

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
of the Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

PRESENT:

Members:	In Person:	C. Cotton, E. Crowe, J. DiMeo, A. Grella, M. Iafrate, T. McNicol, A. Saggesse, J. Wigston, Student Trustees M. Galstyan, S. Cuesta
	Virtual:	F. Alexander, M. Barbieri
Administration:	In Person:	J. De Faveri, J. Sarna, R. Antunes, A. Arcadi, M. Brosens, J. Chiutsi, G. De Girolamo, K. Elgharbawy, T. Laliberte, C. McNeil, S. Morrow, L. Paonessa, J. Powers, S. Wright, K. Scanlon
	Virtual:	A. Iafrate
Absent with Notice:	Nil	
Recording Officer:	S. Greco	
Presiding:	E. Crowe, Chair of the Board	

2025:366 OPENING PRAYER AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair of the Board, Elizabeth Crowe, welcomed everyone to the Regular Board meeting at 7:29 pm and welcomed the Faith Ambassadors to lead the prayer followed by the Land Acknowledgement.

Chair Crowe thanked all the Faith Ambassadors that have participated and led the Regular Board Meetings during the 2024-2025 school year. *"Implementing the Faith Ambassadors in our schools was the best thing we did, as it defines what we are at the local level,"* commented Chair Crowe.

2025:367 ROLL CALL: All Present.

2025:368 APPROVAL OF NEW MATERIAL:

10 OCSTA Board of Directors Update
 15a MYSP Update / SMART Goals 2025-2026 Powerpoint
 15b 2025-2026 Operating Budget and 2025-20331 MYFRP Powerpoint
 16b Approval of Report No. 2025:05 Policy Review committee
 18b Update on Multiple Exceptionalities HUB (Revised)

MOTION: Cotton/Wigston

THAT the new material be approved.

- MOTION CARRIED -

2025:369 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: McNicol/DiMeo

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

- MOTION CARRIED -

2025:370 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR CURRENT MEETING: NIL

2025:371 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR PREVIOUS MEETING: NIL

2025:372 a) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Regular Board Meeting of May 27, 2025
 Special Board Meeting of June 10, 2025

MOTION: DiMeo/Cotton

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 27, 2025 and Special Board Meeting of June 10, 2025 be approved as presented.

- MOTION CARRIED -

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Vice-Chair Iafrate stated that she wanted to clarify one of the Declassified Items from the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting held on June 16, 2025 as follows:

Superintendent of Indigenous Education

THAT the Board approve the creation of a Superintendent of Indigenous Education (1.0 FTE) position effective August 1, 2025.

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CHAIR'S REPORT / UPDATE / INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGES:

Elizabeth Crowe, Chair of the Board, included her Chair's Report as part of the June 17, 2025 Regular Board Agenda. Topics included: St. Peter's 50th Milestone Anniversary and End-of-Year Festivities.

a) Recognition of Student Trustee Monica Galstyan

"Tonight, we are honoured to recognize Monica Galstyan, who is with us for her final meeting as a Student Trustee with the York Catholic District School Board. Monica is a truly remarkable young woman who has made a positive and lasting impact at every level of student governance. Her leadership, dedication, and integrity have set a powerful example—not only for her peers but for all of us who have had the privilege to work alongside her. At the Board table, Monica has been an engaged and thoughtful voice. Her contributions to our discussions have consistently been informed, articulate, and grounded in the best interests of students. At the provincial level, Monica has served as Vice President of the Ontario Student Trustees' Association and Chair of the Catholic Board Council. In these roles, she was instrumental in planning the 2025 Catholic Student Youth Day, held during Catholic Education Week. This virtual event brought together students from across Ontario in a shared celebration of faith and solidarity, inspired by the theme Pilgrims of Hope. Monica's deep commitment to reconciliation and Indigenous voice was reflected in the invitation of Thelend Kicknosway as the keynote speaker—who spoke on the topic of leadership from an indigenous perspective. At the school level, Monica has championed many projects to advance reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. She led a charity drive at OLQW that raised more than \$1,000 for the Indigenous Women's Resource Centre. She spearheaded schoolwide engagement around Orange Shirt Day, Red Dress Day, and Indigenous History Month. She is also a member of the Our Lady Queen of the World Catholic Academy's Student Council, President of the Science Club, and Co-President of the Drama Club, and member of the Arts Council, Model UN and school choir. Additionally, the Board of Trustees has been happy to support Monica in her work to update the World Religion curriculum. This fall, Monica will begin her studies in Health Sciences at McMaster University in Hamilton. We have no doubt that she will continue to lead with courage, compassion, and a deep sense of purpose. Monica, you embody the Catholic Graduate Expectations we strive to instill in all our students. You know what is right. You are brave enough to speak the truth. And people are drawn to your leadership because it comes from a place of sincerity and hope. We pray that you will always trust in God and in His plan for your life. Please stay in touch—we look forward to seeing all the good you will continue to do in the world. Thank you, Monica. God bless you on your journey."

