

**MINUTES FOR THE OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING OF THE
HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023 @ 7:15 PM
IN THE BOARD ROOM**

PRESENT: Trustees:

Gary Trembinski (Chair), John Caputo (Vice-Chair), Carol Amadio, John Bruno, Tony D'Agostino, Lindsay Liske, Carol MacEachern, Kathleen Rosilius, Sandra Turco

Officials:

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

Student Trustees:

Owen Middleton, Jenna Viotto

REGRETS: Ogimaa Brent Bissaillon

Vision and Values

Trustee Rosilius commented on the beautiful mass she attended at Our Lady of Fatima School in Elliot Lake. She reiterated how well behaved the students behaved.

Trustee Turco congratulated the acclaimed and new members of the 2023-24 OECTA unit. She extended thanks on behalf of the board for all of the work they do for their members.

Vice-Chair Caputo highlighted the trustees school tour that took place this morning at the STEAM Lab and Holy Angels Adult Learning Centre. He expressed the excitement over the new lab and joy the students experience when attending these classes. He also commended HALC for all the work they do to assist some of our challenged students.

Anastasia Pasiak Bellini, Multilingual Teacher, shared the success of the youth-led mass held recently at St. Gregory's Parish. Our newcomer students stepped out of their comfort zones to lead the mass, in areas such as greeting, readings and singing. It was an amazing mass enjoyed by all.

Director Viotto echoed Mrs. Pasiak Bellini's comments, as well as thanking her for going above and beyond to create this safe space for our students to enjoy and participate in the mass. It was an inspiration to all.

Adg# Res#

- B-1 B-763 Moved by: K. Rosilius Seconded by: J. Bruno**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board adopts the Agenda for the Board Meeting of Wednesday, April 12, 2023.
- Changes to the agenda:
Item G-2 Presentation – Grade 6 Outdoor Education Program cancelled
Item I-3 Addition of item #3 – Fieldtrip for North Schools
CARRIED
- E-1 B-764 Moved by: T. D’Agostino Seconded by: C. Amadio**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Open Board Meeting of March 22, 2023.
CARRIED
- E-2 B-765 Moved by: C. MacEachern Seconded by: S. Turco**
Motion: That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Closed Board Meeting of March 22, 2023.
CARRIED
- G-1 The Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board STEAM Lab**
Carmine DiCerbo (School-Based Math Learning Facilitator), Lorenzo DiCerbo (STEAM Lead), Lisa Tomas (Math Learning Lead), Paula Trainor (Experiential Learning Lead) and Akeshia Trudeau (Indigenous Education) presented on the board’s new STEAM Lab which is an innovative, safe, and inclusive space for all students. Students from grades 5 to 8 can enjoy interactive lessons to build and explore things such as elastic race cars, wind turbines, robots and water filtration. Indigenous education is also infused in all activities. The lab helps to develop communication and skills leading through the 21st century.
- H-1 B-766 Moved by: T. D’Agostino Seconded by: J. Bruno**
That the Minutes of the S.E.A.C. meeting of the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board of February 22, 2023, be approved.
CARRIED
- I-1 B-767 Moved by: J. Bruno Seconded by: L. Liske**
The Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board awards the contract for External Audit Services to BDO Canada LLP for one (1) school year effective September 1, 2023.
CARRIED
- I-2 B-768 Moved by: K. Rosilius Seconded by: J. Caputo**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board allows Carol Amadio, John Bruno, John Caputo, Lindsay Liske, Kathleen Rosilius, Gary Trembinksi, Sandra Turco and Director Viotto to travel to Toronto to attend the OCSTA 2023 AGM and Conference on April 27-29, 2023.
CARRIED

I-3 B-769 Moved by: C. Amadio Seconded by: S. Turco

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the following field trip applications:

1. St. Mary’s French Immersion School – to travel to Ottawa and Montreal, QC on June 12, 2023, and returning June 16, 2023.
2. St. Mary’s College – to travel to North Bay, ON on May 30, 2023 and returning June 1, 2023.
3. St. Basil School (White River), Our Lady of Fatima (Chapleau) and Holy Name of Jesus (Hornepayne) – to travel to St. Kateri, Sault Ste. Marie, ON on May 1, 2023 and returning May 3, 2023.

CARRIED

J-1-a Trustee School Tours

Director Viotto referenced the document provided to trustees on the school tours taking place in the upcoming few months. School profiles will be forwarded to those trustees who are unable to attend any of the tours.

J-1-b SMC Activity Report

Student Trustees Middleton and Viotto highlighted some April events at the school, including components from faith, sports, student council and student senate. A few noteworthy items were preparation for Holy Week, revitalizing a student-led faith group, Sweet Sixteen Extravaganza and the Easter egg contest and scavenger hunt.

N-1 B-770 Moved by: J. Bruno Seconded by: T. D’Agostino

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board meeting of Wednesday, April 12, 2023, adjourns at 8:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: _____