

**YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**of the Regular Board Meeting**

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

**PRESENT:**

Members: In Person: F. Alexander, M. Barbieri, C. Cotton, E. Crowe, J. DiMeo, A. Grella, M. Iafrate, T. McNicol, A. Saggese, J. Wigston  
Virtual: Student Trustees, A. Peta-Dragos (left at 9:25 pm), J. James (left at 9:25 pm)  
N/A

Administration: In Person: D. Scuglia, J. Sarna, R. Antunes, A. Arcadi, M. Brosens, D. Candido, J. Chiutsi, K. Elgharbawy, M. Farrell, M. Gray, T. Laliberte, C. McNeil, S. Morrow, L. Paonessa, T. Pechkovsky, L. Sawicky  
Virtual: S. Wright

Absent with Notice: All Present

Recording Officer: S. Greco

Presiding F. Alexander, Chair of the Board

**2023:308 CALL TO ORDER / OPENING PRAYER**

Chair of the Board, Frank Alexander welcomed everyone to the Regular Board Meeting and welcomed the Religious Education Department to lead the opening prayer at 7:33 pm. The Land Acknowledgement followed.

**2023:309 ROLL CALL – All Present**

**2023:310 APPROVAL OF NEW MATERIAL: NIL**

**2023:311 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

*Add: Comments from Chair Alexander under Business Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting*  
**MOTION: McNicol/DiMeo**

**THAT** the agenda be approved as amended.

**– MOTION CARRIED –**

**2023:312 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR CURRENT MEETING:**

Trustee Angela Saggese declared a conflict of interest for the Salaries and Benefits Estimates for 2023-24 portion for the budget approval.

**2023:313 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: NIL**

**2023:314 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):**

Regular Board Meeting of May 29, 2023

Special Board Meeting of June 7, 2023

Special Board Meeting of June 13, 2023

**MOTION: Saggese/Barbieri**

**THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 29, 2023, Special Board Meeting of June 7, 2023 and Special Board Meeting of June 13, 2023, be approved as presented.

**– MOTION CARRIED –**

**2023:315 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Frank Alexander, Chair of the Board provided individual apologies to Domenic Scuglia, Director of Education, Calum McNeil, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Board, Trustee Jennifer Wigston and Trustee Elizabeth Crowe.

**2023:316 CHAIR'S REPORT / UPDATE / INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGES:**

Frank Alexander, Chair of the Board provided his report in the June 20, 2023 Regular Board Agenda package. Topics included: Student Trustee Anthea Peta-Dragos, Press Conference, Director's Council, Graduation Ceremonies, Summer Vacation.

In recognition of Student Trustee Anthea Peta-Dragos last Board Meeting, Chair Alexander read aloud the following section of his Chair's Report.

*"It is with mixed emotions that I share that we are losing a passenger on our journey. Tonight, is the final Board Meeting for Senior Student Trustee, Anthea Peta-Dragos, as she has completed her term as Student Trustee for the YCDSB. Anthea's enthusiasm, positivity and intelligence have made our work as a Board much more enjoyable and productive. I want to particularly thank Anthea for her leadership in advancing a number of equity initiatives, notably in her work on the Menstrual Hygiene Committee, the Mental Health Committee and in creating an executive position to represent Indigenous students on the York Secondary Catholic Presidents' Council (YSCPC). Anthea has become an excellent mentor for student leaders across the country, including for Student Trustee James, who will become the Senior Student Trustee next school year. Anthea, we will greatly miss having you at this table, but we are excited that you will soon start your next adventure at Western University in London, Ont., where you will study Health Sciences. We are also proud to note that Anthea has been awarded the prestigious Western National Scholarship - Faculty Entrance Award, as well as the National Scholarship Study Abroad Award. The Western National Scholarship is awarded to students for all-round excellence, including in academic achievement, creativity of thought and service to others. These are Catholic School Graduate Expectations that we know Anthea exemplifies. Thank you for your excellent service, Anthea, and may the Lord bless you abundantly in all your future endeavors."*

**2023:317 OCSTA / BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S UPDATE:**

Trustee Jennifer Wigston, OCSTA Regional Director representing York Catholic District School Board advised that she had just received a copy of the Board Meeting Highlights and would share with Trustees via the Trustee Weekly Update.

Trustee Wigston brought Bill 98 to the Trustees' attention indicating OCSTA is in the process of developing responses to three draft regulations, due July 5<sup>th</sup>, that have been posted by the Ministry of Education. As well, OCSTA has just released a learning module for Catholic Trustees developed especially for Catholic Trustees called, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, and Our Faith, the Law and Anti-Racism. The faith segment features a video presentation by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins. The second segment features a presentation by former Catholic Trustee and current Justice of the Peace, Karen Valentine. Each segment includes reflections, questions and supplemental resources.

**2023:318 DIRECTOR'S REPORT / UPDATE:**

Director of Education, Domenic Scuglia provided his report in the June 20, 2023 Regular Board Agenda package. Topics included: Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association's AGM, Reconcili-ACTION Saskatchewan Trip; Recognition of Students' Artwork; YSCPC and Board Recognition; Director's Council; ShareLife; Records & Information Management; Milestone Anniversary, Response to Rainbow Flag Vote; Final Exams; Graduation Masses; End of School Year; May School Visits; Upcoming Events; Additional Items.

**2023:319 STUDENT TRUSTEES' REPORT:**

Student Trustee Jonah James reported as follows:

*"From May 27th to June 1st, 22 YCDSB student leaders had the opportunity to go to the great big flat province of Saskatchewan on a mission of reconciliation. Student trustee Peta-Dragos and I had the privilege of being a part of those 22 leaders. The trip which was organized by the board took students to Regina and Saskatoon, where students had the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of reconciliation and learn many lessons about how Reconciliation can be done in a deep, meaningful, and sacred way. Students were on a mission to discover how we can rebuild our relationship with our indigenous brothers and sisters, and ultimately create a school community that can provide the best possible education. We will later see a presentation about the trip, but if I were to take one thing away to tell you all as leaders of our school community, it would be that when Indigenous teaching is embraced and built into how we teach our kids, the quality of education it provides is truly amazing. We were all amazed by how reconciliation transformed Saskatchewan, and the group of 22 students is eager to work with you all to make York Catholic a board that is a leader in reconciliation, and in providing outstanding Catholic education.*

*We'd like to thank Ms. King, Mr. Galatianos, and Mr. Scuglia for organizing this once-in-a-lifetime trip, and for Trustee Wigston, and Trustee Crowe for accompanying us on our journey.*

*On June 8th, high school students across the board decided to walk out against the board's decision not to raise the Pride flag. All students have the right to demonstrate their democratic rights and protest for what they believe in a peaceful fashion.*

*Well, today marks the last Tuesday of the school year. Students have already begun writing their final exams. Students have been working hard over the past semester, and have been fighting through the all-too-common burn-out that second semester brings. As students finish up the last days of the school year, we want to thank everyone for the amazing year we had. We all as a community went through many highs and lows. But what remained consistent was our dedication and drive for academic excellence, and commitment to making sure our schools have communities that help others thrive. We are so inspired by all the students. Coming out of the pandemic, students had a hard battle to fight. We learned a lot about ourselves, and as a result, we grew as individuals and truly became better students. Once again, we want to thank the students of the 2022-2023 school year for an amazing year.*

*Finally, the class of 2023. You've had a very different and difficult high school experience. You've only had 1 and a half years of real high school experience. You've faced lockdowns, isolation, and heavy grade inflation before your grade 12 year. But nonetheless, you conquered the school year, despite all the odds. The class of 2023 is truly one of the strongest, if not the strongest graduating classes ever. You are all champions in what you do, and the sky is truly the limit for you all. We'd like to wish the class for 2023 the best of luck in their future endeavors and thank them for the dedication they've demonstrated throughout their time here at the YCDSB."*

Student Trustee Anthea Peta-Dragos reported as follows:

*For students, the month of June represents an exciting time of the year when school clubs, committees and councils wrap up their activities, an opportunity to reflect, plan ahead and celebrate achievements. Our Grade 8 and Grade 12 graduating students are ready to throw their grad caps into the air and toss their tassels to the side! Congratulations Class of 2023 on this important milestone in your lives! Student Trustee James and I wish you all the best in your future journeys!*

*On June 5th, 2023 we celebrated the 2023 YSCPC Leadership and Board Recognition Awards, the much-awaited annual event that recognizes excellence in our schools. I would like to extend our thanks to the Director of Education Domenic Scuglia and the YSCPC Teacher Advisors who made this event possible in person this year, as well as to all trustees, senior admins, teachers and principals who attended the event and honored us with their presence! Students were extremely proud to be recognized for the leadership, resilience, effort and dedication they invested!*

*This being my last Student Trustee report, I would like to say a few words.*

*It was May of 2021, in the middle of a global pandemic, when I was elected as the Student Trustee, a time when the entire educational system suffered an unexpected shift to technology-delivered instruction. I am completing my term today delighted to see that we are able to celebrate our graduations and achievements again in person. What a journey! During this time, we navigated not one, but two transitions to and from online learning, which greatly impacted the work and well-being of students, teachers and administrators. The past two years have been filled with many changes and some of the highest levels of stress, frustration and burnout. During all this time students have demonstrated resilience, courage, determination and remained committed to achieving their goals! Their strength inspired and motivated me to implement board-wide initiatives to address students' needs, with a focus on the following main objectives:*

1. *Eliminate **mental health stigma** and support students' access to mental health resources, by promoting acts of kindness, engaging students to participate in mental health discussions and conferences such as the Horizons Conference and Mental Health Panel Discussions.*
2. *The implementation of the **Menstrual Hygiene Project** in all 16 YCDSB high schools.*  
*As a result of Student Trustee advocacy and a partnership between the Ministry of Education, Shoppers Drug Mart and the YCDSB, starting with May 29, 2022 all students have been offered free menstrual hygiene products in schools. This year, on May 28, 2023, our entire YCDSB community celebrated one year since the successful implementation of this project in all 16 YCDSB high schools! It was great to notice the immense progress in students' levels of comfort in talking about menstrual health, combating stigma around menstruation and creating a more equitable educational space.*
3. *Support the **YCDSB Indigenous students** to have their voice and perspectives better represented at the board table by proposing the implementation of a **designated Indigenous Student Executive seat on the YSCPC starting with this school year**. This initiative supports the creation of an equitable system that honors the Indigenous community, supports reconciliation and enhances students' knowledge about First Nation, Metis and Inuit cultures. In June I had the honor to participate in the "**YCDSB Mission to Reconciliation**", a unique experiential learning opportunity that created an authentic, emotional connection between participants and the Indigenous community, as well as a deeper appreciation of the Indigenous community, their interest, passions and values. This represented an outstanding opportunity to listen, learn, reflect and bring back ideas to our schools of how to support all students to effectively advance on the path to Truth and Reconciliation. Student Trustee James and I would like to express our gratitude to the entire Board of Trustees and to Director Scuglia for offering students such unique and meaningful learning opportunities!*
4. *Enhance students' participation in **environmental sustainability activities**, through the "**Lead by Example Action Project - Plant a Tree with Us**", an initiative of the incoming YSCPC President Dabria Peta-Dragos, where YCDSB student leaders participated in a community tree planting event organized by the **Town of Aurora**. The initiative will be offered in other schools of the York Region next year.*
5. *Enhance **Equity, Inclusion, Diversity** in the YCDSB schools. As a member of the Ontario Student Trustee Association (OSTA-AECO) Equity and Inclusion Working Group, I collaborated with a group of Student Trustees across the Province of Ontario to educate students on topics related to equity such as anti-racism and 2SLGBTQ+ issues, and advocate for equitable and inclusive practices in Ontario education. I strongly believe and advocate for each student to feel welcomed, valued and supported in the YCDSB schools, no matter of race, ethnicity, disabilities, gender or identity. In support of the **2SLGBTQ+ student community across the YCDSB**, Student Trustee James and I put forward a motion for the raising of the progress flag at the YCDSB during the month of June 2023. Our commitment to represent the student voice at the board table, courage and advocacy work have been commended by the **Honourable Marci Ien, Canada's Minister for Women and Gender Equality**, who invited me to join the Pride Flag Raising Ceremony on June 8th on Parliament Hill.*

*After 14 years spent at the YCDSB and after 2 years spent in my role as a Student Trustee, it is time for me to say goodbye! I am so grateful for the learnings, love and kindness that I have been surrounded with over the past years. I would like to thank everyone who walked next to me on this journey! Student Trustee Alessandro Casbarro and Student Trustee Jonah James, two amazing*

*leaders, I am very proud of our accomplishments! Thank you to each and every YSCPC Executive! Best wishes for a bright future, your dreams are getting closer and closer! Thank you to the YSCPC Teacher Advisors, the YCDSB Mental Health Lead Michelle Prinzo, YCDSB Human Rights and Equity Advisor Michelle Farrell, Director of Communications Mark Brosens, Superintendents Sawicky and Chiutsi, Ms. Greco, Associate Director Sarna and Director of Education Domenic Scuglia and Trustees! Without your guidance and advice, we could not have been able to support students during all of this time!*

*As for the future, I am excited to join the Health Science Program at Western University in fall! I will carry with me forever. the learnings and love that I have been surrounded with. The York Catholic District School Board has had such a huge impact on my life and I will never forget it! From the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU YCDSB!! This concludes my final report as a Student Trustee!"*

2023:320

## **RECOGNITIONS / OUTSIDE PRESENTATIONS:**

### **a) Student Recognitions**

Anthony Arcadi, Superintendent of Curriculum & Assessment introduced the following:

A. Hoffman, St. Cecilia CES, Intermediate Oral Communications Winner: "Sign Language".  
 G. Sallati, St. Andrew CES, Junior Oral Communication Winner: "How Kids Can Change the World".  
 The two students recited their winning speeches.

J. Gadyatskaya, Cardinal Carter CHS – Honourable Mention – Ontario Schools Cricket Association Essay Contest  
 J. Wong, St. Augustine CHS – National Vimy Pilgrimage Awards for 2023

Lou Paonessa, Superintendent of Education: School Leadership introduced the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) Medal winners as follows:

B. Kulainthiran, Father Michael McGivney CA: Gold Medal, OFSAA Senior Boys Triple Jump  
 J. Chen, Our Lady Queen of the World CA: Two Gold Medals, OFSAA Swimming  
 A. Yeh, St. Augustine CHS: Bronze Medal, OFSAA Senior Varsity Tennis  
 Z. Ng, St. Augustine CHS: Gold Medal, OFSAA Badminton  
 A. Anghel, St. Robert CHS: Silver Medal, OFSAA Open Boys Single Tennis  
 A. Huang, St. Robert CHS: Bronze Medal, OFSAA Open Girls Doubles Tennis  
 V. Tang, St. Robert CHS: Bronze Medal, OFSAA Open Girls Doubles Tennis  
 D. Battaglia, St. Brother Andre CHS: Gold Medal, OFSAA Senior Boys Hockey  
 D. Catsanos, St. Brother Andre CHS: Gold Medal, OFSAA Senior Boys Hockey  
 M. Guerrieri, St. Brother Andre CHS: Gold Medal, OFSAA Senior Boys Hockey  
 C. Karagias, St. Brother Andre CHS: Gold Medal, OFSAA Senior Boys Hockey  
 A. Kozis, St. Brother Andre CHS: Gold Medal, OFSAA Senior Boys Hockey  
 L. La Marca, St. Brother Andre CHS: Gold Medal, OFSAA Senior Boys Hockey  
 K.W. Luu, St. Brother Andre CHS: Gold Medal, OFSAA Senior Boys Hockey  
 J. Lynch, St. Brother Andre CHS: Gold Medal, OFSAA Senior Boys Hockey  
 T. MacDonald, St. Brother Andre CHS: Gold Medal, OFSAA Senior Boys Hockey  
 R. MacPhail, St. Brother Andre CHS: Gold Medal, OFSAA Senior Boys Hockey  
 Q. McCulloch, St. Brother Andre CHS: Gold Medal, OFSAA Senior Boys Hockey  
 T. O'Dell, St. Brother Andre CHS: Gold Medal, OFSAA Senior Boys Hockey  
 J. Pereira, St. Brother Andre CHS: Gold Medal, OFSAA Senior Boys Hockey  
 L. Priolo, St. Brother Andre CHS: Gold Medal, OFSAA Senior Boys Hockey  
 W. Redshaw, St. Brother Andre CHS: Gold Medal, OFSAA Senior Boys Hockey  
 A. Salvino, St. Brother Andre CHS: Gold Medal, OFSAA Senior Boys Hockey  
 L. Spada, St. Brother Andre CHS: Gold Medal, OFSAA Senior Boys Hockey  
 A. Trianni, St. Brother Andre CHS: Gold Medal, OFSAA Senior Boys Hockey  
 T. Tsung, St. Brother Andre CHS: Gold Medal, OFSAA Senior Boys Hockey  
 A. Vessio, St. Brother Andre CHS: Gold Medal, OFSAA Senior Boys Hockey

Students were given certificates and photos were taken.

**b) Beyond the 94<sup>th</sup> Reconciliation Presentation**

N. Galatianos, Student Success Specialist and Principal of Indigenous Education and K. King, Indigenous Education Consultant provided a presentation of the 95<sup>th</sup> Call to Reconcilia-ACTION Saskatchewan Trip 2023 from May 30 to June 3, 2023. Students that had the opportunity to attend this excursion and provided highlights from their trip noting that this was once in a lifetime opportunity to expand their horizons and learn about Indigenous people while being immersed in their communities with hands-on activities. Highlights from their itinerary were shared where they had an opportunity to hear Chief Cadmus Delorme and Archbishop Don Bolen at the CCSTA Conference. The students also had the opportunity to visit Regina Indian Industrial School, participate in Tipi Raising, visit the RCMP Heritage Centre, Visit the Royal Saskatchewan Museum, Visit Wanuskewin Heritage Park and take Hoop Dancing Lessons. They also visited Sacred Heart School, Oskayak High School. Students will now return to their respective schools with a new perspective on inclusivity and diversity within their schools while supporting Indigenous people aligned with the Papal visit, the letters from the Canadian Bishops, and the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action.

**2023:321 DELEGATIONS: NIL**

A five-minute break was taken. Student Trustees Peta-Dragos and James left at 9:25 pm

**2023:322 JOURNEY TOWARDS OUR VISION:****a) 2023-2028 Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP)**

J. Sarna, Associate Director presented the 2023-2028 MYSP with a new Mission (*With Jesus Christ as our model, we provide all students with a Catholic education rooted in equity, well-being and learning*), Vision (*A recognized teacher in Catholic education committed to inclusion, excellence and innovation that develops socially responsible global citizens*), Core Values (*Catholicity, Equity/Diversity/and Inclusion, Excellence, Fiscal Responsibility, Integrity, Respect*) and Strategic Commitments (*Catholic Faith, Equity and Inclusion, Student Achievement and Well-Being*).

J. Sarna highlighted that each Strategic Commitment has a Strategic Priority with Goals and SMART Goals that will be measured by year one. Three goals were identified for Catholic Faith, three goals were identified for Equity and Inclusion, four goals were identified for Student Achievement and three goals were identified for Well-Being. J. Sarna further stated that the next step is to operationalize the goals and make them a reality – where are we going to allocate resources, what data are we going to measure our success? It was noted that in order to make this a reality, funds are required and Chief Financial Officer committed to investing funds where needed.

Staff was asked when they report on Goal #2 for Equity and Inclusion, to include what did we do in order to achieve the reduction in behavioural incident student reports.

The Board of Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions for clarification and were pleased that the MYSP had SMART Goals identified. It was noted that the SMART goals are the first year of the Board's Improvement Plan that once operationalized will make the MYSP come to life.

**MOTION: Crowe/McNicol**

**THAT** the Board approve the following **Mission** statement as a concise description of its purpose: *With Jesus Christ as our model, we provide all students with a Catholic education rooted in equity, well-being and learning;*

**THAT** the Board approve the following **Vision** statement as a vivid and engaging description of its idealized future state:

*A recognized leader in Catholic education committed to inclusion, excellence and innovation that develops socially responsible global citizens.*

**THAT** the Board approve the following **Core Values** as depicting its core beliefs:  
**Catholicity, Equity/Diversity/Inclusion, Excellence, Fiscal Responsibility, Integrity, Respect**

**THAT** the Board approve the following **Strategic Commitments** and the overarching, high-level Priorities that allow an organization to realize its vision:

**Catholic Faith:** Nurture faith formation and relationships with Christ.

**Equity and Inclusion:** Build and sustain an equitable, inclusive and accessible learning and working environment.

**Student Achievement:** Enrich and improve student learning so that excellence in achievement and engagement is possible for all.

**Well-Being:** Promote and nurture the social-emotional, spiritual, and physical well-being of all members of the YCDSB.

**THAT** the Board approve the following Strategic Goals that will endure over the course of the 2023-2028 MYSP:

**Foster** a culture that respects and honours the human dignity of all persons that is inspired by our relationship with Christ.

**Embed** and prioritize the Ontario Catholic School Graduate expectations into all curriculum areas.

**Cultivate** school environments focused on spiritual growth to support Catholic faith formation and deeper faith knowledge.

**Recognize**, value, integrate and celebrate the dignity and diversity of all students, staff, and Catholic school communities.

**Identify** and eliminate barriers to equity of access, opportunity and outcomes for all, as we acknowledge that we are all created in the image of God.

**Actively** promote, support and expect excellence for all students to achieve their God-given potential.

**Embed** culturally responsive and relevant pedagogy (CRRP) for the improvement of literacy and numeracy skills and to promote evidence-based instructional practices.

Align program initiatives with the global competencies and future trends in education and the workforce.

**Offer** inclusive and specialized programs that address and engage all student learner profiles.

Provide equitable access to evidence-based culturally-responsive services and resources for all.

**Support** ongoing individualized accommodations that support staff to perceive that their working conditions and environments are healthy, safe and inclusive.

**Foster** a culture of ongoing professional development to increase mental health literacy and enhance staff efficacy to improve employee engagement and support student well-being.

- MOTION CARRIED -

#### **b) 2023-24 Estimates – Financial Position**

C. McNeil, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Board and K. Scanlon, Budget Manager presented the 2023-2024 Financial position for the York Catholic District School Board. The 2022-2023 forecast was a deficit of \$12M as a result of the labour costs associated with Pay Equity. The overall 2023-24 estimates for compliance in-year position was (\$11.8M). A summary of the overarching budget pressures resulting from absenteeism, declining enrolment, pay equity and budget pressures impact was provided. Highlights of the YCDSC 2023-24 budget included investments to strengthen school leadership and to mitigate cyber-risk; labour costs updates related to pay equity; funds for Multi-Year Strategic Plan initiatives including supporting equity and inclusion and cost savings measures in certain areas (supply staff, facilities, maintenance, etc).

The Board of Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions for clarification. Trustees asked for a regular report to ensure funds allocated are being used in an effective way with regards to absenteeism.

