

**MINUTES FOR THE OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING OF THE
HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024 @ 7:15 PM
IN THE BOARD ROOM**

PRESENT: Trustees:

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

Officials:

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

Student Trustees:

Owen Middleton, Kenzie Garson, Mya Jensen

REGRETS: Carol MacEachern

Vision and Values

Trustee Amadio congratulated those involved in the very successful JOY-Full Socks campaign on behalf of former Trustee Leslie Cassidy-Amadio. All students and staff love preparing these items for the needy. Superintendent Spadafora reiterated these sentiments and added that over 7,000 socks were prepared with over 1,000 products to 21 charities. Recipients were overwhelmed with gratitude.

Director Viotto shared a letter received from the Canadian Cancer Society, which commends the hard work and commitment of the student and staff community at St. Mary's College, who raised \$34,431.06 at their Relay for Life Youth event. The dedication shown by schools within the board is truly inspiring.

Trustee Turco highlighted the Kiwanis of Lakeshore contest – "What Christmas Means to Me" held this past December. Winners for this year's contest were Rocco Dos Reis (Grade 8 student at St. Paul's School) and Seth Villason (Grade 7 student at St. Paul's School). This event has been running for over 30 years and has always been well received by our students.

Adg# Mot#

B-1 B-838 Moved by: J. Bruno

Seconded by: J. Caputo

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board adopts the Agenda for the Board Meeting of Wednesday, January 17, 2024.

CARRIED

C DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Trustee Rosilius disclosed a deemed pecuniary interest in item I-1 on the agenda for the board meeting of January 17, 2024, and did not take part in the consideration or discussion of or vote on any question with relation to this item. Trustee Rosilius recused herself for this portion of the meeting.

E-1 B-839 Moved by: S. Turco Seconded by: C. Amadio
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Open Board Meeting of December 13, 2023.

CARRIED

E-2 B-840 Moved by: J. Caputo Seconded by: T. D’Agostino
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Special In-Camera Board Meeting of December 18, 2023.

CARRIED

G-1 Grade 6 and 7 Outdoor Experiential Learning at St. Kateri
Lina DiPasquale (Vice-Principal of Equity, Diversity, and Indigenous Education), Michelle Chapman (Grade 6 Outdoor Education Teacher), Allison Fabbro (Grade 7 Outdoor Education Teacher) and Barry Boissoneau (Cultural Resource Worker) highlighted the amazing program held at St. Kateri Learning Centre. Students experience a wide range of program topics such as using a compass, leaf inquiry, planting a garden, smudging and fire keeper teachings were presented. The Grade 7 students finding 2 arrowheads at St. Kateri is an amazing story, and their origin is currently being investigated. Land based education is more than just being outside!

I-1 B-841 Moved by: C. Amadio Seconded by: S. Turco
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the 2023-24 Revised Estimates as presented.

CARRIED

I-2 B-842 Moved by: T. D’Agostino Seconded by: J. Bruno
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the following field trip applications:

1. St. Mary’s College – travelling to Ottawa, ON on April 15, 2024 and returning April 17, 2024.
2. Our Lady of Fatima, Elliot Lake – travelling to John Island Camp on June 19, 2024 and returning June 21, 2024.

CARRIED

J-1-a SMC Activity Report
Student trustees Middleton, Garson and Jensen highlighted some of the January events at the school, including components from faith, sports, student council, Indigenous student council and student senate. A few noteworthy items were the distribution of over 1,500 Christmas cards to community

seniors, retreats held at St. Kateri, "Knight at the Oscars" Winter Formal Dance and red dress pin making.

N-1 B-843 Moved by: K. Commanda Seconded by: K. Rosilius
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board meeting of
Wednesday, January 17, 2024, adjourns at 8:20 p.m.
CARRIED

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: _____