

**MINUTES FOR THE OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING OF THE
HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018 @ 7:00 PM
BOARD ROOM – CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE**

Present: **Trustees:**

John Caputo (Chair), Gary Trembinski (Vice-Chair), Leslie Cassidy-Amadio, Lindsay Liske, Carol MacEachern (Scopia), Elaine McDonagh, Bill Murphy, Kathleen Rosilius

Regrets:

Tony D'Agostino, Sandra Turco

Officials:

Rose Burton Spohn (Director of Education), John Bruno, Joe Chillelli, Chris Spina

Regrets:

Maria Esposito

Student Representatives:

Mia Burzese, Kieran Desjardins

Other Reps:

Darrell Czop (President, O.E.C.T.A.)
Sergio Bernardo (Vice-President, O.E.C.T.A.)
Wayne Greco (President, C.P.C.O.)
Vicky Evans (President, C.U.P.E.)

Values and Vision

Trustee Kathleen Rosilius complimented the Knights of Columbus on their longstanding tradition of providing a Shrove Tuesday pancake lunch for students and staff at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Elliot Lake. Recently, their generosity has extended to Our Lady of Fatima School, Elliot Lake.

Chair John Caputo reminded those present that the Board Office Board Room is located in the Board Chapel. The Chapel was established by the Sisters of St. Joseph and still remains a sacred place. He advised that decisions about the appropriate use of the chapel will be placed in the hands of the Focus on Faith Committee. The committee will review or develop a protocol to acknowledge that it is a sacred space.

Adg# Res#

- B-1 B-213 Moved by: Leslie Cassidy-Amadio Seconded by: Bill Murphy**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board adopts the Agenda for the Board Meeting of Wednesday, February 14, 2018.
CARRIED
- D-1 New Business**
Trustee Kathleen Rosilius raised the issue of the availability of Naloxone kits in our schools in light of the recent information provided about the drug problems in Sault Ste. Marie. Chair John Caputo advised that it will be discussed as an Administrative Item Involving Action – item I-4.
- E-1 B-214 Moved by: Leslie Cassidy-Amadio Seconded by: Lindsay Liske**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the Minutes of the Board Meeting of Wednesday, January 17, 2018.
CARRIED
- E-2 B-215 Moved by: Bill Murphy Seconded by: Gary Trembinski**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approved the Minutes of the In-Committee Board Meeting of Wednesday, January 17, 2018.
CARRIED
- G-1 Reading Recovery**
Amanda McCabe, Reading Recovery Lead, outlined the Reading Recovery program currently operating in all our schools with select Grade 1 students. She emphasized the teachers' extensive training and ability to work with students on a one-to-one basis. She provided examples of students' academic and personal progress.
- G-2 Empower Reading**
Learning Resource Teachers Beth West and Perry Nantais described the Empower Reading Program, currently being piloted with select students at Holy Family and Holy Cross Schools. They provided details on the program's structure, grades of students, techniques used and improvements obtained. Only positive feedback has been received to date about this promising program based on research from the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

H-1 B-216 Moved by: Gary Trembinski Seconded by: Leslie Cassidy-Amadio
That the Minutes of the S.E.A.C. Meeting of the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board of December 20, 2018.
CARRIED

I-1 B-217 Moved by: Kathleen Rosilius Seconded by: Lindsay Liske
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the School Year Calendar for the 2018-19 school year, as recommended.
CARRIED

I-2 B-218 Moved by: Bill Murphy Seconded by: Leslie Cassidy-Amadio
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves Policy 6003 – Occupational Health & Safety.
CARRIED

I-3 B-219 Moved by: Leslie Cassidy-Amadio Seconded by: Elaine McDonagh
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the following field trip applications:

- (a) St. Basil School (SSM) – travelling to Toronto on June 25, 2018 and returning June 27, 2018.
- (b) St. Joseph School (Wawa) – travelling to Quebec City, Montreal, Ottawa, Sault Ste. Marie on June 12, 2018 and returning June 18, 2018.
- (c) St. Mary's College – travelling to Flint Michigan on March 1, 2018 and returning March 2, 2018.
- (d) St. Mary's College – travelling to Paris, the Cote d'Azur and Barcelona on March 9, 2018 and returning March 17, 2018. ***This fieldtrip was approved through an electronic poll on February 23, 2017. Pending unrest in Europe and the safety of our students, a vote to reconsider this decision could be in order.***

Note: Director Burton Spohn discussed the teleconference held with the tour company (Explorica), principal, teachers involved and Trustee Kathleen Rosilius. All were assured of the safety measures that are in place to protect our students while on this trip. Trustees were guaranteed that Explorica will be monitoring all available sources to assess the level of risk in those countries prior to and

during this trip. A parent meeting will be held shortly to reiterate safety protocols.

I-4 Naloxone Kits in our Schools

Chair John Caputo echoed Trustee Kathleen Rosilius' concern about the recently highlighted drug problem in Sault Ste. Marie. As Safe Schools is part of Superintendent John Bruno's portfolio, he was asked to investigate the possibility and impact of making Naloxone kits available in our schools. Superintendent Bruno will report back at the next meeting.

J-1 SMC Activity Report

Student Trustees Kieran Desjardins and Mia Burzese reviewed the various fundraising, sports, faith, and club events held at St. Mary's College over the last month. They also outlined the OSTA-AECO Student Trustees Conference being held from February 15-18, 2018 in Ottawa that they will be attending.

M-1 B-220 Moved by: Carol MacEachern Seconded by: Leslie Cassidy-Amadio

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board meeting of Wednesday, February 14, 2018 adjourns at 8:20 pm.

CARRIED

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: _____