MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 31, 2022, 7:00 p.
Conference Call

Trustees:	Sharon Hobin	Chair
	Luz del Rosario	Vice Chair
	Brea Corbet	Trustee
	Darryl D'Souza	Trustee
	Anna da Silva	Trustee
	Frank Di CosCo	6(2)

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Motion 748 (22-05-31)
Moved by Darryl D'Souza
Seconded by Thomas Thomas

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED, AS AMENDED

CARRIED

a. Approval of Calendar Items – Nil

6. Declaration of Interest

The following trustees declared an interest in agenda items: M 1 a. and M 5 a.

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C. Awards and Presentations

1. Proclamation: Recognition of National Indigenous History Month, Filipino Heritage Month, Italian Heritage Month, Portuguese Heritage Month at Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

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Schools are wrapping up their student senate elections. The next, and last student senate meeting will be held in June, we hope to have the incoming and current student senators come together to collaborate and get an understanding of how the senate works.

On May 26 Leroy and I attended the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA-AECO) Annual General Meeting, the last meeting for this school year. We are incredibly grateful to have attended the conference in Toronto and be able to see student excellence as it presents across the province. We attended many inspiring presentations with various initiatives that we will use in our continuing term of office. , an organization raising awareness about sexual assault in secondary schools presented. also presented and provided great insight on student mental health and how to continuously ensure access to mental health resources. This, without a doubt, has left us with many footnotes and in

Motion 756 (22-05-31)
Moved by Shawn Xaviour
Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FAITH AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING, APRIL 19, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, April 20, 2022

Motion 757 (22-05-31)
Moved by Bruno Iannicca
Seconded by Thomas Thomas

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING, APRIL 20, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Education Resource teacher at Blessed Trinity CES. In 1997 Andrea had the opportunity to be part of the staff that opened St. Bernadette CES.

In 2004, Andrea was appointed as vice-principal of Cardinal Newman CES and then in 2007 transferred to Metropolitan Andrei CES. During her time at Cardinal Newman CES, the school was recognized as a

In 2006, Cindy moved to Vice-Principal at St. John the Baptist CES

THAT THE LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM MARC CLAROT, PRINCIPAL, BE RECEIVED, WITH REGRET.

CARRIED

7. Retirement - P. Gastaldin, Principal

June 2022 will see the end of a lifelong relationship between Paul Gastaldin and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board.

From beginning Junior Kindergarten at St. Timothy CES to his retirement as principal at St. Rita CES, Paul has demonstrated a passion and commitment to teaching and learning in Catholic education.

Paul graduated from St. Martin CSS and after earning University Degrees returned to teach at Metropolitan Andrei CES and then San Lorenzo Ruiz CES. Paul served as vice-principal at four Catholic elementary schools: Our Lady of Providence, St. Cornelius, and Father Francis McSpiritt before his appointment as principal at St. John Fisher CES.

Paul has been the principal at St. Rita CES since September 2016 and his time in this role has been notable particularly for the relationships he has fostered with students, families and staff. Paul's calm demeanor and openness to learn alongside those in his community has been a hallmark of his leadership.

Trustee Darryl D'Souza: Since 2016 we have worked together. In that last two years his work at hosting the St. Leonard CES community has been remarkable, he is welcoming and engaging. I wish him health and happiness in his retirement.

Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Commented that it is wonderful that he began his education at DPCDSB and will complete his working career at Dufferin-Peel. God's blessings.

Motion 767 (22-05-31)
Moved by Darryl D'Souza
Seconded by Bruno Iannicca

THAT THE RETIREMENT OF PAUL GASTALDIN, PRINCIPAL, BE RECEIVED, WITH REGRETS.

CARRIED

8. Retirement - B. Trinca, Principal

Director Mazzorato paid tribute to Brunella who did not follow a direct pathway to the teaching profession straight from university. She started as a travel agent and then later became a youth employment counsellor assisting young adults, who hadn't completed their high school diploma, enter the workforce. This work prompted her to become a secondary teacher where she believed she could make a greater difference.