In response, Monica Galstyan commented as follows:

"Honestly, I've been thinking about what I would say at the Board table at my last meeting for the past two years, ever since I heard my outgoing Student Trustee speak at their last Board meeting. Everyday I thought about it, I never knew exactly what I'd say because I knew I'd be overcome with emotion. Every single night when I think about this position that I have, I say that honestly, it has been a blessing from God. I never expected that sitting as a student trustee that I'd be successful and be able to sit at the Board table and elevate the voices of the students that I chose to represent. From every single member of the YCDSB—all staff, students, admin, everyone—you have made my experience remarkable, and you've allowed me to elevate the voices of students. So, by helping me, you have helped our School Board. And at the provincial level, it has been the same. Catholic education has been my passion and my joy because beyond teaching pedagogy, we also teach the values of what it means to be a Christian. I'm very glad to say right now that from the YCDSB, I have gained those very values. Thank you to all of you for the past couple of years, and thank you to the YCDSB for continuing to be a top Board in our Province".

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OCSTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE:

Trustee Jennifer Wigston OCSTA Regional Director, representing York Catholic District School Board, provided her report as part of the June 17, 2025 Regular Board Agenda. Topics included: OCSTA Year in Review, OCSTA AGM Follow-Up, CCSTA 2025.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT/ UPDATE:

Director of Education, J. De Faveri, provided his Director's Report in the June 17, 2025 Regular Board Agenda package. Topics included: Update on YRSTF Winners, Special Olympics Track and Field Meet and St. Augustine CHS Art Show.

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STUDENT TRUSTEES' REPORT:

Student Trustees Monica Galstyan and Sabine Cuesta provided their Student Trustee Report to Board in the June 17, 2025 Regular Board Agenda package. Topics included: Luke 4:18 Symposium, YSCPC Awards, Special Olympics, Semester 2 Exams and Graduation.

In closing, Student Trustee Cuesta acknowledged and expressed her appreciation to outgoing Student Trustee Galstyan stating, *“on behalf of all the students at the YCDSB whose lives have been touched, been changed, been improved by your tireless dedication, your commitment, your passion, your eloquence, and your humility: Thank you so much, and best of luck in all of your future endeavors.”*

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RECOGNITIONS / OUTSIDE PRESENTATIONS:**a) O.F.S.A.A.**

Joel Chiutsi and Tim Laliberte, Superintendents of Education: School Leadership introduced:

Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) Medal Winners as follows:

Senior and Open Tennis: Gold Medal: St. Robert CHS: A Huang

Senior Badminton Mixed Doubles, A-Flight Category: Gold Medal St. Robert CHS: E. Meng, R. Huang

Senior Girls Soccer: Bronze Medal: Holy Cross CA

D. Arena, C. Bisceglia, E. Carano, N. De Piero, L. Di Cerbo, A. Francis, R. Khananisho, A. Mazza, S. Mazzaferro, M. Penna, A. Piacente, O. Pillitteri, A. Pianelli, M. Rea, A. Rinaldi, D. Santoriello, I. Schroeder, C. Umbrello, E. Zanette

Badminton Girls Single, B-Flight Category: Bronze Medal: St. Theresa of Liseux CHS: L. Mak

Table Tennis, Girls Doubles Category: Gold Medal: St. Theresa of Liseux CHS: V. Chan, D. Han

b) 2025 Barbarian Cup

Junior Boys Rugby - Barbarian Cup: Silver Medal: St. Theresa of Liseux CHS

C. Achioso, Z. Alyas, J. Belviso, J. Bishara, N. Burmeister, F. Chen, M. Di Maria, C. Farokhsiar, C. Gonsalves, T. Jamil, N. Kim, K. Kofman, M. Krut, T. Lachapelle, M. Lee, W. Li, L. Liem, A. Mahida, R. Moazen Forough, N. Nicosia, M. Paik, O. Ponomarev, A. Ramez, G. Russo, M. Russo, A. Sarsam, J. Shenouda, E. Siger, T. Sinn

