

NORTHEASTERN CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of the Public Board Meeting (Virtual) held on February 23, 2022 at the Catholic Education Center.

PRESENT:	Trustees:	Elizabeth King t/c Colleen Landers t/c Denis Lincez t/c Steve Malciw t/c Fred Salvador Glenn Sheculski t/c Stan Skalecki t/c
	Student Trustee:	Emma Mills
	Administration:	Tricia Stefanic Weltz, Director of Education Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education Jennifer Dunkley, Superintendent of Education Keld Scott, Superintendent of Business
	Staff:	Michele Mahaffy, Executive Assistant and Recorder
	Regrets:	Martin Drainville Ron MacInnis
	Guests:	Nil

A CALL TO ORDER

Opening Prayer

The Chair acknowledged that we were on the Traditional Territory of the Ojibway and Oji-Cree people of the Mattagami First Nation located in Treaty 9 and acknowledged that others were joining us from additional treaty territories of the Cree, Ojibway, Algonquin, and the Metis. The opening prayer was recited.

B ROLL CALL

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers
SECONDED BY: S. Malciw

Resolution 22-17

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board receive the following declaration of absence and excuse the following trustees and administrative personnel from attending this meeting: Martin Drainville and Ron MacInnis

Carried

C DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil

D APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

MOVED BY: G. Sheculski
SECONDED BY: D. Lincez

Resolution 22-18

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board adopt the agenda for the Public Board Meeting, as presented.

Carried

E APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki
SECONDED BY: C. Landers

Resolution 22-19

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve the following minutes as presented:

Annual Public Board Meeting – January 19, 2022

Carried

F DELEGATIONS – Nil

G POLICY

G.1 E-28 Catholic School Councils

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers
SECONDED BY: S. Skalecki

Resolution 22-20

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *E-28 Catholic School Councils* at second and third reading.

Carried

G.2 E-29 Borrowing of Board-Owned Equipment and Technology

Motion

MOVED BY: G. Sheculski
SECONDED BY: D. Lincez

Resolution 22-21

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *E-29 Borrowing of Board-Owned Equipment and Technology* at second and third reading.

Carried

G.3 I-2 Responsible Use of Information and Communication Technology

Motion

MOVED BY: S. Malciw
SECONDED BY: S. Skalecki

Resolution 22-22

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *I-2 Responsible Use of Information and Communication Technology* at second and third reading.

Carried

G.4 I-5 Website and Social Media

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers
SECONDED BY: G. Sheculski

Resolution 22-23

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *I-5 Website and Social Media* at second and third reading.

Carried

H PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

H.1 Presentations

H.1.1 Kindergarten & Grade 9 Registration – Daphne Brumwell and Jennifer Dunkley, Superintendents of Education

Superintendents Brumwell and Dunkley jointly presented information on kindergarten and high school registrations. Kindergarten registration involved a marketing plan which included television, newspaper and radio ads/commercials as well as a promotional video made available on the board website. In addition, NCDSB participated in a *Virtual Welcome to Kindergarten* event for parents hosted by Cochrane DSSAB and attended by all four school boards. “I Love my Catholic School” goody bags were also distributed. D. Brumwell reviewed current enrolment numbers and gave an overview of things schools have done, and continue to do, to promote kindergarten registration in their schools.

J. Dunkley presented information regarding this year’s secondary school Open House. This included the return to an in-person open house event for students and families, which will happen a little later than usual, at the end of March. She reviewed large enrolment numbers anticipated from OICS and St. Anne’s schools, plans to ensure the continued retention of our Catholic students, and the anticipation of welcoming new students to the board.

Superintendents engaged in a question and answer period with trustees.

H.1.2 Mid-Year Progress – Daphne Brumwell and Jennifer Dunkley, Superintendents of Education

Superintendents Brumwell and Dunkley jointly presented information on mid-year progress which included topics on student achievement, board improvement plans, mental health and wellness, and nurturing our Catholic learning communities; all of which play a part in student success. They discussed struggles in achievement through the pandemic and what schools are doing to increase achievement through various aspects of education. A large amount of data was presented revealing where students are at, what they are doing, and how strategies are helping. This included data on reading, writing and math in elementary level students as well as some secondary statistics. The presenters outlined next steps and shared a video message from the grade ¾ class at Aileen Wright.

Superintendents engaged in question and answer period with trustees.

H.2 Reports

H.2.1 Student Trustee – Monthly Student Report, Emma Mills

E. Mills presented her report to the Board of Trustees and highlighted the following:

- school Events: Valentine’s Day;
- highlights from class activities including: archery, biosphere projects, co-op training, grade 10 religion and life skills classes;
- a heart-warming story of a new student’s experience; and
- a variety of other topics including Junk Drawer Races, OHS graduation fundraiser, Anti-Hunger activities, Grade 9 Orientation and upcoming activities for March.

The Chair thanked Emma for her presentation.

H.2.2 Audit Committee – Nil

H.2.3 Indigenous Advisory Committee - Nil

H.2.4 Special Education Advisory Committee

Trustee Skalecki reviewed information on today’s SEAC meeting. He expressed his pride in the hard work of NCDSB and their partners in helping so many students.

H.2.5 Supervised Alternative Learning – Nil

H.2.6 Transportation Committee – Nil

H.2.7 Program – Nil

H.2.8 Business – Keld Scott, Superintendent of Business

H.2.8.1 Personnel Update

K. Scott reviewed the Personnel Update, which included four new hires, two increases in FTE, one resignation and two retirements.

