

**MINUTES FOR THE OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING OF THE
HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 @ 7:15 PM
IN THE BOARD ROOM**

PRESENT: Trustees:

Gary Trembinski (Vice-Chair), John Caputo, Leslie Cassidy-Amadio, Lindsay Liske, Carol MacEachern, Kathleen Rosilius

Officials:

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

Student Trustees:

Owen Middleton, Jenna Viotto

Regrets:

Sandra Turco (Chair), Tony D'Agostino, Joe Ruscio

Absent:

Ogimaa Brent Bissaillon

Values and Vision

Trustee Caputo thanked the staff at St. Mary's College, along with the Link Leaders, for their outstanding job in working together as a team to welcome the grade 9 students and all other students back to school. The staff volunteer their time for this great program and it is very much appreciated.

Lina DiPasquale, Vice-Principal of Equity, Diversity and Indigenous Education, highlighted the new Grade 6 Outdoor Education Program running out of St. Kateri in the mornings and Holy Cross Catholic School in the afternoons. There are currently 31 students registered in the course, who enjoy land-based learning, including teachings from elders and other cultural resource workers.

Director Viotto was excited to report on the significant increase in student enrolment for the 2022-23 school year. An additional 225 new students registered in September, which included 87 newcomers to the city. Various cultural and newcomer events were attended by staff over the summer, which helped to attract these students and grow our school community.

Vice-Chair Trembinski commented on the touching ceremonies held for Queen Elizabeth II's funeral. He pointed out how nice it was to witness many different faiths in attendance. The ceremony held in Ottawa was very moving and included many notes from students, of which two Sault Ste. Marie students attended, to acknowledge the Queen's passing.

Adg# Res#

- B-1 B-693 Moved by: J. Caputo Seconded by: L. Cassidy-Amadio**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board adopts the Agenda for the Board Meeting of Wednesday, September 21, 2022.
CARRIED
- Item I-7 was added to the agenda: Report to the Director of Education – Compliance Audit Committee under the Municipal Elections Act**
- E-1 B-694 Moved by: L. Liske Seconded by: K. Rosilius**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Open Board Meeting of June 15, 2022.
CARRIED
- E-2 B-695 Moved by: C. MacEachern Seconded by: L. Cassidy-Amadio**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Closed Board Meeting of June 15, 2022.
CARRIED
- G-1 Introduction of New Student Trustee**
New student trustee, Owen Middleton introduced himself to the trustees by highlighting his family, athletic endeavours and plans for the future. Owen is excited to be a part of the board and hopes to provide valuable input into items that will affect schools in a positive way in both the present and future.
- G-2 Summer Programming 2022**
The board offered various summer programs, which were designed to promote student academic success, reduce learning gaps, support the transition of Indigenous students to secondary school and provide programming for students with special needs to assist in creating a smooth transition to secondary school. All programs were well attended and appreciated by students and families.
- G-3 Supporting Newcomers and our English Language Learners Over the Summer**
Alexandra Berlingieri (Special Assignment Teacher for Newcomers) and Jordan D’Addetta (Multilingual Learner Teacher) highlighted all of the great work being done to welcome and support newcomers to our school communities including the ESL Summer Fun Program, STEP Assessments and school tours. Various local events were attended to help connect with potential families and students, which assisted in bringing 91 new students to the board.
- H-1 B-696 Moved by: L. Cassidy-Amadio Seconded by: K. Rosilius**
That the Minutes of the S.E.A.C. meeting of the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board of May 25, 2022 be approved.
CARRIED

I-1 B-697 ELECTRONIC POLL

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the purchase of 534 Samsung Galaxy tablets and cases from Compugen Inc. in the amount of \$188,768.

CARRIED

I-2 B-698 ELECTRONIC POLL

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the purchase of 72 Aruba access points and mounts in the amount of \$58,227.