#### **MOTION TO GO BEYOND 11:00 PM: Cotton/Crowe**

- MOTION CARRIED -

**MOTION: Crowe/lafrate**

THAT the Board allocate \$250K to the implementation of the Multi-Year Strategic Plan.

- MOTION CARRIED -

**1. Revenue Estimates for 2023-24****MOTION: Crowe/Barbieri**

THAT the Board, *subject to Minister's approval*, approve the submission of the Revenue Financial Estimates to the Ministry of Education for the fiscal year September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024 in the total amount of \$664,091,573 (based on Operating \$615,341,743 and Non-Operating \$48,749,830) as presented in the budget presentation.

- MOTION CARRIED -

**2. Salaries and Benefits Estimates for 2023-24**

Trustee Angela Saggese declared a conflict of interest as a family member is a YCDSB Administrator and did not take part in the consideration or discussion of, or vote on any question related to this item.

**MOTION: Crowe/Wigston**

THAT the Board, *subject to Minister's approval*, approve the submission of the Salary and Benefits Expenditures Estimates to the Ministry of Education for the fiscal year September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024, in the total amount of \$558,274,560 (Salaries \$477,760,002 and Benefits \$80,514,558) as presented in the budget presentation.

- MOTION CARRIED -

**3. Other Expenses Estimates for 2023-24****MOTION: Crowe/Barbieri**

THAT the Board, *subject to Minister's approval*, approve the submission of the Support Cost Expenditures Estimates to the Ministry of Education for the fiscal year September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024, in the total amount of \$117,618,325 (based on \$66,696,997 Operating expenditures, \$2,171,498 of PPF and Other Grants/Programs expenditures and \$48,749,830 of Non-Operating expenditures) as presented in the budget presentation.

- MOTION CARRIED -

**4. In-Year Budget for 2023-24****MOTION: Crowe/Wigston**

THAT the Board, *subject to Minister's approval*, approve the submission of the \$12,051,312 non-compliant deficit to the Ministry of Education for the fiscal year September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024 as presented in the budget presentation.

- MOTION CARRIED -

**POD Request****MOTION: Crowe/Cotton**

THAT the Board request that the Minister of Education allow the Board to use uncommitted Proceeds of Disposition to offset the increased costs due to Pay Equity in the 22/23 fiscal year of \$10.6M.

- MOTION CARRIED -

## 2023:323 ACTION ITEM(S) (including Committee Reports):

## a) APPROVAL OF REPORT NO. 2023:03 POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Committee Chair, Maria Iafrate presented, for approval, Report No. 2023:03 of the Policy Review Committee meeting held on June 6, 2023.

**MOTION: Iafrate/Cotton**

**THAT** the Board approve the following revised policy:  
Policy 109 Records and Information Management  
Procedure 109 Records and Information Management (New)

**THAT** the Board approve the following revised policy:

Policy 212 Concussions  
Policy 606 Catholic School Councils  
Policy 616 Community Use of Schools (*Previously Policy 703*)

**THAT** the Board, terminate the following policies (as they are all included in the new Policy 206)

Policy 206 Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions: Asthma  
Policy 209 Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions: Anaphylaxis  
Policy 213 Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions: Diabetes  
Policy 224 Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions: Epilepsy

**THAT** the Board approve the following new policy:

Policy 206 Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions: Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes and/or Epilepsy  
Procedure 206A Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions: Anaphylaxis  
Procedure 206B Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions: Asthma  
Procedure 206C Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions: Diabetes  
Procedure 206D Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions: Epilepsy

**THAT** the Board, terminate the following policies (as they are all included in the new Policy 207)

Policy 207A Administration of Oral Prescription Medication to Elementary & Secondary Students  
Policy 207B Administration of Oral Non-Prescription Medication to Elementary Students

**THAT** the Board approve the following new policy:

Policy 207 Administration of Oral Medication to Elementary and Secondary Students

**– MOTION CARRIED –**

## b) APPROVAL OF REPORT NO. 2023:03 CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Committee Chair, Jennifer Wigston presented, for approval, Report No. 2023:03 of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on June 7, 2023.

**MOTION: Wigston/DiMeo**

## a) Dual and Triple Feeder Schools Review

1. **THAT** the motion of 2008 (see below for motion) designating Area B as a dual feeder be rescinded as of September 1, 2024 (implementation Scenario 1). Students from St. Marguerite d'Youville CES catchment area are directed to St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS (home school), with all transportation to Our Lady Queen of the World CHS ending June 30, 2027.

*Original Motion:*

*THAT St. Marguerite d'Youville students living east of Yonge Street be given dual feeder status to both St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS and Jean Vanier CHS, effective immediately.*

*(December 9, 2008 Regular Board Meeting)*

2. **THAT** the motion in 2008 (see below for past motion) designating Area D as a dual feeder be rescinded as of September 1, 2024 (implementation Scenario 1). Students from Notre Dame CES catchment area are directed to Sacred Heart CHS (home school), with all transportation to St. Maximilian Kolbe CHS ending June 30, 2027.