Superintendent Brumwell recognized retiring educational assistant Andrea Toner for her never-ending dedication in helping our most vulnerable students over the past 20 years. On behalf of the Board, she wishes her all the best as she begins her retirement at the end of the month.

Superintendent Dunkley recognized retiring vice-principal Sharon Maisonneuve. She commended the numerous leadership roles Sharon has held throughout her career as well as her strong support of Catholic education and the ACCES program. On behalf of the Board, she wishes Sharon all the best on her retirement at the end of the school year.

H.2.8.2 Financial Statements

K. Scott presented the Revised 2020-21 Financial Statements. K. Scott shared that a revision was necessary after receiving an unexpected surplus following the Transportation Department's completion of their financials. As the amount was substantial, a revision was required. The revised statements reflect this change and a motion will be presented.

H.2.9 Director of Education

H.2.9.1 COVID 19 Update, Tricia Weltz

Director Weltz presented information including a review on enhanced health and safety protocols that remain in place, an update on Immunization Disclosure Policy, staffing shortages, the return to extra-curricular activities and the gradual return of community use of schools. The Director engaged in a question and answer period with trustees.

H.2.9.2 2022-2023 School Year Calendars

Director Weltz presented the 2022-2023 school year calendars for elementary and secondary schools as well as a separate calendar for Bishop Belleau School in Moosonee. She reviewed the process which included meeting and working with co-terminus boards, providing an opportunity for feedback from NCDSB stakeholders and reviewing the feedback. Ultimately, the boards decided on the calendars provided. She reviewed the rationale behind these decisions and reviewed key dates such as start and end dates, breaks and PA days.

H.2.9.3 Trustee Determination and Distribution – 2022 Municipal Elections

Director Weltz led the conversation by reviewing the information contained in the Board Package and outlining the responsibilities of the Board to determine the distribution of trustees for the next municipal election by March 31, 2022. Trustees were presented with five possible distribution scenarios ranging from 7-11 trustees. Trustee discussions followed. It was determined that a motion to remain status quo with nine trustees would be presented. It was further agreed that a motion to not declare any municipalities as 'low population' would also be included.

H.2.9.4 Catholic Ratepayer Verification and Campaign

Director Weltz outlined a proposal of a two-pronged campaign in regards to Trustee Elections 2022. The first being a promotion to ensure Catholic voters vote for the correct Board of Trustees as outlined in the materials included in the Board Package. This would be a pre-election voter verification process and would be promoted through the NCDSB website throughout the months of April, May and June 2022. The second promotion, "Get out the Vote", is proposed to begin in September leading up to the October 24th election date and would involve local

trustees in their respective communities. Ideas were discussed and the presentation was well received by trustees.

H.2.10 Chair – Board Meetings: Return to In-Person Meetings

Chair Salvador advised trustees that in-person meetings of the Board will resume March 30, 2022. He advised that masks must be worn as social distancing will not be possible.

Trustee Landers wished to remind trustees of the OCSTA convention deadlines and rules of voting by proxy. Chair Salvador reminded anyone who has not already registered for the convention to do so.

I Motions

I.1 Revised 2020-21 Financial Statements

MOVED BY: G. Sheculski

Resolution 22-24

SECONDED BY: D. Lincez

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2021 as amended.

Carried

I.2 2022-2023 School Year Calendar

MOVED BY: C. Landers

Resolution 22-25

SECONDED BY: S. Skalecki

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve the 2022-2023 modified elementary and secondary school year calendar and forward to the Ministry of Education for approval.

Carried

I.3 2022-2023 School Year Calendar - Bishop Belleau School

MOVED BY: E. King

Resolution 22-26

SECONDED BY: S. Malciw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve the 2022-2023 modified school year calendar for Bishop Belleau School and forward to the Ministry of Education for approval.

Carried

I.4 Trustee Determination and Distribution – 2022 Municipal Elections

MOVED BY: G. Sheculski

Resolution 22-27

SECONDED BY: C. Landers

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board reduce the number of members to be elected at the 2022 Election from 11 to 9, as per subsection 58.1(10.1) of the *Education Act*;

AND

the Northeastern Catholic District School Board not declare any municipalities within the board's jurisdiction as low population municipalities;

AND

the Northeastern Catholic District School Board align the trustee zones for the purpose of Trustee Elections according to "Scenario 9" of the report, *Trustee Determination and Distribution – 2022 Municipal Elections*.

Carried

I.5 Non-Union Terms

MOVED BY: D. Lincez
SECONDED BY: E. King

Resolution 22-28

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Districts Catholic School Board approve the motion to accept the Compensation Practices and Procedures applicable to Non-Unionized Staff.

Carried

I.6 Board Meetings: Return to In-Person Meetings

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki
SECONDED BY: E. King

Resolution 22-29

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board of Trustees resume in-person meetings beginning March 30, 2022.

Carried

J COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers
SECONDED BY: S. Malciw

Resolution 22-30

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board accept the report of the Committee of the Whole Board and all recommendations contained therein.

Carried

K UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Nil

L CORRESPONDENCE – Nil

M NEW BUSINESS - Nil

N INFORMATION – Nil

O FUTURE MEETINGS

Regular Board Meeting – March 30, 2022 at 4:45 p.m.

P ADJOURNMENT

Motion

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki


Resolution 22-31

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Carried

Question and answer period for guests attending the meeting

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Chair of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer