

**MINUTES FOR THE OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING OF THE
HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026 @ 7:15 PM
IN THE BOARD ROOM**

PRESENT:

Trustees:

Sandra Turco (Chair), John Bruno (Vice-Chair), Carol Amadio, John Caputo (virtual), Tony D'Agostino, Wayne Greco, Lindsay Liske, Carol MacEachern (virtual), Kathleen Rosilius

Officials:

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

Student Trustees:

Abbie Dasa Kumar, Michaela Kyle, Alexander Oraziatti

REGRETS:

Kerri Commanda

Values and Vision

Trustees Greco and Amadio had the privilege of attending Family Day at St. Kateri and witnessed the students and families being reconnected with the land and enjoying their learning opportunities. Greco also commented on the recent renovations and how impressive and beautiful the space is.

Trustees Amadio and D'Agostino spoke highly of the St. Francis French Immersion Grade 8 Entrepreneurship Day. Students impressed all those who attended and were very excited to explain their projects and the process to achieve their goals. Students beamed with pride, as did their parents and teachers.

Chair Turco attended the Shrove Tuesday event at St. Basil Catholic Elementary School and had a great time connecting with staff members and students as they enjoyed pancakes and sausages.

Superintendent Pino highlighted our partnership with Tenaris and their invaluable assistance in helping with the development of the Board's STEAM Lab. Through their most recent generous donation of \$78,500, the Board is able to enhance learning opportunities and support programming at the STEAM Lab. We are blessed to have such a valued partner.

On February 6, 2026, elementary schools participated in a successful basketball tournament at St. Mary's College, highlighting student growth in teamwork and sportsmanship. Superintendent Chilelli noted the upcoming East District Basketball Tournament planned in Blind River. These tournaments and the ongoing regular season continue to foster the development of the "whole person"—mind, body, and spirit—through the dedication of staff and volunteers.

*In celebration of Kindness Week, Director Lettieri highlighted that the Board, and Kindness Week Committee member, Frank Sarlo, have provided all schools with the book *Odin the Owl* and "kindness passports" to encourage student kindness. This initiative challenges students to track their acts of kindness, with the school accumulating the most entries winning \$500 to donate to a local charity. The program aims to foster a spirit of generosity and community contribution across the entire school system.*

Adg# Mtn#

- B-1** **B-1080** **Moved by: C. MacEachern** **Seconded by: W. Greco**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board adopts the Agenda for the Board Meeting of Wednesday, February 18, 2026.
CARRIED
- E-1** **B-1081** **Moved by: J. Bruno** **Seconded by: K. Rosilius**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Open Board Meeting of January 21, 2026.
CARRIED
- E-2** **B-1082** **Moved by: L. Liske** **Seconded by: J. Caputo**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In-Camera Board Meeting of January 21, 2026.
CARRIED
- G-1** **Holy Angels Continuing Education – Serving Learners Throughout our District and Providing Opportunities for All**
Domenic Rosso (Principal, Holy Angels Adult Learning Centre) and Carolina Germanili (Outreach Teacher, Holy Angels Adult Learning Centre) shared their vision and the plans that they have for expansion of the Board’s adult learning program. Aligned with HSCDSB’s mission to develop the full potential of every learner and to reverence the dignity of each person, our outreach program expands inclusive access to education for diverse adult learners. We offer a unique opportunity to those in our communities who need an alternative solution. There are currently five learning centres in Sault Ste. Marie with hopes to expand further in the East and North.
- I-1** **B-1083** **Moved by: L. Liske** **Seconded by: C. Amadio**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the School Year Calendar for the 2026/2027 school year, as recommended and outlined in “OPTION 1”.
CARRIED
- I-2** **B-1084** **Moved by: W. Greco** **Seconded by: J. Bruno**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve Policy 4019 as presented.
CARRIED

- I-3 B-1085 Moved by: K. Rosilius Seconded by: C. MacEachern**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the following field trip applications:
1. St. Basil Catholic School – travelling to Gatineau, QC and Ottawa, ON on April 8, 2026, and returning April 15, 2026.
 2. Holy Family Catholic School – travelling to Toronto, ON on June 17, 2026, and returning June 19, 2026.
 3. St. Mary’s College – travelling to Halifax, NS on May 11, 2026, and returning May 14, 2026.

CARRIED

J-1-a SMC Activity Report
Student Trustees Dasa Kumar, Kyle and Orazietti highlighted some of the February events at the school, including components from faith, sports, Student Council, Indigenous Student Union and Student Senate. A few noteworthy items were “Pause, Pray, Pass”, Annual Winter Formal, “Returning to the Circle” and “Matchomatics”.

- N-1 B-1086 Moved by: J. Bruno Seconded by: T. D’Agostino**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board meeting of Wednesday, February 18, 2026, adjourns at 8:10 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: _____