

The Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Open Meeting held on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Large Boardroom and by Google meet. (*)

PRESENT

Trustees: Chair Connolly (Committee Chairperson), Trustee MacKenzie (Board Chairperson), Trustee Martin, Trustee Leahy, Trustee Durst, Trustee Tanguay, Trustee Heitzner (Senior Student Trustee)(*), Trustee Peios (Junior Student Trustee)(*).

Absent/Regrets:

Administration: Director O'Sullivan, Superintendent Di Ianni, Superintendent Heuchert, Superintendent Selby, Superintendent Piggott, Superintendent Armstrong, Superintendent Kahler.

Guests:

Recorder: Mrs. Sarah Barker.

A. Call to Order

Trustee Connolly called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

1. Opening Prayer

Superintendent Kahler led the Committee of the Whole in Opening Prayer.

2. Land Acknowledgment

Superintendent Heuchert respectfully acknowledged that the Committee of the Whole meeting is taking place on the treaty and traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabeg.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Moved by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Tanguay, that the Committee of the Whole Open Agenda for Monday, January 13, 2025 be accepted, with the amendment to add discussion under B.2. OCSTA Resolutions, regarding Sacramental Prep in the schools.

Carried.

4. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest.

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Open Meeting on Monday, November 11, 2024.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Leahy, that the Committee of the Whole Open Meeting Minutes from Monday, November 11, 2024 be accepted.

Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

1. Revised Estimates

Sean Heuchert, Superintendent, presented his report on the Revised Estimates Update for the 2024-2025 budget, as of November 30, 2024.

Superintendent Heuchert reviewed the changes to revenue, expenditures and the projections for the financial position. He discussed the ongoing pressures for the budget are transportation and employee attendance.

An in year deficit elimination plan will need to be submitted to the Ministry, and for planning purposes. The areas of focus will be transportation bus loading efficiencies, the Employee Attendance Support Program and department budget savings and efficiencies.

There were discussions regarding revenues from the Board having a higher enrollment this year.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Leahy, seconded by Trustee Tanguay, that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Board receive the Revised Estimates Update report for the 2024-2025 budget as at November 30, 2024.

Carried.

2. OCSTA Resolutions

Kathleen Tanguay, Trustee, presented a resolution regarding the need for greater communication and collaboration among Ministries to ensure efficient and timely services for Students with special needs. She advised they sought out input from the SEAC Committee. She explained there are students experiencing difficulty from waiting for needed services, and are being refused care based on criteria. This is resulting in leaving students with complex needs without supports needed.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Tanguay, seconded by Board Chairperson MacKenzie, that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Board receive the Resolution for the Need for Greater Communication and Collaboration among Ministries to Ensure Efficient and Timely Services for Students with Special Needs, to be presented at the OCSTA AGM in May 2025.

Carried.

Jenny Leahy, Trustee, discussed bringing forward a resolution regarding returning the Sacramental Prep Program as part of the school day in the classroom.

There were discussions regarding collecting data as to when this program was removed from the schools, and the impact it has had on families attending church. It was discussed to encourage families to have students Baptized before registering for school to ensure they can complete future Sacraments.

The Trustees would like to discuss with other Trustees at their Regional meeting being held later this week, with the possibility of having a resolution prepared for the February 7th deadline, to present at the OCSTA AGM in May 2025.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Leahy, seconded by Trustee Martin, that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Board prepare a resolution, to be submitted to OCSTA for consideration, regarding the sacramental preparation program.

Carried.

3. Northglen Boundary Report

Sean Heuchert, Superintendent, reviewed his presentation on the proposed boundaries for the Northglen school. These boundaries were made available to the public through the PVNC Engage Platform for feedback. Concerns were brought forward by the community regarding friend groups for students, student commute to school and access to daycare.

There were discussions regarding the specific challenges in the different zones, and how this would affect the enrollments at each school.

Watson and Associates are still gathering final data regarding timelines for new developments in order to make the finalization to the boundaries. It is expected to have the final boundaries for the next Committee of the Whole Meeting in February, in order to have them approved at the February 2025 Board Meeting.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Leahy, that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Board receive the Northglen Boundary Report.

Carried.

C. Information Items:

1. Northglen Update

Sean Heuchert, Superintendent, presented the plans for the Northglen school to be viewed. There were discussion regarding Catholic symbolism being present in the features of the school, and what changes had been implemented from the feedback during the St. Charles Catholic school visit.

2. Notre Dame Update

Sean Heuchert, Superintendent, gave a brief overview of the status of the roof at Notre Dame CES, in Cobourg. The Board is waiting for the Ministry to advise the status of the Capital Priorities submission, and should hear back by March, 2025. The contractors will begin work shortly to repair the roof.

D. Old Business:

There were no old business items.

E. New Business

There were no new business items.

F. Next Meeting:

1. February 10, 2025, Large Boardroom, 6:30 p.m.
2. March 17, 2025, Large Boardroom, 6:30 p.m.
3. April 7, 2025, Large Boardroom, 6:30 p.m.
4. May 12, 2025, Large Boardroom, 6:30 p.m.
5. June 2, 2025, Large Boardroom, 6:30 p.m.

G. Conclusion

1. Closing Prayer

Superintendent Kahler led the committee in closing prayer.

2. Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Trustee Tanguay, seconded by Trustee Durst, that the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 7:53 pm and to proceed to the In-Camera Meeting.

Carried.

John Connolly
Committee Chairperson
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Sean Heuchert
Superintendent of Business
and Finance