

**MINUTES FOR THE OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING OF THE
HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 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), Lindsay Liske, Carol MacEachern (virtual), Kathleen Rosilius, Sandra Turco

Officials:

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

Student Trustees:

Owen Middleton, Kenzie Garson

REGRETS: Tony D'Agostino, Mya Jensen

Values and Vision

Trustee Caputo spoke to the anniversary of St. Kateri's death, which took place on April 17, 1680. She was informally known as Lily of the Mohawks and is the patroness of the environment and ecology. St. Kateri was beautified by Pope John Paul II in 1980.

Superintendent Lettieri highlighted the March 25th start of the STAR (Specialized Teaching and Resource) Program at St. Mary's French Immersion. This class provides educational programming to support autistic students in their development of multi-modal communication, self-regulation, and social skills.

Director Viotto commended those who answered the call to lead in Catholic Education. In attendance, were a few of the board's future leaders. Adam Carricato, Julia Neveau and Mike Parr are currently enrolled in the Principal Qualification Program working towards one day leading one of our school communities.

Director Viotto took this opportunity to introduce Danielle Dupuis to the board. Danielle is the new Communications Officer who began her position on April 8, 2024. She provided a brief background on her employment history, thanked the board for this opportunity and looks forward to working with the HSCDSB community.

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B-1 B-867 Moved by: J. Caputo

Seconded by: S. Turco

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

CARRIED

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- E-1 B-868 Moved by: K. Commanda Seconded by: C. MacEachern**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Open Board Meeting of March 20, 2024.
CARRIED
- E-2 B-869 Moved by: S. Turco Seconded by: J. Bruno**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In-Camera #1 Board Meeting of March 20, 2024.
CARRIED
- E-3 B-870 Moved by: J. Bruno Seconded by: S. Truco**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In-Camera #2 Board Meeting of March 20, 2024.
CARRIED
- E-4 B-871 Moved by: C. Amadio Seconded by: S. Turco**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Special In-Camera Board Meeting of April 8, 2024.
CARRIED
- G-1 Catholic Faith Testimony**
Abel Zachariah (Grade 11, St. Mary's College) spoke of his commitment to his Catholic faith that runs deeply in himself and his family. He mentioned struggles that his family weathered with the knowledge and trust that God would take care of them. "If God can do it for me, he can do it for you, every life on this earth will be used to display his glory."
- G-2 St. Mary's College High Skills Camp Program**
Tiziana Palumbo (Vice-Principal, SMC), SMC teachers, Darryl Wardell and Polly Garson, and grade 9 student Macy Katagis, highlighted the outstanding experiences offered to students in grades 4-8, through Ministry received expansion funding. The Specialist High Skills Major Skills Camps offer sessions in construction, coding, hospitality and tourism, as well as Student Life. Students receive unique hands on learning opportunities and a glance at high school life at SMC.
- H-1 Minutes of the SEAC Committee Meeting – February 28, 2024**
Superintendent Fil Lettieri.
- H-2 Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting – March 19, 2024**
Committee Chair Gary Trembinski.
- H-3 Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting – April 3, 2024**
Director Viotto and Committee Chair Trustee D'Agostino.
- I-1 B-872 ELECTRONIC POLL**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board awards the Executive Search for the Director of Education to Gallagher Consulting.
CARRIED

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- I-2 B-873 Moved by: S. Turco Seconded by: J. Bruno**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board allows Trustees Carol Amadio, John Bruno, John Caputo, Lindsay Liske, Kathleen Rosilius, Sandra Turco, Chair Gary Trembinski and Director Danny Viotto to Calgary, AB, to attend the CCSTA Convention and AGM on May 30 – June 1, 2024.
CARRIED
- I-3 B-874 Moved by: K. Rosilius Seconded by: J. Caputo**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board awards the contract for the Accommodations Alterations at St. Basil Catholic School project to Ficmar Builders.
CARRIED
- I-4 B-875 Moved by: L. Liske Seconded by: C. Amadio**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board awards the contract for the Barrier-Free Upgrades at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School and St. Paul Catholic School project to First General Services.
CARRIED
- I-5 B-876 Moved by: K. Commanda Seconded by: C. MacEachern**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves Policy 4011 as presented.
CARRIED
- I-6 B-877 Moved by: J. Bruno Seconded by: K. Rosilius**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the following field trip applications:
1. St. Francis School – travelling to Toronto for the Skills Ontario: Provincial Entrepreneurship Showcase on May 6, 2024 and returning May 8, 2024.
CARRIED
- J-1-a Math Achievement Action Plan (MAAP) Mid-Year Review**
Superintendent Spadafora spoke to the board's Math Achievement Action Plan with emphasis on the five strategic actions of continuous use of data, educator learning, math facilitators, priority schools/classrooms and developing resources and corresponding PD that supports effective instruction. The priority actions that have been implemented to assist our school communities were also highlighted.
- J-1-b SMC Activity Report**
Student trustees Middleton, Garson and Jensen highlighted some of the April events at the school, including components from faith, sports, student council, Indigenous student council and student senate. A few noteworthy items were praying the Stations of the Cross in the Chapel during Holy Week, planning for their First Annual "Spring Fling" Semi-Formal Dance, the Indigenous Student Advisory Council participating in the Indspire Soaring Youth

Conference, and the Student Senate’s “What Would You Do With a Pot of Gold” contest.

N-1 B-878 Moved by: J. Caputo Seconded by: K. Rosilius
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board meeting of
Wednesday, April 17, 2024, adjourns at 8:35 p.m.
CARRIED

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: _____