



Minutes

The Minutes of the Open Session of the Regular Board Meeting, held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre, 1355 Lansdowne Street West, Peterborough, and virtually, by Google Meet.

Present:

Trustees – John Connolly, Loretta Durst, Claire Heitzner (Senior Student Trustee), Jenny Leahy, Kevin MacKenzie (Chairperson), Mary Ann Martin, and Carter Peios (Junior Student Trustee).

Administration – Jeannie Armstrong, Jonathan Di Ianni, Galen Eagle, Sean Heuchert, Darren Kahler, Dawn Michie, Stephen O’Sullivan, Sheila Piggott, and Julie Selby.

Recorder – Michelle Kennedy

Regrets: Trustee Kathleen Tanguay

A. Call to Order of the Open Meeting:

The Board Chairperson Kevin MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and welcomed guests in attendance in person and guests who were joining the meeting online by Google Meet.

The Chairperson welcomed Dawn Michie, in her new role as Board Chaplain and Faith Animator, to the boardroom. Lisa Heitzner, Principal at St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School and Bridget McCann-Girard, Principal of Continuing, Adult and Experiential Learning, attending the meeting as the principals’ representatives were also welcomed.

1. Examen and Opening Prayer

The Board Chairperson, Kevin MacKenzie invited Dawn Michie, Board Chaplain and Faith Animator to begin the meeting with prayer.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Kevin MacKenzie, Board Chairperson gave a land acknowledgment to respectfully recognize that the land we gather on is the treaty and traditional territory of the Michi

Saagiig Anishinaabeg.

3. Singing of the National Anthem

The National Anthem was sung.

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Moved by John Connolly, seconded by Jenny Leahy
that Trustee Kathleen Tanguay's absence from the board meeting
be excused.

Carried.

MOTION: Moved by Mary Ann Martin, seconded by Loretta Durst
that the agenda be approved with the addition of agenda item E.4,
Trustee Professional Development, When Faith Meets Pedagogy.

Carried.

5. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

6. Approval of the minutes from the June 25, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Mary Ann Martin, seconded by Loretta Durst
that the minutes of the June 25, 2024, Regular Board Meeting
be approved.

Carried.

7. Business Arising Out of the Minutes.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

8. Swearing-in of the Junior Student Trustee, Carter Peios.

The swearing-in ceremony for the Junior Student Trustee, Carter Peios, was officiated by the Director of Education, Stephen O'Sullivan, the Board Chairperson, Kevin MacKenzie, Board Vice-chairperson Jenny Leahy, and Dawn Michie, Board Chaplain and Faith Animator. Carter Peios recited a pledge of commitment to the

service of Catholic Education and to fellow students and was welcomed to the Board of Trustees with prayers and a blessing. Carter Peios was presented with a board pin to symbolize his call to service with PVNCCDSB.

B. Reports from the Office of the Director and Student Trustees:

1. Report from the Director of Education.

Stephen O'Sullivan, Director of Education, presented the Report from the Director of Education, which included the following points:

- September has been filled with welcoming students and staff back to fall routines and the new school year that is full of excitement and optimism.
- A special welcome was extended to new students and staff who are attending and working in PVNC Catholic for the first time.
- Welcome to Dawn Michie, the new Board Chaplain and Faith Animator.
- Welcome back to trustees who are servant leaders in the community and work to advocate for Catholic education.
- Welcome to the student trustees who bring the student voice and ensure that students are put first at PVNC Catholic.
- The senior team was recognized as a group of leaders who continue to shape Catholic education in the PVNC community and each superintendent is in the Director's prayers as we work together in service each day.
- The Director shared the following system achievements and highlights from September:
 - Commissioning of new school administrators on August 27th, at St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish.
 - Standing ovation for Sandra Connolly, Learning Consultant, in recognition of her outstanding work and commitment to the staff and students of PVNC Catholic on her retirement.
 - United Way Peterborough Launch.
 - School Visits to St. Michael Catholic Elementary School and Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School with the Hon. David Piccini, MPP for Northumberland and Peterborough-South. Thank you to the trustees, administration and superintendents who participated in the tour.
 - Trustee Mary Ann Martin and Vice-chairperson, Jenny Leahy and the Director of Education participated in the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association's Fall East Regional Meeting in Ottawa.

- St. Anne Catholic Elementary School celebrated generations of students, staff and families at their 75th Anniversary on September 19th. The event included Mass and an open house.

Stephen O'Sullivan invited and answered questions from the trustees at the conclusion of the report.

2. Report from the Student Trustees.

Senior Student Trustee, Claire Heitzner and Junior Student Trustee, Carter Peios, gave the Student Trustee report which included the following highlights:

- Schools are preparing to celebrate le journee des Franco-Ontariennes by displaying the Franco-Ontarian flag and wearing green and white, the flag's colours.
- Schools will recognize September 30th, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation by wearing orange shirts and learning about the 94 calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.
- St. Stephen School activities in September included a club day to help students find activities of interest, student council elections, Terry Fox fundraisers, and the Environmental Specialist High Skills Major trip to Camp Samac. Senior students have begun planning their post-secondary pathways with university and college liaison visits.
- Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School LINK leaders held student activities to welcome students back to school. Sports teams like football, golf, soccer and basketball are under way and the student council is engaging through a new TikTok account to connect fellow Titans. There is excitement around the new Aviation SHSM which will soon have a flight training opportunity.
- St. Peter Catholic Secondary School LINK leaders helped ready students for the new school year. The Drama club had over 100 students audition for the school musical which will be staged later in the year. Wellness Wednesdays will offer activities focusing on mental health and wellbeing. Students interested in debating participated in an ethics debate at Trent University.
- Holy Cross Catholic Secondary student council members began the year attending an escape maze team-building activity. School spirit is abundant with activities such as a Friday Night Lights football game, Drama Club, Cheer Team, Blood Donor Clinic and a dance for the Grade 9 students.
- St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School students have begun food drives, held its first school Mass, had student council elections, and hosted a dance. The outdoor club is preparing for their upcoming canoe trip to Algonquin Park.
- St. Mary Catholic Secondary School students are enjoying milk and cookie check

ins with LINK crew members, and many clubs are running such as the equestrian team, social justice club, art club, choir, in addition to various athletics. The Terry Fox fundraising campaign which has a goal of \$15,000 will feature a barbecue and other teacher incentives.

- Junior Student Trustee Carter Peios thanked his peers for their confidence in him being at the board table as their representative and looks forward to the learning opportunity.

Student trustees Claire Heitzner and Carter Peios invited questions and comments from the trustees at the conclusion of their report. The trustees welcomed Junior Student Trustee, Carter Peios and encouraged both he and Claire Heitzner in their work to represent the students of PVNC Catholic.

C. Presentations:

1. Providing Excellence in Teaching and Learning: PVNCCDSB Summer Learning Program Updates.

Superintendent of Learning, Julie Selby and Superintendent of Special Education, Jonathan Di Ianni, introduced the team of presenters: Dr. Cynthia Chan Reynolds, Board Psychologist, Jennifer Angelo, Board Mental Health Lead, Alex Duketow, Learning Consultant, Derek Abrams and Bridget McCann Girard, Principals of Continuing, Adult and Experiential Learning.

The group gave a comprehensive overview of the programs that were engaged in July and August 2024 in all regions of the board. The programs, which had participation from elementary and secondary students, were highlighted in the presentation and included Camp AIM (math and literacy development), Focus on Youth (credit acquisition and paid employment opportunities), Welding Camp for Indigenous Students, Summer School (Reach ahead and Credit Recovery programs), Build and Soar (Summer work placement), Build and Soar (Coop program), Strong Kids Camp (mental health focus), and Start Strong Transition to Secondary (mental health focus), Communication Camp (special education skills development), and Speech Therapy program.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the trustees were invited to ask questions which were answered by the panel of presenters.

2. Inspiring Faith: Blessed and Beloved.

Julie Selby, Superintendent of Learning, introduced Jennifer Eaton-Koch, Learning Consultant who reviewed the newly launched religious education program, which is being rolled out over the next five years, "Blessed and Beloved". The presentation included a review of the structure of the program which divides topics into three strands

of learning: Families: A Living Communion of Love, Families: Called to be in Relationship, and Created in Love, Wonderfully Made. Each of the grade levels has topics and learning expectations in each of the strands which are appropriate to the grade level. The program was developed by Catholic primary teachers and representatives from the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario.

PVNC Catholic teachers who will be delivering the new program this year will be participating in a professional development session. Anne Jamieson, Executive Director of the Institute for Catholic Education, will be a guest speaker and talk about the new program at the Principals, Priests and Chaplaincy Leaders meeting in October.

The theme of Hope has been established for this year's pastoral plan and connects to the theme of the jubilee year "Pilgrims of Hope", which starts at the beginning of advent.

The presenters were thanked for their presentation and the trustees had an opportunity to have their questions addressed.

D. Programs and Services:

1. Student Excursions.

There were no questions brought forward regarding the proposed excursions which were distributed to the trustees in the Board Meeting agenda package.

MOTION: Moved by John Connolly, seconded by Mary Ann Martin

that the proposed St. Mary Catholic Secondary School international excursion to Ireland, April 29, 2025, to May 7, 2025, be approved in principle and that the trip will include mandatory insurance for all travelers. Such insurance must cover school board or principal rulings for cancellation of the trip.

Carried.

MOTION: Moved by Loretta Durst, seconded by Mary Ann Martin

that the proposed St. Mary Catholic Secondary School international excursion to France and Spain, from March 5-14, 2026, be approved in principle and that the trip will include mandatory insurance for all travelers. Such insurance must cover school board or principal rulings for cancellation of the trip.

Carried.

E. Business, Finance and Governance:1. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Open Session Report.

Board Chairperson, Kevin MacKenzie reported that earlier this month, the OCSTA Region 9 report from Morgan St. Marie was received and shared with the trustees.

2. Report from the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Fall Regional Meeting, September 19, 2024.

Board Vice-chairperson, Jenny Leahy and Trustee Mary Ann Martin gave a report on the recent OCSTA Fall Regional meeting that was hosted at Ottawa Catholic School Board and attended with Director, Stephen O'Sullivan.

The agenda included attendees sharing each of their boards' success and challenges that are being experienced. OCSTA president, Michael Bellmore provided an update on the activities of the association over the last year and the work that has been done on behalf of Catholic boards in advocating for Catholic Education.

3. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Annual Membership Fees, Friends and Advocates of Catholic Education (FACE) Levy, and Central Bargaining Fees.

MOTION: Moved by Mary Ann Martin, seconded by Jenny Leahy

that the payment of the 2024-2025 Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association membership fees and FACE Levy, in the amount of \$66,891.11, be approved;

and, that the payment for the 2024-2025 Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Core Education Funding for Central Bargaining fees, in the amount of \$44,345.00, be approved.

Carried.

4. Student Trustee Professional Development 2024-2025.

MOTION: Moved by Jenny Leahy, seconded by Mary Ann Martin

that student trustees wishing to do so, be authorized to attend the following Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA-AECO) events during 2024-2025:

- Fall General Meeting, November 7-10, 2024, Toronto
- Education Action Conference, February 20-23, 2025, Ottawa
- Annual General Meeting, May 22-25, 2025, Toronto

Carried.

5. Trustee Professional Development, When Faith Meets Pedagogy Conference, October 24-26, 2024, Toronto.

A motion relating to trustee professional development moved and seconded. Following discussion, the initial motion was amended to read as follows:

MOTION: Moved by Mary Ann Martin, seconded by Jenny Leahy
that one trustee be authorized to attend the “When Faith Meets Pedagogy” conference on October 24-26, 2024, in Toronto.

Carried.

F. Human Resources:

G. Policy Development:

1. Trustee Code of Conduct.

Stephen O’Sullivan, Director of Education introduced the revised code of conduct noting that revisions were required due to Bill 98. The Ad hoc By-law Committee comprised of Trustees Mary Ann Martin and Kathleen Tanguay and Vice-chairperson, Jenny Leahy, collaborated and reviewed the amendments suggested and provided by OCSTA and incorporated pertinent points from the previous PVNCCDSB Trustee Code of Conduct, dated September 27, 2022.

MOTION: Moved by Mary Ann Martin, seconded by Loretta Durst
that the Trustee Code of Conduct be approved as amended.

Carried.

H. Old Business:

1. Receipt of correspondence from Mayor Jeff Leal, dated July 11, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Jenny Leahy, seconded by Mary Ann Martin

that the letter of response dated July 11, 2024, from Mayor Jeff Leal regarding Bonnerworth Park be received.

Carried.

