

**MINUTES FOR THE OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING OF THE
HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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, Kathleen Rosilius, Sandra Turco

Officials:

Fil Lettieri (Director of Education), Joe Chilelli, Stephanie Circelli, Justin Pino, Syndy Withers

Student Trustees:

Kenzie Garson, Mya Jensen, Alexander Oraziatti

REGRETS Tony D'Agostino, Franca Spadafora

Values and Vision

Superintendent Pino introduced Mike DePratt (President, Local 2251 Steelworkers) who presented the board with a donation of \$7,000 toward the Breakfast Program. Trustees and board staff thanked the Local and proclaimed their appreciation on behalf of all the students that benefit from their kindness.

Director Lettieri congratulated all organizers and staff for an overwhelmingly successful Faith Day on September 27, 2024, at St. Mary's College. Employees enjoyed an engaging keynote speaker, and 25 afternoon sessions led by Elders/Knowledge Keepers. Staff donated approximately \$1,500 to the Helping Hands, Caring Hearts fund for helping students/families in need, as well as over 500 canned goods for St. Vincent Place.

Superintendent Withers highlighted the senior team's visit to the sweat lodge in Garden River First Nation. All in attendance found the experience challenging, yet spiritual as they asked for help from our creator. A special thank you was extended to Elder Joe Jones and Fire Keepers Aimee Brunetti and Lina DiPasquale for their assistance in making this event so meaningful.

Superintendent Circelli commended the St. Mary's College students who participated in the Canstruction event that took place at Station Mall on September 28, 2024. Over 3,000 cans were collected with over 750 of them from SMC. All collected goods were donated to The Algoma Food Security Network, benefiting five agencies and 50 non-profit organizations in Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma region. The students won "Best Meal"!

Adg# Mtn#

- B-1 B-914 Moved by: J. Caputo Seconded by: C. MacEachern**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board adopts the Agenda for the Board Meeting of Wednesday, October 16, 2024.
CARRIED
- E-1 B-915 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 September 18, 2024.
CARRIED
- E-2 B-916 Moved by: K. Commanda Seconded by: L. Liske**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In-Camera Board Meeting of September 18, 2024.
CARRIED
- G-1 Experiential Learning 2024/25**
Paula Trainor (Experiential Learning Lead) and Kelly McKay (SHSM/STEAM Lab Tech) highlighted Experiential Learning, a hands-on learning approach that provides developmentally appropriate opportunities for students of all ages. This program allows students to see the relevance of their classroom learning and its connection to the broader world, as well as helping students broaden their knowledge of themselves and see the range of career opportunities. Students have enjoyed participating in a wide variety of events, such as CANstruction, Young Women in the Trades Day, E-Sports Elementary Tournament and the Skills Ontario Competition.
- I-1 B-917 ELECTRONIC POLL – Fieldtrip Request for Holy Name of Jesus School**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the fieldtrip for Holy Name of Jesus School to travel to Sault Ste. Marie, ON and Boyne City, MI on October 17, 2024, and returning October 19, 2024.
CARRIED
- I-2 B-918 Moved by: L. Liske Seconded by: J. Bruno**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board receive the 2023-24 Annual Report of the Audit Committee as outlined in the Report to the Director dated October 16, 2024.
CARRIED
- I-3 B-919 Moved by: K. Rosilius Seconded by: C. MacEachern**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board accept the HSCDSB Mathematics Achievement Plan, as presented.
CARRIED
- I-4 B-920 Moved by: C. Amadio Seconded by: L. Liske**
Motion: That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves Policy 4027 as presented.
CARRIED

I-5 B-921 Moved by: J. Caputo**Seconded by: K. Rosilius**

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board issue a change order in the amount of \$150,560 + HST to Builtwright Construction Ltd. Funds for this portion of the work will be expended from the 2024-2025 capital contingency.

CARRIED**I-6 B-922 Moved by: C. Amadio****Seconded by: K. Commanda**

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

1. St. Mary's French Immersion School – travelling to Quebec City, QC on June 16, 2025, and returning June 20, 2025.
2. Our Lady of Lourdes School – travelling to Toronto, ON on June 16, 2025, and returning June 19, 2025.
3. Holy Angels Adult Learning Centre – travelling to Thailand on July 12, 2025, and returning on July 26, 2025.

CARRIED**J-1-a Response to SEAC Recommendations**

Rosanne Zagordo answered questions on the board's plan to support students. Many of the goals set with the SEAC recommendations are already being met and others are planned to be met by the end of the school year. The recommendations maximize priority funding and provide relevant training.

J-1-b Trustee Honoraria

Superintendent Pino advised that trustee honoraria is based on enrolment and is calculated accordingly as per Ontario Regulations.

J-1-c Summer Learning Credit Course in Thailand

Darren Vaughan, Owner/Operator of CANASIAN Academic Adventures, provided an overview of the planning for the Thailand 2025 trip. This four-week course will take place at St. Mary's College (2 weeks) and in Thailand (2 weeks) for which participating students will earn one credit in Co-operative Education. Promotions will begin shortly and the trip will take place in the spring of 2025.

J-1-d SMC Activity Report

Student trustees Garson, Jensen and Oraziotti highlighted some of the October events at the school, including components from faith, sports, student council and student senate. A few noteworthy items were the "Faith on Fire" club, SMC Choir performing at Faith Day, the planning of Homecoming events, supporting Breast Cancer Awareness and the newly named Indigenous Student Union.

N-1 B-923 Moved by: J. Caputo**Seconded by: K. Rosilius**

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board meeting of Wednesday, October 16, 2024, adjourns at 8:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: _____