CARRIED

I-3 B-699 Moved by: L. Liske**Seconded by: L. Cassidy-Amadio**

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board authorizes the Chair or Vice-chair and Director of Education and Treasurer to borrow funds from time to time not to exceed \$15 million in aggregate from the Royal Bank of Canada for the 2022/23 school year in accordance with Section 243 of the Education Act, specifically,

That the Chair or Vice Chair and the Director of Education and Treasurer are authorized on behalf of the Board to borrow from time to time by way of loan agreement or promissory note(s), or overdraft, or banker's acceptance from the Banker of the Board, currently Royal Bank of Canada ("RBC") or from any other approved lender authorized for borrowing purposes in accordance with Section 243 of the Act a sum or sums not exceeding in aggregate \$10,000,000 to meet, until current revenue is collected, the current expenditures of the board, currently from RBC, or from any other approved lender loan agreement, promissory note(s) or bankers acceptances, as the case may be, sealed with the corporate seal of the Board and signed by two of the Chair or Vice Chair and the Director of Education and Treasurer for the sums borrowed plus interest at a rate to be agreed upon from time to time with the Banker of the Board, currently RBC, or from any other approved lender.

That the Chair or Vice Chair and the Director of Education and Treasurer are authorized on behalf of the Board to borrow from time to time by way of loan agreement, promissory note, or overdraft, or banker's acceptance from the Banker of the Board, currently Royal Bank of Canada ("RBC") or from any other approved lender authorized for borrowing purposes in accordance with Section 243 of the Act a sum or sums not exceeding in aggregate \$5,000,000 to meet, until current revenue is collected, the current Capital expenditures of the board, currently from RBC, or from any other approved lender loan agreement, promissory note(s) or bankers acceptances, as the case may be, sealed with the corporate seal of the Board and signed by two of the Chair or Vice Chair and the Director of Education and Treasurer for the sums borrowed plus interest at a rate to be agreed upon from time to time with the Banker of the Board, currently RBC, or from any other approved lender.

The Director of Education and Treasurer is authorized and directed to apply in payment of all or any sums borrowed plus interest, all of the money collected or received in respect of the current revenues of the Board.

The Treasurer of the Board is authorized and directed to deliver to the Banker of the Board, currently RBC, or from any other approved lender from time to time upon request a statement showing (a) the amount of the estimated current revenues of the Board for the current year not yet received, or, where the estimates for the current year have not been adopted, a statement showing the estimated revenues of the Board as set forth in the estimates adopted for the previous fiscal year and the amount of the revenues of the current year already received and also showing the total of any amounts borrowed under Section 243 of the Education Act in the current year that have not been repaid.

CARRIED

- I-4 B-700 Moved by: J. Caputo Seconded by: K. Rosilius**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves Policy 2009 as presented.

CARRIED

- I-5 B-701 Moved by: C. MacEachern Seconded by: L. Cassidy-Amadio**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board allows Student Trustees Jenna Viotto and Owen Middleton to travel to Toronto to attend the OSTA-AECO Fall General Meeting.

CARRIED

- I-6 B-702 Moved by: K. Rosilius Seconded by: L. Cassidy-Amadio**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the following field trip applications:

1. Our Lady of Lourdes French Immersion School (Elliot Lake) – to travel to Toronto, ON on June 26, 2023 and returning June 29, 2023.

This motion was carried pending additional information to be brought to the October 19, 2022 Open Session Board Meeting.

CARRIED

- I-7 B-703 Moved by: L. Liske Seconded by: L. Cassidy-Amadio**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board authorizes the respective Compliance Audit Committees for the municipalities of Sault Ste. Marie, Elliot Lake and Wawa to act as the Compliance Audit Committee for the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board within each of the boards designated areas.

CARRIED

- J-1a Accessibility Report**
Director Viotto highlighted the report and the board's commitment to our Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2018-2023. The plan outlines items for 2022-23 as

accessibility awareness training, review of the capacity of school libraries to provide accessible or conversion-ready formats of digital or multimedia resources upon request and continued review of accessibility features and purchases related to board and school websites.

J-1b SMC Activity Report

Student trustees Middleton and Viotto reported on the accomplishments of the SMC students and highlighted some September sports and events at the school. A few noteworthy items were Welcome Week, the Blessed Sacrament present in the tabernacle and the inception of the girls' recreational, football team.

M-1 B-704 Moved by: K. Rosilius Seconded by: L. Cassidy-Amadio

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board meeting of Wednesday, September 21, 2022 adjourns at 9:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: _____