I. New Business:

J. Bring Forward:

K. Information Items:

1. Chairperson's Report.

Board Chairperson, Kevin MacKenzie welcomed everyone back to the 2024-2025 school year and expressed his wishes for a successful school year. The school board chairpersons have not yet had a conference call with the new Minister of Education, Jill Dunlop, but look forward to continuing the tradition of open communications with school boards.

Wednesday, September 25th is Rowan's Law and Concussion Safety Day which is a day to bring awareness to the importance of health implications of head injuries.

Monday, September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Kevin MacKenzie urged everyone to honour survivors and not limit our reflection and work towards reconciliation to just one day each year.

The Board Chairperson wished God's blessings on the students and staff of PVNC Catholic.

2. Committee Reports:

a. First Nation Métis and Inuit Education Advisory Committee, September 17, 2024.

Trustee John Connolly reported that the First Nation Métis and Inuit Education Advisory Committee meeting started with a smudging and sharing circle which provided an opportunity for the committee members to become familiar with each other. A presentation regarding the Indigenous Education Action Plan was given which reviewed the goals and initiatives planned and the committee provided feedback.

3. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Information Items:

a. June 26, 2024 – OCSTA Memo, Ministry Guest Speaker Policy

- b. June 27, 2024 – OCSTA Memo, Catholic Education Week Logo and Media Kit.
- c. June 27, 2024 – OCSTA Memo, Ombudsman Annual Report
- d. July 31, 2024 – OCSTA Memo, Bill 98 Regulations
- e. August 13, 2024 – OCSTA Memo, Resources from the Ministry of Education - Vaping and Cell Phone Use in Schools
- f. August 29, 2024 – OCSTA Memo, Trustee Code of Conduct, Mandatory Requirements.
- g. September 16, 2024 – Ministry of Education Promotional Poster for Level Up Skilled Trades, 2024.

L. Future Meetings and Events:

1. Board Meetings:

- a. Regular Board Meeting Open Session, October 29, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
(In-camera Session, 6:00 p.m.)

2. Board Standing Committee Meetings: (Listed in chronological order.)

- a. Policy Development Committee Meeting, October 15, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
- b. Chairperson's Committee Meeting, October 21, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
- c. Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting, October 21, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

3. Other Committee Meetings: (Listed in chronological order.):

- a. Special Education Advisory Committee, September 26, 2024, 1:00 p.m.
- b. Catholic Parent Engagement Committee, October 2, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
- c. STSCO Governance Committee, October 9, 2024, 2024, 3:00 p.m.
- d. Accessibility for All Committee, October 10, 2024, 1:00 p.m.
- e. Faith and Equity Advisory Committee, October 10, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
- f. French as a Second Language Advisory Committee, November 5, 2024, 4:00 p.m.
- g. Audit Committee, November 14, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
- h. First Nation Métis Inuit Advisory Committee, December 10, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
- i. Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Committee, TBA.

4. Board Events:

- a. Board Retirement Dinner, Friday, November 8, 2024, Regency Ballroom, Holiday Inn Waterfront, Peterborough.

M. Conclusion:

1. Report from the Regular Board Meeting, In-camera Session, held September 24, 2024.

- MOTION:** Moved by Jenny Leahy, seconded by Loretta Durst that the Board approve the actions and the discussions arising from the Regular Board Meeting, In-camera session, held on September 24, 2024, as follows:
- A. Call to Order:
 1. Opening Prayer.
 2. Motion for the Approval of agenda.
 3. No conflicts of interest were declared.
 4. Approval of the minutes of the June 25, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, In-camera session.
 - D. Business, Finance and Governance:
 1. OCSTA In-camera Report.
 - E. Human Resources:
 1. Ratification of the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario (CPCO) Provincial Terms of Employment. "that the provincial portion of the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario (CPCO) provincial terms and conditions of employment, effective September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2027, be ratified." Motion Carried.
 - I. Conclusion:
 1. Closing Prayer.
 2. Motion to convene in open session.

Carried.

2. Closing Prayer.

Board Chairperson, Kevin MacKenzie invited Trustee John Connolly to lead the closing prayer to end the meeting.

3. Adjournment

- MOTION:** Moved by Mary Ann Martin, seconded by Jenny Leahy that the open session meeting be adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Carried.

Kevin MacKenzie
Board Chairperson

Stephen O'Sullivan
Director of Education, Secretary-Treasurer
per M.K.