Students were given certificates and pictures were taken.

c) Librissimi Contest Winners

Silvia Cipoletta, YCDSB Lead International Language Instructor for the Italian Extended Day Program recognized the students who excelled at theLibrissimi School Contest. The contest was part of the Librissimi Toronto Italian Book Festival, that occurred in May 2025. More than 320 students participated to promote the Italian language and culture. The students explored the theme, Italian and books: the world between the lines". Students produced items ranging from storybooks to comic vignettes, from poetry to multimedia.

Primary Division: C. Poletti, V. De Melis: St. Clare CES

Junior Division: (Written Composition) M. Spozito, M. Chen, A. Martins: St. Gregory the Great CA

Junior Division: Artistic Work) E. Monti: St. Cecilia CES

Intermediate Division: I. Walker: St. Gregory the Great CA

Intermediate Division: G. Gallo, D. Ricci: St. Padre Pio CES

Multimedia: A. Iacobucci, C. M. Krutsyk, M. M. Molina, S. DiMauro: St. Gregory the Great CA

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d) Acknowledgement of Donations

Trustees Angela Saggese commented as follows:

"At the Board's Ad-Hoc International Language Extended Day Advisory Committee, it was brought forward by the Board's CFO that we needed to find alternative sources of funding as part of the obligation we made with the Ontario Minister of Education at the time. This alternative funding option would help ensure the continuation of the options to ensure the International Language Extended Day Program, which is an initiative that has already demonstrated great success, with over 5,000 students currently enrolled. These numbers speak clearly to the program's value and impact. In response, Vice Chair Maria Iafrate and I took the lead in identifying sustainable funding sources to support this impactful program. Through our research, we discovered that securing funding from the Italian government would require the establishment of an official association. And thanks to the invaluable guidance and leadership of Laura Innocenti, who is the Consulate Educational Officer for the Promotion of the Italian Language, who is in the audience tonight, and in alignment with this requirement, Vice Chair Iafrate and myself, and three other members, Luca Buiani, Dominic Mazzotta and Fausto Mammoliti, who are also here tonight, founded the YCDSB-ItaliaLinguacultura Association, which will serve as the formal channel through which funds will be received and allocated directly to the York Catholic District School Board for the International Language Program. Both myself and Vice-Chair Iafrate are representing this new association as we advance these efforts. An application has been submitted to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and I'm very pleased to announce tonight that we have received approval for funding.

Trustee Angela Saggese introduced Laura Innocenti, Consulate Educational Officer for the Promotion of the Italian Language.

"I arrived last year, so it's just one year that I'm in Toronto and responsible for the education office. On behalf of the Consulate General, Luca Zelioli, who couldn't be here today, I would like to say something more about this initiative. The Consulate General of Italy in Toronto is very pleased to announce that the project submitted by this new association, YCDSB-ItaliaLinguacultura Association, for the 2025-2026 school year regarding the curricular teaching of the Italian language in the 21 schools of the York Catholic District School Board, has been approved by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. The project will support the continuation of the Italian language and culture instruction for over 5,300 students in the YCDSB schools. This will be carried out through this new association and its active and constructive collaboration with the consulate."

Trustee Angela Saggese remarked as follows:

"In addition to pursuing international government support, the Association is pleased to report that partnerships have been formed with prominent community organizations that have expressed strong interest in supporting the program. These partnerships represent an encouraging step toward securing the program's long-term future. This evening, we are honoured to recognize two of these generous community partners for their outstanding support, Mr. Robert Sacco, President of the CIBPA (Canadian Italian Business and Professional Association) Education Foundation. The CIBPA Foundation has proudly supported post-secondary students through endowments at the University of Toronto. Since its inception in 1976, the Foundation has distributed or established endowments totaling over one million dollars, benefiting more than 1,110 students through scholarships and bursaries. We extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Robert Sacco, Mr. Tony Cocuzzo, and Ms. Sabrina Marrelli for their generous donation of \$35,000 in support of the Extended Day International Language Program."

