



**2023:188 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):**  
Regular Board Meeting of March 28, 2023

**MOTION: Barbieri/Saggese**

**THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 28, 2023 be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2023:189 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: NIL**

**2023:190**

Frank Alexander, Chair of the Board provided his report in the April 25, 2023 Regular Board Agenda package. Topics included: Mass of Installation of Archbishop Frank Leo, Milestone Anniversaries, School Saint Days, Marlies Game / OECTA, OCSTA 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting & Conference.

**2023:191**

Trustee Jennifer Wigston, OCSTA Regional Director representing York Catholic District School

**Board** stated that in aID 13.59 11.790.000dvpd(Fi(Min)-7(i)5(fer )s rew/F4 9I0.00000 m\*nBT)-11(on912 04

The month of April was also spent preparing for Monday, April 24th, a very special day for our school community. We were joined by Peta-Dragos, a very talented student leader, and she was playing such a crucial role in the election. York Catholic is filled with passionate and talented student leaders, and it was inspiring to see such talented leaders in the same way.

Student Trustee Anthea Peta-Dragos reported as follows:

During the month of April, the YSCPC executives together with the YCDSB Mental Health Ambassadors have been busy helping organize the Horizons Leadership Conference hosted by the YCDSB Mental Health Department at the Catholic Education Centre on April 18th, 2023. The Horizons Leadership Conference brought excellent presentations and provided Professional Development for the over 150 student leader participants, representing various clubs and committees from all of the 16 YCDSB high schools. Students had the opportunity to brainstorm ideas of how to effectively bring mental health awareness to our school community and combat stigma around mental health. Participants were inspired and motivated to look to the horizon and plan what they can do to make the school community a better place to learn and live in. The feedback received from students was fantastic, they appreciated and enjoyed this learning opportunity and are eager to share their learnings with their peers, student councils, clubs and committees. We would like to extend our thanks to the Mental Health Lead at the YCDSB, Ms. Michelle Prinzo, as well as to all the teachers, guidance counselors and senior admins who contributed to making this amazing opportunity a reality for the YCDSB students!

Over the past weeks, grade 10 students had the opportunity to express their interest to serve the YCDSB school community and amplify the student voice at the board table by applying for the position of Jr Student Trustee. After four years of Student Trustee elections conducted online, we are very pleased that the Student Trustee elections on April 24th, 2023 were held in person at the Catholic Education Centre. Student Trustee James and I would like to congratulate all the talented Jr Student Trustee candidates for their inspiring speeches and ideas of how to create a better educational space for everyone. At the same time, we would also like to congratulate and welcome the newly elected Jr. Student Trustee, Monica Galstyan from Our Lady Queen of the World Catholic Academy. We are impressed with Monica and are very excited to have her on the board.

**2023:194 RECOGNITIONS / OUTSIDE PRESENTATIONS:**

**a) 2022-2023 Distinguished Alumni Award Winners**

M. Brosens, Senior Manager Brand, Marketing & Communications introduced the 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award Winners.

Since 2004, we have honored six York Catholic graduates who have made outstanding contributions to the world, through their professional lives and through their service to the community. Distinguished alumni. Award. Winners exemplify the Catholic school graduate expectations, which include being a discerning believer, an effective communicator, a creative and holistic thinker. A lifelong learner, a collaborative contributor, a caring, family member and a responsible citizen, These individuals have made the York Catholic District School Board, very proud. We are happy to be part of their formative years of their life. This year, we have honored six York Catholic graduates Andi Petrillo, Andrew Nembhard, Daniele Rossi, Jim Anderson, John Calarco and Maria-Rose La Neve. These individuals have made the York Catholic District School Board, very proud.

M. Brosens introduced Daniele Rossi, digital marketer and cartoonist and a leader in the global stuttering community. Jim Anderson, who manages multiple Rogers TV stations and is an active local volunteer, and Maria Rosa La Neve, Clinical Register Research Nurse at the Hospital for Sick Children. A video was shown and the three Distinguished Alumni winners present were invited to share a few words. A presentation plaque was presented and pictures were taken

**2023:195 DELEGATION**

Chair Frank Alexander introduced his Motion:

**a) TRUSTEE MOTION: One Time Exception to the Delegation Policy-106**

- Whereas** *the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) established the opportunity for stakeholders to voice their concerns on issues through its Delegation Policy 106;*
- Whereas** *the YCDSB Board of Trustees, in its Policy 106, Delegation Policy, which outlines the guidelines under which stakeholder delegations may be heard;*
- Whereas** *the guidelines for delegations under Policy 106 require that those making delegations may only give timely input on items to be discussed on a Board Agenda;*
- Whereas**



**b) CORRESPONDENCE TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FOLLOW-UP**

Vice-Chair Maria lafrate presented her Motion:

**TRUSTEE MOTION: Direction to the Director (M. lafrate)**

- Whereas** *on September 27, 2022 the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a Motion: **THAT** the Board formally contact the Ministry of Education requesting that a public inquiry be immediately conducted regarding discriminatory comments made by a sitting Trustee about Trustees of Italian heritage;*
- Whereas** *on December 20, 2022 the new Board of Trustees also unanimously approved a follow up letter to the Minister asking for a request for an investigation;*
- Whereas** *in its April 3, 2023 letter the Minister of Education stated that he and his Government will always condemn inappropriate, prejudicial and racist language, and shares the concern of the community who has expressed concern with comments made by a YCDSB Trustee;*
- Whereas** *c@ Mā ā c! [ iā ā ]! [ [ •^ā ^} \*æā \* c@ B[ āāq H { ā Rā @ ā E~ ā Aāā [ ! and, through subsequent discussions between the YCDSB Director of Education and the Assistant Deputy Minister Case, proposed instead that the Board engage a legal professional external to the YCDSB to investigate the to ensure that Ontario School*

**e) RECEIPT OF REPORT NO. 2023:03 YORK CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Committee Member Elizabeth Crowe presented, for receipt, Report No. 2023:03 of the York Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting held on April 24, 2023.

**MOTION: Crowe/Wigston**

**THAT** the Report No. 2023:03 from the York Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting held on April 24, 2023 be received as presented.

- **MOTION CARRIED** -

**f) TRUSTEE MOTION: York Catholic District School Board Foundation (E. Crowe)**

**Whereas** the COVID pandemic impacted;

**Whereas** the COVID pandemic highlighted the disparities within our own communities and the subsequent rise in cost of living has made the gaps even wider;

**Whereas** our mandate as a Catholic Learning Community is to ensure that all students are fully able to participate in learning;

**Whereas** other Boards have set up a charitable foundation whose missions are to provide funds through school/student subsidies that support identified needs that are outside of the Board's mandate.

**MOTION: Crowe/lafrate**

**THAT** a report be brought to the Board outlining the steps involved in creating a charitable foundation to support the needs of YCDSB schools and families.

- **MOTION CARRIED** -

A staff report will be added to the June 20, 2023 Regular Board agenda as Discussion.

**g) TRUSTEE MOTION: St. Cecilia CES Boundary Review (A. Saggese)**





**g) York Catholic DSB Tutoring Support Program Phase 1 and 2**

A. Arcadi, Superintendent of Curriculum & Assessment provided an update on the Tutoring Support Program, Phase 1 and 2.

**h) International Language Extended Day Exempt Students**

A. Arcadi, Superintendent of Curriculum & Assessment shared information on the exempt students from the International Language Extended Day program.

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