

**MINUTES FOR THE OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING OF THE
HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021 @ 7:15 PM
In Meeting Room #6/Google Meet
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PRESENT: Trustees:

Sandra Turco (Chair), Gary Trembinski (Vice-Chair), John Caputo, Leslie Cassidy-Amadio, Tony D'Agostino, Lindsay Liske, Carol MacEachern (virtual), Debbie Mayer, Kathleen Rosilius, Joe Ruscio

Officials:

Rose Burton Spohn (Director of Education), Joe Chilelli, Christine Durocher, Justin Pino, Danny Viotto

Student Representatives:

Adam Morgenstern, Jenna Viotto

REGRETS:

Vision and Values

Director Burton Spohn commended the staff of Holy Angels Learning Centre for their commitment and outstanding efforts to bring school to learners living in community hubs who are accessing programming from those locations.

Director Burton Spohn recognized approximately thirty recent retirees and twenty-five year club staff members and thanked them for their years of dedicated service to our students, staffs, and communities.

Trustee Rosilius offered praise related to the Remembrance Day service held in Elliot Lake, which was well received and appreciated by the community. She acknowledged the job well done by the school choir.

Superintendent Viotto highlighted the "Pause, Pray and Pass" program currently being promoted at St. Mary's College. Students are offered breakfast options, writing utensils, and prayer cards to assist them during the stressful time of exams.

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B-1 B-614 Moved by: J. Caputo

Seconded by: K. Rosilius

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board adopts the Agenda for the Board Meeting of Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

CARRIED

Addition to Agenda

Administrative Items Requiring Action - Item I-1 – Travel for Student Trustee. A proposed motion added to allow a student trustee to travel in December 2021.

- E-1 B-615 Moved by: G. Trembinski Seconded by: C. MacEachern**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of October 20, 2021.
CARRIED
- E-2 B-616 Moved by: L. Liske Seconded by: T. D’Agostino**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Closed Board Meeting of October 20, 2021.
CARRIED
- G-1 New Programming Offered at St. Mary’s College**
Adriano Carota and Tiziana Palumbo highlighted the new initiative being offered to approximately 1,100 students in Grades 5 – 8. A two-day High Skills Camp offers students the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities from the Hospitality & Tourism and Construction programs.
- Stephanie Parniak mentioned two new programs that will be offered to students in Grades 11 and 12. Philosophy courses and the Not-for-Profit Specialist High Skills Major will add additional opportunities for students to explore other career opportunities.*
- Polly Garson provided exciting news on the new Reach Ahead Program, which will allow students to develop lifelong computer skills, as well as creative skills in tv/video, radio, photography, logo creation, and product packaging development. “The Knightly News” magazine being produced by students will eventually be offered to the school community.*
- Alar Poldmaa and Michael Godin introduced the Green Industries and Custom Woodworking classes, along with various community partnerships to assist students with learning. Initiatives such as solar panel building, training on producing insulated concrete forms, and the building of approximately 500 bird boxes for St. Kateri and Hiawatha were highlighted.*
- G-2 Algoma and Huron-Superior Transportation Services**
Anthony Mannarino, Supervisor at the Algoma and Huron-Superior Transportation Services, provided an outline of the history of the consortium, the new Bus Planner software initiated to help design and streamline routes, and an overview of the board’s transportation services. Mannarino also provided information on the COVID-19 protocols maintained on all buses.
- H-1 B-617 Moved by: J. Caputo Seconded by: L. Cassidy-Amadio**
That the Minutes of the S.E.A.C. meeting of the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board of September 29, 2021 be approved.
CARRIED