Vice-Chair Maria Iafrate remarked as follows:

Chef Luciano Schipano, President of Heritage Calabria and a renowned chef and entrepreneur. As founder of the Hospitality Group of Companies, including Boccaccio Restaurant and Caffè 500, Chef Luciano is a passionate advocate for cultural preservation. He has donated \$5,000, the full proceeds from the silent auction at his annual gala, to support this initiative. Chef Luciano has also expressed a strong desire to continue supporting the program, as it aligns with his mission to help future generations connect with and take pride in their heritage—beyond food and wine. We are deeply grateful to these community leaders for their belief in and commitment to preserving language and culture through education."

A recess was called immediately following the recognitions at 8:25 pm

The Board Meeting resumed at 8:45 pm

Chef Luciano Schipano, President of Heritage Calabria remarked as follows:

"Madam Chair, Members of the Board, Educators, and Community Leaders, it's a real honor to be here with you tonight in support of something deeply important to all of us: preserving and promoting the Italian language and culture in our schools. On behalf of Heritage Calabria, we presented a cheque in the amount of \$5,000 to the Italia Lingua Cultura Association. This donation is more than a financial contribution; it's a statement of a commitment, a commitment of keeping our language alive, of giving our children the opportunity to connect with their language, and of celebrating the beauty of Italian culture in our Catholic school system. As a Sanguine born in Canada and raised in Italy, I have experienced both worlds. I know how powerful language can be. It's not just about words or grammar; it's about belonging. It's about identity. It's about passing on the values, traditions, and stories that define who we are. To the team of Italia Lingua Cultura, your work is essential. You are not just teaching language; you're inspiring pride and building bridges across generations. We thank you for your dedication to the York Catholic District School Board. Thank you for your ongoing support. Our international language program recognizes how crucial these initiatives are in shaping well-rounded, culturally grounded students. The cheque we presented is just one step, but it's part of a larger mission—a mission that requires collaboration between organizations like ours, educational institutions like yours, and the broader community. Let's continue to invest in our youth, in our culture, and in programs that give students the chance to learn not just who they are but where they come from. I want to thank all of you for welcoming us here tonight. On behalf of myself and the Heritage Calabria Board, we are proud to support this initiative and look forward to building more opportunities together in the future. May we continue to grow, teach, and inspire one student at a time."

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DELEGATIONS: NIL

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JOURNEY TOWARDS OUR VISION:

a) Multi-Year Strategic Plan Update / S.M.A.R.T. Goals 2025-2026

J. Sarna, Associate Director presented the reflection and analysis of Year Two (2024-25) SMART Goals as well as introduced the new goals that will help guide and shape what will go on throughout YCDSB in the 2025-26 school year. In the 2024-25 school year, there were 33 different SMART goals. Staff have determined that two SMART goals fall into the "action required" category, 10 of the 33 were in the "monitoring" category, and 21 of the 33 were achieved and/or hit the target.

For the 2025-26 school year, there are only 20 SMART goals being put forward that were developed through extensive collaboration and consultation across board teams, reinforcing the importance of having champions in each area to support and advance our work. The first strategic commitment is *Catholic Faith* with 3 SMART goals that focus on embracing change and building capacity. The second strategic commitment, *Equity and Inclusion*, have 4 SMART goals that require the work of both the Superintendent of Inviting and Inclusive Schools alongside our HREA office. The third strategic commitment, *Student Achievement*, will have 8 SMART goals with a focus on *Academic Achievement*. The final strategic commitment, *Well-Being*, has 5 SMART goals, targeted at supporting staff well-being, as well as goals that encourage and support student well-being.

The Board of Trustees was extremely pleased with the clear and concise format used to present the MYSP. On behalf of the Board, Chair Crowe expressed sincere thanks to Ms. Sarna and staff for their dedication in bringing the MYSP goals to life. The Trustees especially appreciated how the format allowed them to clearly measure the progress being made in schools.

b) 2025-2026 Operating Budget and 2025-2031 Multi-Year Financial Recovery Plan

C. McNeil, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Board, presented the 2024-25 Forecast, 2025-26 Financial Position and the Multi-Year Financial Recovery Plan. The latest forecast for the 2024-25 year, reflected an 11.6 million surplus after applying the Ministry approved POD Exemption of \$17.9M. The 2025-26 Operating Budget included assumptions from the MYFRP submitted to the Ministry in January 2025 and updated revenue and expense projections resulting in a compliance in-year deficit of \$9.4M. Funding announcement highlights were provided.

