

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

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**PRESENT: Trustees:**

Gary Trembinski (Chair), John Bruno (Vice-Chair), Carol Amadio, John Caputo, Kerri Commanda, 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, Franca Spadafora

**Student Trustees:**

Owen Middleton, Kenzie Garson, Mya Jensen

**Values and Vision**

*Superintendent Lettieri highlighted the theatre production of “Beauty and the Beast” presented by students at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Espanola. The students had been practicing since October and presented four shows to the community. Lettieri commended all students and volunteer staff members on all their hard work and outstanding performances.*

*Superintendent Lettieri commented on the recent one-day elementary soccer tournament held at the Northern Community Centre. The tournament was very well attended, and the board looks forward to growing this event in the future.*

*Director Viotto congratulated the HSCDSB board community for participating in The Terry Fox Foundation exciting fundraising year in Ontario last fall, with raising \$12,558.80 for cancer research. Our schools have raised \$257,882.91 since beginning this worthwhile event.*

*Trustee Rosilius commended the student trustees on their exemplary representation of the board at the recent OCSTA AGM held in Toronto. Trustees were proud of their participation and behaviour as board ambassadors, as this was the first time they attended the OCSTA event.*

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**B-1 B-879 Moved by: J. Caputo**

**Seconded by: C. Amadio**

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board adopts the Agenda for the Board Meeting of Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

**CARRIED**

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- E-1 B-880 Moved by: K. Rosilius                      Seconded by: J. Bruno**  
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Open Board Meeting of April 17, 2024.  
**CARRIED**
- E-2 B-881 Moved by: J. Caputo                      Seconded by: C. MacEachern**  
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In-Camera Board Meeting of April 17, 2024.  
**CARRIED**
- G-1                      Parent Involvement Committee Presentation**  
*Parent Involvement Committee member, Anthony Orazietti, spoke to the direct link between parents and a board’s director of education and trustees. He highlighted the PIC events held from 2021-2024, with emphasis on the supports provided to parents and students during sessions such as “The ABC’s of Student Success”, “Mental Health Awareness and Support for All Ages”, and “Building Identity and Relationships in Indigenous Education”. Orazietti also stressed the importance of getting parents into the schools and getting them involved with the school and administration.*
- G-2                      Specialist High Skills Major Experiential Learning Trip to Ottawa**  
*Paula Trainor (Experiential Learning Lead) and Patti Cook (Teacher, St. Mary’s College) provided the trustees with a look into the unique experience 11 SMC students from Grades 11 and 12 received when attending the Specialist High School Major Experiential Learning trip to Ottawa. Students were able to participate in hands-on experiences, as well as reflecting on those experiences and apply their learning to their decisions and actions. Students visited a wide range of programming events such as C’est Bon, Diefenbunker Escape Room, L’Arche, Canadian Mint, Parliament, a Basilica as well as a Virtual Reality Rehabilitation Centre and more. The trip was a whirlwind of activities and events that were thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff alike.*
- I-1 B-882 Moved by: T. D’Agostino                      Seconded by: L. Liske**  
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board allows Student Trustees Owen Middleton, Kenzie Garson, Mya Jensen, and the 2024-25 new Student Trustee Alexander Orazietti to travel to Toronto, ON, to attend the OSTA-AECO AGM on May 23-26, 2024.  
**CARRIED**
- I-2 B-883 Moved by: J. Bruno                      Seconded by: S. Turco**  
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves Policy 5006 as presented.  
**CARRIED**

**I-3 B-884 Moved by: L. Liske                      Seconded by: K. Commanda**  
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board awards the contract for lighting upgrades at Our Lady of Lourdes French Immersion Catholic School and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School to All North Electric.  
**CARRIED**

**J-1-a Board Meeting Dates for 2024-25**  
*Director Viotto provided the upcoming board meeting dates for information. Dates have been submitted to the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA).*

**J-1-b SMC Activity Report**  
*Student trustees Middleton, Garson and Jensen highlighted some of the May events at the school, including components from faith, sports, student council, Indigenous student council and student senate. A few noteworthy items were Bishop Dowd's visit, the Ontario Catholic Student Youth Day, Walk for Justice, Turtle Concepts presentation and ISAC's hosting of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Woman and Girls display/document.*

**N-1 B-885 Moved by: K. Rosilius                      Seconded by: C. Amadio**  
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board meeting of Wednesday, May 15, 2024, adjourns at 8:15 p.m.  
**CARRIED**

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_