

**MINUTES FOR THE OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING OF THE
HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022 @ 7:15 PM
IN MEETING ROOM #6**

PRESENT: Trustees:

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

Officials:

Danny Viotto (Director of Education), Joe Chillelli (virtual), Christine Durocher (virtual), Fil Lettieri, Justin Pino

Student Trustees:

Adam Morgenstern, Jenna Viotto

REGRETS:

Chair Turco opened the meeting with welcoming Trustee Rosilius back, as she has been off recovering from a serious illness.

Chair Turco introduced the board's newest Trustee, Ogimaa Brent Bissaillion, who was welcomed by trustees and administration.

Vision and Values

As the board's mission includes nurturing our Catholic faith, Superintendent Pino was happy to advise that students have once again begun celebrating sacraments in person, which has not taking place since the start of the pandemic.

Student Trustee Morgenstern reported on his attendance at the "Here and Now Ontario Mental Health Conference" held on March 5, 2022. He explained how students were guided on how to support themselves, as well as those around them, with their mental health, and the impact of these discussions.

Trustee Caputo thanked the board community for prayers for his grandson. The power of prayer was evident as his grandson is home, recovering and ready to go back to school.

Director Viotto touched on the tragedy in the Ukraine. A powerful video was presented providing a Prayer for the Ukrainian people and the hopes that peace will find a way.

Adg# Res#

- B-1 B-649 Moved by: T. D’Agostino Seconded by: L. Cassidy-Amadio**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board adopts the Agenda for the Board Meeting of Wednesday, March 23, 2022.
CARRIED
- E-1 B-650 Moved by: J. Caputo Seconded by: L. Liske**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Open Board Meeting of February 16, 2022.
CARRIED
- E-2 B-651 Moved by: L. Cassidy-Amadio Seconded by: B. Bissaillion**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Closed Board Meeting of February 16, 2022.
CARRIED
- G-1 Multilingual Learner Program**
Dom Rosso (Principal, Holy Angels Adult Learning Centre) highlighted the success of the Multilingual Learners Program and the impact it is having on the students, as well as teachers (Sandra Mongui and Shanda Quinlan). Thirty-five students are currently registered in two classes. Testimonials and heartwarming stories were heard from teachers and students alike, and the impact these classes have had on themselves and their families. Plans are in the works to collaborate with St. Mary’s College to host a cultural night for the newcomers to the city and assist with building community relationships.
- H-1 B-652 Moved by: L. Cassidy-Amadio Seconded by: B. Bissaillion**
That the Minutes of the S.E.A.C. meeting of the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board of January 20, 2022 be approved.
CARRIED
- I-1 B-653 Moved by: C. MacEachern Seconded by: L. Cassidy-Amadio**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board awards the construction contract for the Renovations at St. Augustine French Immersion Catholic School and St. Basil Catholic School to All North Electric.
CARRIED
- I-2 B-654 Moved by: L. Cassidy-Amadio Seconded by: J. Caputo**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board enter into a contract for the City of Sault Ste. Marie clerk to act as HSCDSB’s Returning Officer for the 2022 Trustee Election and;

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the use of “Vote by Mail” procedures for 2022 Municipal Election and subsequent elections, in its unorganized areas, as an alternative voting method.
CARRIED

- I-3 B-655 Moved by: G. Trembinski Seconded by: B. Bissaillon**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the appointment of Chelsy-Jane Hannah as a new SEAC member at large.
CARRIED
- I-4 B-656 Moved by: L. Liske Seconded by: J. Caputo**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board allows Leslie Cassidy-Amadio, Lindsay Liske, Gary Trembinski, Kathleen Rosilius, Brent Bissaillon, Sandra Turco and Director Danny Viotto to travel to Ottawa to attend the OCSTA 2022 AGM and Conference.
CARRIED
- I-5 B-657 Moved by: G. Trembinski Seconded by: T. D’Agostino**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board allows Sandra Turco to travel to Ottawa to attend the OCSTA/OCSBOA 2022 Business Seminar.
CARRIED
- I-6 B-658 Moved by: T. D’Agostino Seconded by: J. Caputo**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board allows Student Trustee Adam Morgenstern to travel to Toronto to attend the OSTA Executive Meeting.
CARRIED
- J-1 SMC Activity Report**
Student trustees Morgenstern and Viotto reported on the accomplishments of the SMC student athletic teams and highlighted some February events at the school. A few noteworthy items were support for the Ukraine, bringing dignity back to St. Aloysius Cemetery, and the offering of the ALPHA for Youth program on Tuesdays.
- M-1 B-659 Moved by: J. Ruscio Seconded by: J. Caputo**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board open meeting of Wednesday, March 23, 2022 adjourns at 8:30 p.m.
CARRIED

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: _____