An update to the Multi-Year Financial Recovery Plan was presented projecting an accumulated surplus of \$155K by 2030-31.

MOTION TO MOVE ITEM TO AN ACTION ITEM: Cotton/DiMeo
- MOTION CARRIED -

2025:381 ACTION ITEM(S) (including Committee Reports)

a) 2025-2026 OPERATING BUDGET AND 2025-2031 MULTI-YEAR FINANCIAL RECOVERY PLAN

Revenue Estimates for 2025-26

MOTION: Wigston/McNicol

THAT the Board approve the submission of the Revenue Financial Estimates to the Ministry of Education for the fiscal year September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026, in the total amount of \$735,145,987 (based on Operating \$687,417,754 and Non-Operating \$47,728,233) as presented in this budget presentation.

- MOTION CARRIED -

Salaries and Benefits Estimates for 2025-26

MOTION: Cotton/DiMeo

THAT the Board approve the submission of the Salary and Benefits Expenditures Estimates to the Ministry of Education for the fiscal year September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026, in the total amount of \$621,172,883 (Salaries \$532,256,843 and Benefits \$88,916,040) as presented in this budget presentation.

- MOTION CARRIED -

Other Expenses Estimates for 2025-26

MOTION: Iafrate/Saggese

THAT the Board approve the submission of the Support Cost Expenditures Estimates to the Ministry of Education for the fiscal year September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026, in the total amount of \$123,419,845 (based on \$73,148,626 Operating expenditures, \$2,542,986 of REP and Other Grants/Programs expenditures and \$47,728,233 of Non-Operating expenditures) as presented in this budget presentation.

- MOTION CARRIED -

In-Year Budget for 2025-26

MOTION: Wigston/DiMeo

THAT the Board approve the submission of the \$9,446,741 *non-compliant deficit* to the Ministry of Education for the fiscal year September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026 as presented in the budget presentation.

- MOTION CARRIED -

Multi-Year Financial Recovery Plan

MOTION: Cotton/DiMeo

THAT the Board approve the Multi-Year Financial Recovery Plan, which projects an accumulated surplus of 155k by 2030-31.

- MOTION CARRIED -

b) RECEIPT OF REPORT NO. 2025:07 SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Committee Chair, A. Grella, presented for receipt, Report No. 2025:07 of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on June 9, 2025.

MOTION: Grella/Wigston

THAT Report No. 2025:07 of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on June 9, 2025, be received as presented.

- MOTION CARRIED -

c) APPROVAL OF REPORT NO. 2025:05 POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Committee Chair, A. Saggese, presented for approval, Report No. 2025:05 of the Policy Review Committee meeting held on June 16, 2025.

MOTION: Saggese/Iafrate

THAT the Board approve the following revised policies:
Policy 601 Accessibility Standards in Customer Service
Policy 603A School Fundraising
Policy 708 Outdoor Activity Equipment
Policy 803 School Generated Funds

- MOTION CARRIED -

d) APPROVAL OF REPORT NO. 2025:18 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Vice-Chair Maria Iafrate presented, for approval, Report No. 2025:18 of the Committee of the Whole private session held on June 17, 2025.

(i) DECLASSIFIED (Action Items for Approval): NIL**(ii) CLASSIFIED:****MOTION: Iafrate/Cotton**

THAT the confidential action items from the Private Session held June 17, 2025, be approved as presented.

- MOTION CARRIED -

e) APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PLAN

J. Powers, Superintendent of Education: Exceptional Learners, presented, for approval the Board's Special Education Plan, in accordance with Regulation 467/97 made under the Education Act. The plan will be posted on the Board's website.

MOTION: Cotton/Grella

THAT the Board endorses the Special Education Plan (June 2025) for submission to the Ministry of Education.

