 from the St. Joan of Arc CHS boundary (Blessed Trinity CES, Divine Mercy CES, Father John Kelly CES, Holy Jubilee CES, St. David CES, St. James CES and St. Raphael the Archangel CES) shall no longer receive dual feeder busing to attend Cardinal Carter CHS or St. Elizabeth CHS. Student that have been bussed and are in grades 10, 11 or 12 as of September 2024, will be grandparented with bussing until June 30, 2027.

- **MOTION CARRIED** -

f) RECEIPT OF REPORT NO. 2023:03 SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Jennifer Wigston presented, for receipt, Report No. 2023:03 of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on February 13, 2023.

MOTION: Wigston/Grella

THAT the Report No. 2023:03 from the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on February 13, 2023 be received as presented.

- **MOTION CARRIED** -

Chair Frank Alexander passed the gavel to Vice-Chair Maria lafrate.

g) TRUSTEE MOTION: Moving Towards Equity Within the York Catholic District School Board (F. Alexander)

- Whereas** *There are socio-economic differences within York Region;*
- Whereas** *These differences create severe inequities between students within the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB);*
- Whereas** *These inequities can place many students at an academic disadvantage;*
- Whereas** *We are directed by our Vision, Mission and Values to address such inequities;*
- Whereas** *Although there are many forms of inequities created by socio-economic differences, the Board cannot feasibly address them all at the same time;*
- Whereas** *Students are more likely to achieve academic success when they share an equitable access to educational tools, equipment and resources.*

LET IT BE RESOLVED

THAT the Board begin the process of ~~M~~oving Towards Equity within the YCDSB by focusing first upon learning tools and technological supports to education during the development of the 2023-2024 budget.

THAT Senior Staff initiate and oversee a process to:

- IDENTIFY** – essential learning tools required by our schools to effectively deliver the elementary curriculum and facilitate student achievement;
- GATHER** – data from all elementary schools concerning their current inventories of such tools (reflected on a per pupil basis);
- PRESENT** – a report to the Board as part of the 2023 Budget process to highlight this data and make recommendations for priority resource allocation that will support our movement towards equity in all schools;

THAT the Director of Education ensure that goals/actions/targets for ~~M~~oving Towards Equity are highlighted in each year of the Board's Multi-

MOTION TO DEFER TO DECEMBER 2023: Crowe/McNicol
- MOTION CARRIED -

Chair Alexander returned to the meeting at 9:26 pm and resumed his position of Chair of the Board.

2023:134 DISCUSSION ITEM(S): NIL

2023:135 INFORMATION ITEM(S):

a) Advanced Placement Program at YCDSB

Information regarding the Advanced Placement Program at YCDSB was shared. YCDSB received the AP District Honour Roll Award from the College Board US for expanding opportunity and continuously improving overall academic performance for AP students across the eight AP high schools.

b) Policy 203 Student Transportation Services Semi-Annual Report

T. Pechkovsky, Coordinating Manager Planning and Operations provided the semi-annual report of Transportation Exemptions approved by the Director for the 2022-2023 school year, as per requirements of *Policy 203 Student Transportation Services*. The Board of Trustees asked staff to bring an update to the next Board Meeting with regards to the Student Travel and Tour Operators Prequalification process.

c) Semi-Annual Development Report

T. Pechkovsky, Coordinating Manager Planning and Operations provided a summary of major development applications received during the period of June 2022 to January 2023. Over 140 new development applications received since the last report of June 2022, 26 development applications met the threshold and were included in the report.

d) Nominal Enrolment Projections 2023-2032

T. Pechkovsky, Coordinating Manager Planning and Operations provided updated NOMINAL enrolment projections based on October 31, 2022 actual enrolment.

e) Trustee Expenditures Report

C. McNeil, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Board shared a report on Trustee Expenditures for the period from December 1, 2021 to November 14, 2022. This will be posted on the Board's website.

f) YCDSB Tutoring Support Programs – Phase 2

A. Arcadi, Superintendent of Curriculum & Assessment shared information about the Tutoring Support Program. The Board of Trustees asked staff to provide an update on the six schools that indicated students did not receive tutoring. Eg, did they attenm0 g0 G[]/F4 9.96 TfbareW*nBT/F4 9.96ne1 0

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2023:137 FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S) / REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

RECESS TO RECONVENE THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AT 9:58 PM

RECONVENED THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT 10:05 PM

a) APPROVAL OF REPORT NO. 2023:08