

**MINUTES  
of the Regular Board Meeting**

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

**PRESENT:**

Members:

In Person: F. Alexander, M. Barbieri, C. Cotton, J. DiMeo, A. Grella,  
M. Iafrate, T. McNicol, A. Saggese, J. Wigston  
Student Trustees M. Galstyan, J. James  
Virtual: E. Crowe

Administration:

In Person: D. Scuglia, J. Sarna, R. Antunes, A. Arcadi, M. Brosens, D. Candido,

**2023:382 CHAIR'S REPORT / UPDATE / INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGES:**

Frank Alexander, Chair of the Board provided his report in the August 29, 2023 Regular Board Agenda package. Topics included: 2023-28 Multi-Patrons.

**a) Commissioning of New Student Trustee**

Chair of the Board, Frank Alexander and Vice-Chair Maria Iafrate, participated in a ceremonial swearing in/pledge of service ceremony with Monica Galstyan, Student Trustee. A candle and a Bible to commemorate the occasion was provided.

**2023:383 OCSTA / BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S UPDATE:**

Trustee Jennifer Wigston, OCSTA Regional Director representing York Catholic District School Board, advised that the OCSTA Regional and Board of Directors meeting will occur mid-September and noted that she will bring a wholesome report to the September Board Meeting.

**2023:384 DIRECTOR'S REPORT / UPDATE:**

Director of Education, Domenic Scuglia provided his report in the August 29, 2023 Regular Board Agenda package. Topics included: CODE and ECCODE Meetings, Top Scholars, NACCA Scholarship Award Winners, Thank you to Michael Gray.

**2023:385 STUDENT TRUSTEES' REPORT: NIL****2023:386 RECOGNITIONS / OUTSIDE PRESENTATIONS: NIL****2023:387 DELEGATIONS: NIL****2023:388 JOURNEY TOWARDS OUR VISION:****a) YCDSB Communications Calendar**

M. Brosens, Senior Manager: Brand, Marketing & Communications presented the 2023-2024 York Catholic Communications Calendar that indicates a list of dates/observances, religious holidays, social justice observances, etc. This live document will assist school administrators with planning

**b) Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) Update**

J. Sarna, Associate Director provided an update on the 2023-2028 MYSP. J. Sarna highlighted that

**2023:389 ACTION ITEM(S) (including Committee Reports):**

**a) POLICY 106 DELEGATIONS TO THE BOARD AND PROCEDURES**

J. Sarna, Associate Director presented, for approval *Policy 106 Delegations to the Board and Procedures*. Trustees indicated that further revisions were needed to Parameter 3.1 and 3.4 and advised that this policy be brought back to the next Policy Review Committee for further discussion. The policy was lifted as an Action Item.

**b) POLICY 118 TRUSTEE CODE OF CONDUCT & PROCEDURE AND COMPLAINT PROTOCOL**

J. Sarna, Associate Director presented, for approval *Policy 118 Trustee Code of Conduct & Procedure and Complaint Protocol*. The Board of Trustees requested that this policy be brought back to the next Policy Review committee for further discussion. The policy was lifted as an Action Item.

**c) POLICY 809 STAFF USE OF EXTERNAL LEGAL RESOURCES**

J. Sarna, Associate Director presented, for approval *Policy 809 Staff Use of External Legal Resources*.

**MOTION: Crowe/lafrate**

**THAT** the Board approve the following revised policy:

Policy 809 Staff Use of External Legal Resources

- **MOTION CARRIED** -

**d) TRUSTEE MOTION: STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT TO BOARD**

**Whereas** YCDSB Operational Bylaw No. 1 requires all board agendas to be provided 72 hours in advance of Board or Committee meetings;

**Whereas** Policy 107 Student Trustees, Parameter 3.13.1 requires Student Trustees Reports to Board be received by the Superintendents, for review/approval one week prior to the meeting.

**Whereas** Trustees have been receiving all reports, including discussion items, information items, and action items in agenda packages except the Student Trustees' Reports as required by Policy 107 and Operational Bylaw-No. 1 through regular course of action.

**MOTION: Barbieri/Wigston**

**THAT**

Superintendent overseeing Student Trustees, for approval, prior to including in the Board agenda package.

**THAT** Board Agenda package and received within 72 hours in advance of Board Meetings.

- **MOTION CARRIED** -

Chair Alexander passed the gavel to Vice-Chair lafrate.

**e) TRUSTEE MOTION: Transportation to St. Brother Andre Catholic High School (F. Alexander)**

**Whereas** ~~ETC~~

**LET IT BE RESOLVED**

THAT a Transportation exception, as has been granted St. Cecilia CES, be granted for the area known as South Markham (St. Francis Xavier CES, French Immersion Boundary) to provide student transportation to students attending St. Brother Andre CHS, for French Immersion, effective September 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Chair Alexander introduced his Motion and thanked Mr. Pechkovsky and staff for preparing a comprehensive report to support the transportation for French Immersion students of South Markham. The Board of Trustees expressed their concern with the Motion noting that this would set a precedent with other communities that are requesting the same exception.

**MOTION: Alexander / DiMeo**

**THAT** the Board of Trustees authorize a Transportation Policy Exception for all French immersion students attending St. Brother Andre CHS who resides within St. Francis Xavier CES French immersion boundary / Father Michael McGivney CA boundary;

**THAT** the provision of a transit pass for each eligible student be provided;

**THAT** staff look at solutions with the assistance of York Region Transit;

**THAT** the policy exception will be in effect for the 2023-2024 school year, and will expire June 30, 2024.

- **MOTION CARRIED** -

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**DISCUSSION ITEM(S):**

**g) TRUSTEE MOTION: Motion to Enrich YCDSB Catholicity (F. Alexander)**

**Whereas** *Christ is at the center of our Faith;*

**Whereas** *We are all one in Christ;*

**Whereas** *This oneness is intended to bring us all in unity and peace with one another;*

**Whereas** *Unity and peace have been severely fractured;*

**Whereas** *Unity and peace can only be found in the Prince of Peace;*

**Whereas**

**2023:392 NOTICES OF MOTION: NIL**

**2023:393 FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S) / REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

**RECESS AT 10:11 PM TO CONVENE THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION AT 11:36 PM**

**2023:394 APPROVAL OF REPORT NO. 2023:21 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Vice-Chair Maria lafrate presented, for approval, Report No. 2023:21 of the Committee of the Whole private session held on August 29, 2023.

**(i) DECLASSIFIED (Action Items for Approval): NIL**

**(ii) CLASSIFIED:**

**MOTION: lafrate/Barbieri**

**THAT** the confidential action items from the Private Session held June 20, 2023 be approved as presented.

**– MOTION CARRIED –**

**2023:395 ADJOURNMENT: 11:38 PM**

**ON MOTION: Barbieri/Saggese and CARRIED**

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