- MOTION CARRIED -

Trustee Carol Cotton requested that Superintendent Powers extend her heartfelt gratitude to the SEAC Committee. She acknowledged the tremendous strain that SEAC has been under and expressed sincere appreciation for their dedication and perseverance in striving to find better ways to serve students with special needs. Trustee Cotton also thanked SEAC for their ongoing support of the Special Education Plan that has been put forward.

f) APPROVAL OF DIRECTOR'S PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

E. Crowe, Chair of the Board, presented, for approval, the Terms of Reference for the Director's Performance Appraisal Committee.

MOTION: DiMeo/McNicol

THAT the Board approve the Terms of Reference for the Director's Performance Appraisal Committee.

- MOTION CARRIED -

g) MATH ACHIEVEMENT ACTION PLAN

A Arcadi, Superintendent of Curriculum & Assessment presented, for approval, the 2024-2025 Math Achievement Action Plan. The goal is to continue sporting student achievement and results in math to meet provincial standards. Board Math Leads inform, monitor and report progress as well as lead board-wide actions to meet the targets. School Math Facilitators work with Grade 3, 6, 9 classrooms of priority schools to support math academic achievement. Mr. Arcadi extended his congratulations to St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic High School for their substantial improvement in student achievement at levels 3 and 4. Appreciation was also extended to Math Facilitators Maria Rosa Schniering and Robert Ball for the outstanding work they have done in supporting our schools. Moving forward, EQAO scores will be shared with Trustees in the Fall 2025.

In response to a Trustee's inquiry, staff were asked to dedicate a section on best practices and key learnings to ensure this knowledge benefits the wider school community.

MOTION: Wigston/DiMeo

THAT the YCDSB Year 2 Math Achievement Action Plan be received as implemented.

- MOTION CARRIED -

2025:382 **DISCUSSION ITEM(S): NIL**

2025:383 **INFORMATION ITEM(S):**

a) Next Steps for Technology and Skilled Trades Centre at St. Joan of Arc CHS

J. Chiutsi, Superintendent of Education provided a report outlining the implementation plan for the establishment of the Technology and Skilled Trades Centre at St. Joan of Arc CHS. The Centre will be designed to deliver high-quality experiential learning in carpentry, electrical, automotive technology and plumbing-fields identified as high-demand sectors in the current labour market. This aligns with provincial priorities to enhance skilled trades education, broaden student career pathways and address workforce development.

The Board of Trustees asked for a strategic plan with dates that includes a financial plan with the key focus of establishing a Trades school. How will we assess if we are ready to start, succeed and not fail, what resources are needed. How many students do we need, what is the volume? Following the same format as the MYSP, a roadmap with colours, would be helpful. Vice-Chair Iafrate stated that she visited St. Joan of Arc CHS and recognized that they've done a lot of work so far but sending surveys to parents and students. Trustee Saggese stated that she recently attended a Skilled Trades Ontario Conference and met many skilled trades people who are interested in teaching and are on board and aligned with Ministry initiatives.

b) Update on Multiple Exceptionalities HUB

J. Powers, Superintendent of Exceptional Learners, provided a report that identified the locations of the Multiple Exceptionalities (ME) HUBS at Canadian Martyrs CES (Primary), Our Lady of the Lake CA (Intermediate), St. Joseph CES, Markham (Primary) and St. Mary of the Angels CES (Junior).

c) Summer 2025 Capital Projects and Community Notification Overview

K. Elgarbawy, Superintendent of Facilities Services and Plant shared information to confirm that the YCDSB is in full compliance with the *Community Notification of a Capital Project Protocol* by coordinating and implementing community notification procedures for all applicable summer 2025 capital projects. A copy of a notification letter to communities was included. Trustee Cotton asked that the letter includes a response will be guaranteed within 24 hours of receiving any inquiries. Mr. Elgarbawy advised that for urgent matters during the summer vacation period, a dedicated phone number will be provided to Trustees to ensure timely access and support.

d) Ministry Audit and Response

C. McNeil, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Board shared a summary of the Ministry Audit and Response. In 2024, the Ministry of Education engaged KPMG LLP to conduct a comprehensive financial and expenditure review of the YCDSB. The scope included the Board's structural deficit, use of POD funds, pay equity processes and compliance with financial controls. The report included KPMG's findings.