*Original Motion:*

*THAT the Board endorse the Boundary Option "B" as outlined and amended in the report dated January 16, 2008...*

*(January 22, 2008 Regular Board Meeting)*

3a) **THAT** the transportation policy exception previously approved April 26, 2022 to transport students from Area G to St. Joan of Arc CHS be extended for the 2023-24 school year, ending June 30, 2024.

3b) **THAT** Transportation at that time shall be determined according to Board Policy #203.

4) **THAT** the motion in 2010 (see below for past motion) designating Area G as a dual feeder be rescinded to discontinue the dual feeder arrangement at Area G as of September 1, 2024 (implementation Scenario 1), with the final alignment of St. Cecilia CES to be determined by the in-process Boundary Review.

*THAT St. Cecilia CES, being located south of Major Mackenzie Drive, become a dual feeder to St. Joan of Arc CHS and St. Elizabeth CHS, including all Block 17 students.*

*(November 23, 2010 Regular Board Meeting)*

**b) 2024-2029 Long-Term Accommodation Plan Principles and Parameters**

**THAT** Trustees approve the 2024-2029 Long-Term Accommodation Plan – Principles.

**THAT** Trustees approve the 2024-2029 Long-Term Accommodation Plan – Parameters, amended to include under Item 1) New Schools and Additions, b) Consideration should be given to establishing new schools in communities where there is no existing Catholic School.

- MOTION CARRIED -

The Board of Trustees asked the Director for a follow-up email with the communication plan to the school communities.

**c) RECEIPT OF REPORT NO. 2023:07 SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Committee Chair Jennifer Wigston presented, for receipt, Report No. 2023:07 of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on June 12, 2023.

**MOTION: Wigston/Barbieri**

**THAT** the Report No. 2023:07 from the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on June 12, 2023 be received as presented.

- MOTION CARRIED -

**d) RECEIPT OF REPORT NO. 2023:04 YORK CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Committee Member, Theresa McNicol presented, for receipt, Report No. 2023:04 of the York Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting held on June 13 2023.

**MOTION: McNicol/Cotton**

**THAT** the Report No. 2023:04 from the Parent Involvement Committee meeting held on June 13, 2023 be received as presented.

- MOTION CARRIED -

The Board of Trustees requested that information be shared regarding the revised Catholic School Council Constitution be shared with school administrators. It was noted that guidelines are being developed and will be shared with administrators late August.

**e) TRUSTEE MOTION: Identification of Gifted Learners (E. Crowe)**

**Whereas** the PACE center at St. Paul CES in Newmarket is being closed due to low enrolment;

**Whereas** two new PACE centers are being added, one in Markham and a second center in Richmond Hill;

**Whereas** logically it makes no sense that one geographic quarter of the Board does not identify enough students to maintain an elementary gifted program whilst other geographic areas of the Board have higher concentration of identified Gifted Learners;

**Whereas** this calls into question whether or not the CCAT screening tool used by the Board, as a preliminary step to a psychological assessment, is bias-free and equitable.

**MOTION: Crowe/Wigston**

**THAT** a review of the current PACE screening process be undertaken from a Human Rights and Equity lens to ensure that the process is free of any social/economic/racial biases.

- MOTION CARRIED -

**f) TRUSTEE MOTION: Finding Transportation Efficiencies Thru School Bell Time Review (E. Crowe)**

**Whereas** in the report to the Joint Board Consortium dated December 2014, staff stated the following: "Savings can result from changing some existing school bell times. Changing bell times would ensure that school bus routes operate as efficiently as possible and would allow for the re-use of existing vehicles";

**Whereas** a process for School Bell Time Management was developed and presented to the Joint Board Consortium dated June 2015. It recommended that parents were notified no later than December for changes to be implemented the following September;

**Whereas** the implementation of the process was postponed indefinitely, i.e., never implemented, because Student Transportation Services wanted to implement new routing software which would make modeling easier;

**Whereas** the new transportation funding model did not adequately address the YCDSB transportation funding shortfall.

**Whereas** the Board has a deficit and other Boards have found significant savings by undertaking a system wide review. For example, Durham DSB and Durham Catholic DSB saved \$1.9M in 2017 and took 48 buses off the road after implementing a system-wide bell-time review. In 2022-23 they undertook a second study to find further savings since school demographics and riderships had changed.

