

**MINUTES FOR THE OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING OF THE
HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2018 @ 7:15 PM
BOARD CHAPEL – CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE**

PRESENT: Trustees:

John Caputo (Chair), Gary Trembinski (Vice-Chair), Leslie Cassidy-Amadio, Tony D’Agostino, Lindsay Liske, Carol MacEachern, Bill Murphy, Kathleen Rosilius, Sandra Turco (via teleconference)

REGRETS: Elaine McDonagh

Officials:

Rose Burton Spohn (Director of Education), Joe Chilelli, Maria Esposito, Chris Spina, Danny Viotto

Student Representatives:

Anthony Delorenzi

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.)
Brenda Rankin (Acting President, C.U.P.E.)
Victor Zauner (Vice-President, C.U.P.E.)

Values and Vision

Sister Pat Carter mentioned a funeral mass she attended in Elliot Lake, for a student who lost a close family member. The family had recently moved from Manitoba. It was heart-warming to see that the majority of attendees at the funeral were from our board family. The support shown was overwhelming.

Trustee Tony D’Agostino commended the students from St. Paul’s Catholic Elementary School on their efforts at the recent food drive held at Rome’s Independent Grocers. The students did a great job at this event!

Director Rose Burton Spohn highlighted the Board’s Faith Day, which was held on Friday, September 28. Approximately 500 staff members attended the celebration, many of whom wore orange shirts in recognition of Indigenous children’s experiences at residential schools. A special thank you was extended to Sister Pat Carter for all of her hard work in

organizing this event, not the least of which was obtaining a fabulous guest speaker in Dr. David Wells.

Chair John Caputo echoed Director Rose Burton Spohn's comments on the success of the Board's Faith Day. He was impressed that all staff, including teachers, carestaff, and education assistants, to name a few, were all treated equally. This event helped the Board to share our faith as one body. He remarked that it was a truly amazing day.

CPCO President, Wayne Greco, informed the trustees that \$1,000 was collected from staff on Faith Day, to be donated to the Helping Hands, Caring Hearts fund. This fund is staff-sponsored, and helps our students and families in need.

Agd# Res#

- B-1 B-289 **Moved by: Lindsay Liske** **Seconded by: Kathleen Rosilius**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board adopts the Agenda for the Board Meeting of Wednesday, October 17, 2018.
CARRIED
- E-1 B-290 **Moved by: Leslie Cassidy-Amadio** **Seconded by: Carol MacEachern**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the Minutes of the Board Meeting of Wednesday, September 12, 2018.
CARRIED
- E-2 B-291 **Moved by: Leslie Cassidy-Amadio** **Seconded by: Tony D'Agostino**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the Minutes of the In-Committee Board Meeting of Wednesday, September 12, 2018.
CARRIED
- G-1 ***Introduction of Student Trustee***
Chair John Caputo introduced student trustee Anthony DeLorenzi. Anthony is a Grade 11 student at St. Mary's College, and will fill this position for the next two years. Anthony provided the trustees with some personal background and expressed his excitement in holding this position and being a part of the Trustee body.
- G-2 ***Indigenous Initiatives at St. Mary's, Blind River***
Nadia Zanatta, teacher at St. Mary's Catholic Elementary School, highlighted her project related to Supporting Racialized Students in

Ontario Schools. This project aligns well with Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan, with the pillars of Well Being, Student Achievement and Relationships. The events, teacher professional learning, student activities, and next steps were reviewed.

G-3

EQAO 2017-18 Results

Micaela Mansfield, Curriculum Co-Ordinator for Kindergarten to Grade 6, began the presentation by reviewing the results for Grades 3 and 6, which shows increases in two of the three categories for Grade 6. She also discussed newly implemented strategies to ensure students continue to excel in all areas. Judy Ritza, Curriculum Co-Ordinator for Grades 7 – 12, shared the success rate for students in the Grade 9 mathematics. The rate of success in the applied course increased by 21%. Other successes were shared and next steps were discussed.

H-1 B-292 **Moved by: Leslie Cassidy-Amadio** **Seconded by: Tony D'Agostino**

That the Minutes of the S.E.A.C. Meeting of the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board of June 13, 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

It was noted that Kathleen Rosilius and Sandra Turco were shown as regrets on the minutes. As they are alternates, they should not be shown as absent. Alternates will no longer be recorded in this manner.

I-1 B-293 **ELECTRONIC POLL**

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves Policy 2004 – Trustee Honoraria.

CARRIEDI B-294 **Moved by: Lindsay Liske** **Seconded by: Leslie Cassidy-Amadio**

That Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approved the following seven policies (i.e., 4006, 4009, 5003, 6001, 6002, 6004, 6005) with one resolution.

CARRIEDI-2 B-295 **Moved by: Lindsay Liske** **Seconded by: Leslie Cassidy-Amadio**

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves Policy 4006 – Inclement Weather.

I-3 That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves Policy 4009 – Volunteers.

I-4 That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves Policy 5003 – Field Trips.

- I-5 That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves Policy 6001 – Attendance Support.
- I-6 That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves Policy 6002 – Progressive Discipline.
- I-7 That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves Policy 6004 – Recognition of Long Service and Retiring Employees.
- I-8 That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves Policy 6005 – Accessibility Standards.

CARRIED

- I-9 B-296 **Moved by: Leslie Cassidy-Amadio Seconded by: Kathleen Rosilius**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the following field trip application:

St. Mary's School (Blind River) travelling to Toronto on June 23, 2019 and returning on June 26, 2019.

CARRIED

J Policy 1000 – Procedure By-Laws

Director Rose Burton Spohn introduced this report as a Notice of Motion that will be discussed at the November 14, 2018 meeting. This report was presented to show amendments/changes that have been suggested to the By-Laws. Trustees are asked to email further suggestions or confirmation of changes to Director Rose Burton Spohn prior to November 14.

Trustee Honoraria

Superintendent Chris Spina advised that the Ministry requires a resolution for trustee honoraria prior to October 15, which fell before the Board meeting date of October 17. Therefore, an electronic poll was held. Trustee honoraria are based on enrolment and calculated accordingly.

Graduation Rates

Director Rose Burton Spohn began the presentation by explaining the process that the Ministry of Education uses in this calculation. The process was discussed and clarified for Trustees. Superintendent Danny Viotto then provided an analysis of the data, along with highlighting the Board's next steps.

St. Mary's College Activity Report

Student Trustee Anthony DeLorenzi reported the accomplishments of the SMC student athletic groups, and highlighted some past and upcoming events being held at the school. These included Orange Shirt Day, Club Fair, Operation Smile and planning for the Halloween Haunted House.

M CLOSING PRAYER – Leslie Cassidy-Amadio

N-1 B-297 Moved by: Carol MacEachern Seconded by: Kathleen Rosilius

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board meeting of Wednesday, October 17, 2018 adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: _____