Trustee T. McNicol asked when the Board will release the KPMG audit report to the Catholic ratepayers, to which Chair Crowe responded that it will be discussed when it is on a board agenda.

e) Semi-Annual Development Circulation Report - January 2025 to June 2025

G. De Girolamo, Coordinating Manager of Planning & Operations provided a summary of major development applications received during the period of January 2025 to June 2025. The report included a summary of new development applications exceeding 100 low density and 250 high density units, as well as reporting of all development within Urban Growth Centres. The report highlighted Administration's involvement in various land use planning processes such as secondary plans, block and precinct plans and other land use studies undertaken from January 2025 to June 2025.

f) Vaughan Metropolitan Centre - Project Update

G. De Girolamo, Coordinating Manager of Planning & Operations provided an update on the status of the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre project, a joint use project with YRDSB in the city of Vaughan to build two elementary schools in one facility. Administration continues to work with all stakeholders to advance the land acquisition design and construction of this joint project and will bring further updates to the Board for information and approvals as required.

g) Student Transportation Services (STS) Operations Agreement Update

G. De Girolamo, Coordinating Manager of Planning & Operations provided an overview of proposed revisions to the shared service operating agreement governing student transportation services between the YCDSB and YRDSB. The agreement outlined the operational and administrative structure of the STSYR, a joint transportation consortium serving both Boards. The STSYR operating agreement review is still underway and a new agreement is expected to be signed and in effect for the 2025-26 school year. A key change is shifting administrative cost-sharing to align with student ridership.

Chair Crowe thanked Ms. De Girolamo for making changes to the STS agreement that the Board has talked about for years and facilitated them with her discussion with the co-terminous Board.

f) August 2025 Calendar

The August 2025 calendar was provided with no changes.

Chair Crowe advised that there will be a Special CTW and Special Board Meeting on Thursday, June 26, 2025 starting at 8:00 am. Due to the tight timeline, an exception to Operating By-Law 3.1.3 was put forward to allow delivery of the agenda by the end of day Monday, June 23, 2025:

3.1.3 Notice and Delivery of Agenda

Notice of all regular meetings shall be given, with such notice to be accompanied by the agenda and any background material for the meeting. All agendas and associated materials shall be delivered electronically by Board email 72 hours prior to the meeting taking place. Any new material submitted after 72 hours needs to be received by motion of the board or committee.

MOTION for Exemption to Operating By-Law 3.1.3: Iafrate/McNicol

THAT an exemption to Operating By-Law 3.1.3 be granted.

- MOTION CARRIED -

2025:384**NOTICES OF MOTION:**

Trustee Theresa McNicol, presented the following three (3) Notices of Motions:

TRUSTEE MOTION: Formal Letter to the Families of East Gwillimbury/Georgina/Newmarket

Whereas *former Chair Frank Alexander sent out a letter to the community of East Gwillimbury/Georgina/Newmarket regarding the censure of Trustee McNicol (September 27, 2023);*

Whereas *former Chair Frank Alexander sent out another letter to the community of East Gwillimbury/Georgina/Newmarket to give an update on the sanctions of Trustee McNicol. (October 8, 2023);*

Whereas *the Board has not been transparent with the community of East Gwillimbury/Georgina/Newmarket by not releasing that the Board lost the Judicial Review in court and should inform the community that their Trustee was successful;*

Whereas *it's time for the Board of Trustees to set the record straight.*

LET IT BE RESOLVED,

THAT *the Board of Trustees issue a letter to the community of East Gwillimbury/Georgina/ Newmarket regarding the results of the Judicial Review.*

TRUSTEE MOTION: Lifetime Ban for Jennifer MacKenzie (JMJ Workplace Investigation)

Upon mentioning the title of her Motion, Chair Crowe interrupted Trustee McNicol and stated that this Motion needs to be moved to an In-Camera Meeting.

TRUSTEE MOTION: Harassment and Bullying

Whereas *the York Catholic District School Board has no tolerance policy for harassment or bullying by anyone;*

Whereas *I have experienced harassment and bullying for the last five years.*

LET IT BE RESOLVED,

THAT *the Board of Trustees do an investigation into the harassment and bullying..*

These 2 Motions will be an Information Item at the August 26, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. The second Motion presented will be an Information Item at the In-Camera Meeting, Part C on August 26, 2025.

2025:385**FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S) / REQUEST FOR INFORMATION****2025:386****PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

2025:387 ADJOURNMENT – 9:58 pm

ON MOTION: Iafrate/DiMeo and CARRIED

Secretary of the Board

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