Her career began 37 years ago at St. Mary CSS in 1992 as a French teacher at Father Michael Goetz CSS, and soon after, she became a Special

Trustee Brea Corbet: I would like to extend congratulations to Christine for her 30 year commitment to Catholic edu

Motion 777 (22-05-31)
Moved by Anna da Silva
Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT AS AMENDED

CARRIED

Motion 778 (22-05-31)
Moved by Thomas Thomas
Seconded by Stefano Pascucci

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT AS AMENDED

CARRIED

Motion 779 (22-05-31)
Moved by Thomas Thomas
Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT AS AMENDED

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CARRIED

Motion 780 (22-05-31)
Moved by Luz del Rosario
Seconded by Bruno Iannicca

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT AS AMENDED

CARRIED

Motion 781 (22-05-31)
Moved by Bruno Iannicca
Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT AS AMENDED

Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: When we borrow for capital projects, the Ministry is prepared to cover that interest. What we are requesting is for interest incurred when borrowing to meet operational needs, which the Ministry does not cover. When we have to borrow short-term for operational needs such as to meet payroll, we have to cut back somewhere else within our operational spending to absorb the interest incurred.

2. Trustee Darryl D'Souza: What is the interest rate? And how much have we incurred thus far this year.

   Superintendent Hester: Prime does fluctuate but we do have an agreement of prime plus .75 percent. We have incurred $89,000 to date. We expect that with the deficit we will continue to compound interest incurred.

3. Trustee Frank Di Cosola: Is it correct that the $24.6M in related projects have been approved, but we have not received any funding to date?

   Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: We expect the funds at any time. Keep in mind that we have many other capital projects ongoing at this time. With our request we would have two separate accounts, one for operational needs and one for capital needs, which would make it easier to track the interest incurred separately. Normally with the accumulated surplus, which we no longer have, we would manage the operational needs until we receive the Municipal tax funds and/or Ministry funding.

   Superintendent Hester: As reference, everything is in one back account, and we wish to fully separate capital and operational budgets. From September 2021 until March 1, 2022, we have spent $25M that we have not received funds for, and we are carrying capital interest that will be covered by the Ministry, however the operational interest incurred we will absorb needs to be covered in the operating budget.

4. Trustee Anna da Silva: What component of the operational interest incurred is due to Long-Term Disability (LTD)?

   Executive Superintendent Cherepacha: That is not an easy answer as we have had to borrow for LTD; that is what has made us a deficit school board. In the past we had surplus 9(the792 reWd)5( )9(o)-5(n)3(e)-3(fwd)3(t)-3(o)-5(d)12(we)-we inteqhJETQe the op, Chereqe TD

Motion 784 (22-05-31)
Moved by Bruno Iannicca
Seconded by Thomas Thomas

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE CAPITAL BORROWING RESOLUTION.
CARRIED

3. DPCDSB's Priority Issues for the Provincial Election

Trustee Brea Corbet read the statement and responded to questions of clarification.

That the DPCDSB Trustees release the following statement tomorrow on Wednesday June 1, highlighting DPCDSB's priority issues for the Provincial election.

With the upcoming Provincial election on June 2, 2022, the Dufferin-

I. Notices of Motion- Nil

J. Additional Business Nil

K. Questions Asked of, and by, Trustees

1. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Do we have a policy that states that the Chair leads the prayer? At our Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting we have had students and their siblings lead the prayer and it is very moving.

   Director Mazzorato: There is no policy on who can recite the prayer. Staff can take that as direction to implement.

2. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Can staff investigate having an extension for special education students to stay beyond 21 years of age, due to time missed because of the pandemic? I realize that this is a time sensitive issue, as it is the last month of school.

   Director Mazzorato: The length of education is defined in the Education Act. We can ask the Ministry if there is any funding to extend education due to the pandemic for students in special education programs.

3. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Is it possible to have a graduation in the fall of 2022 for those students that missed their graduations due to the pandemic?

   Director Mazzorato: Staff did try hard to mitigate not being able to provide a traditional graduation for students. Schools did recognize students in other ways and with virtual graduations. There was money spent, primarily by the schools as many covered the costs of gowns and other materials.