**MOTION: Crowe/DiMeo**

**THAT** Student Transportation Services undertake a bell time review to find transportation efficiencies with a report to come to the board

-MOTION CARRIED -

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**DISCUSSION ITEM(S):****g) TRUSTEE MOTION: Motion to Enrich YCDSB Catholicity (F. Alexander)**

**Whereas** Christ is at the center of our Faith;

**Whereas** We are all one in Christ;

**Whereas** This oneness is intended to bring us all in unity and peace with one another;

**Whereas** Unity and peace have been severely fractured;

**Whereas** Unity and peace can only be found in the Prince of Peace;

**Whereas** Infusing the Prince of Peace in our lives and the life of our schools will bring us that peace.

**LET IT BE RESOLVED**

**THAT** the York Catholic District School Board adopt the Order of Daily Prayer and Recitations and Prayer before and after each class;

**THAT** the Policy on Prayer be amended to include Order of Daily Prayer and Recitations and Prayer before and after each class.

Chair Alexander asked that his Motion be deferred to receive input from the Archdiocese. The Board of Trustees asked that the Religious Education Team also provide their input.

This Motion will be deferred to the September 26, 2023 Regular Board Meeting for Action.

**2023:325 INFORMATION ITEM(S):****a) YCDSB Archives Committee Update**

D. Scuglia, Director of Education provided an update on the work done by the YCDSB Archives Committee and noted that an update will be provided mid-year in 2024.

**b) YCDSB Local F.A.C.E. Team**

D. Scuglia, Director of Education provided an update on the work done by the Local Friends and Advocates of Catholic Education (F.A.C.E.) Board Teams. The YCDSB Local F.A.C.E. Team continues to meet regularly to share the good news with our MPPs and Parishes.

**c) Student Device Update**

A. Arcadi, Superintendent of Curriculum & Assessment, Scott Morrow, Chief Information Officer and Calum McNeil, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Board provided the analysis of the technological needs at YCDSB Elementary schools. The analysis included data from a principal survey on technology needs, on-site physical inventory counts and Chromebook conditions assessments. Staff was asked to do an analysis, based on the best methodological practices and identify the schools that are not meeting the threshold.

**d) 2023-24 Estimates: Budget Book: Operating Revenue & Expenses**

Calum McNeil, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Board provided a copy of the 2023-24 Estimates: Budget Book: Operating Revenue & Expenses.

**e) 2023-24 Estimates: Salary, Benefits and FTE**

Calum McNeil, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Board provided a copy of the 2023-24 Estimates: Salary, Benefits and FTE.

**f) Semi-Annual Development Circulation Report: January to June 2023**

T. Pechkovsky, Coordinating Manager of Planning & Operations provided a summary of major development applications received during the period of January 2023 to June 2023.

**g) Non-Transportation Zone Review Holy Name CES and Our Lady of Fatima CES**

T. Pechkovsky, Coordinating Manager of Planning & Operations provided the changes to the non-transportation zones (NTZ) for Holy Name CES and Our Lady of Fatima CES for implementation September 1, 2024.

**h) Restructuring of the ASD Classes and Implementation of the Pilot ASD Itinerant Teacher Role**

D. Candido, Superintendent of Education: Exceptional Learners provided the Board of Trustees with a plan of action to support ASD students in the FDK classes at their home school by reallocating the ASD class teaching staff to the pilot role of ASD Itinerant Teachers within a three-year plan.

**i) Funding for One-Year Student Services Position**

D. Candido, Superintendent of Education: Exceptional Learners provided information to continue meeting the needs of our special education students. Due to a decline in funding, other funding sources may be accessed to hire one-year positions.

**j) International Education – Semester Abroad Program 2024**

M. Gray, Superintendent of Human Resources and International Education and I. Faraone, Principal of International Education provided information regarding the reintroduction and re-envisioning of the Semester Abroad Program for secondary students.

**k) August Calendar**

The calendar was shared.

**2023:326 NOTICES OF MOTION: NIL**

**2023:327 FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S) / REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

**RECESS AT 11:55 PM TO RECONVENE THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION AT 12:10 AM**

**2023:328 APPROVAL OF REPORT NO. 2023:17 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Vice-Chair Maria Iafrate presented, for approval, Report No. 2023:17 of the Committee of the Whole private session held on June 20, 2023.

**(i) DECLASSIFIED (Action Items for Approval):**

**MOTION: Iafrate/Crowe**

**THAT** the Board ratify the tentative settlement for renewal of the local collective agreement between the Board and CUPE Local 2331-02.

**- MOTION CARRIED -**

**(ii) CLASSIFIED:**

**MOTION: Iafrate/Crowe**

**THAT** the confidential action items from the Private Session held June 20, 2023 be approved as presented.

**- MOTION CARRIED -**

**2023:265 ADJOURNMENT: 12:15 AM**

**ON MOTION: DiMeo/Barbieri and CARRIED**

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**Secretary of the Board**

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**Chair of the Board**