   Associate Director Amaral: Echoing what Director Mazzorato said, it is a sensitive topic. It is a milestone that we all wish to experience. There would be a couple of challenges. Not sure if students would wish to come back, some have moved on to University or College and some will have work commitments. We would be looking at 2020 and 2021 graduates. We can confidently say that schools went out of their way in terms of efforts and related expenses to provide an honourable graduation. To request schools to do this again would be an additional cost and to plan for the fall, we would already have had to start preparations. Schools did send off students as best as they could under the unprecedented challenges of the pandemic.

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Associate Director Del Bianco: When we revamped the security systems, we upgraded all schools, including elementary schools with front door cameras and with the ability to extend the AV if needed. We are in consultation with Peel Regional Police regarding security needs. If there is a specific instance or problem we can address. We were able to do this upgrade through accumulated surplus, which we no longer have. There is a cost to adding to the existing cameras. We have not added additional cameras at any elementary schools.

17. Trustee Frank Di Cosola: In consideration of the Texas school shooting incident, do we have our police departments on site when we do a lockdown drill?

    Director Mazzorato: It is not the practice of the Police departments to be on site for a lockdown drill. However, we do have the and in place which were informed in consultation with the Police departments.

18. Trustee Frank Di Cosola: Some schools do have police officers on site during lock down drills. Would staff consider asking if they would come to provide extra input or additional safety?

    Director Mazzorato: We can reach out to our police departments and ask if they can assist in that regard.

L. Declared Interest Items Nil

M. In Camera Session

Motion 786 (22-05-31)
Moved by Mario Pascucci
Seconded by Stefano Pascucci

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECEIVE THE CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF THE IN CAMERA SESSION, IN CAMERA SESSION TRUSTEES, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, AND THE PRIVATE IN CAMERA SESSION TRUSTEES AND DIRECTOR ONLY, AND RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS SET OUT THEREIN.

CARRIED

O. Future Meetings

June 21, 2022

P. Adjournment

Motion 788 (22-05-31)
Moved by Mario Pascucci
Seconded by Luz del Rosario

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 11:44 P.M.

CARRIED

	Business Arising from **Regular Board Meeting, May 31, 2022**	
A 2	**Land acknowledgement**	
Q 2	Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Commented that he would like to see the Prayer be first on the agenda followed by the National Anthem and the Land Acknowledgment, in whichever order. Our faith should be first.	The proposed change will be included in the next iteration of the procedural By-- Trustee E
	Trustee Sharon Hobin: How will the statement be distributed?	The statement was emailed to all DPCDSB employees, sent to all DPCDSB families via School Messenger, posted on the DPCDSB website and posted on DPCDSB social media platforms on June 1.
K	**Questions Asked of, and by, Trustees**	
Q 1	Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Do we have a policy that states that the Chair leads the prayer? At our Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting we have had students and their siblings lead the prayer and it is very moving.	Staff will take direction from trustees regarding who says the prayer at a meeting.
Q 2	Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Can staff investigate having an extension for special education students to stay beyond 21 years of age, due to time missed because of the pandemic? I realize that this is a time sensitive issue, as it is the last month of school.	The *Education Act* states: **Resident pupil qualification, elementary** **Resident pupil qualification: elementary English-language public district school boards and elementary public school authorities** **33** (1) Subject to sections 44 and 46, a person who attains the age of six years in any year is, after September 1 in that year, qualified to be a resident pupil in respect of a school section of an English-language public district school board or of a public school authority until the last school day in June in the year in which the person attains the age of 21 years if, (a) the person resides in the school section; and (b) the person's parent or guardian who is not a separate school supporter or a French-language district school board supporter resides in the school section. 1997, c. 31, s. 14; 2021, c. 4, Sched. 11, s. 7 (1). Therefore, for example, if a student turns 21 in December of any given school year, they are funded by the Ministry of Education to remain in attendance until the last school day of June in that school year. Staff contacted the Ministry and have confirmed that **no school board in the region** is permitting students to attend day school past the age of 21. GSN is not provided for regular day school programs

for students over the age of 21.

decline in enrolment. This caused the financial position to move from balanced, at the start of the year, to a deficit position at Revised Estimates. A two-year deficit elimination plan was proposed and