

York Region District School Board (YRDSB)
York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB)

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SESSION
of the
JOINT BOARD CONSORTIUM**

The Joint Board Consortium meeting was held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 4:08 p.m. in the Board Room of the York Catholic District School Board, 320 Wellington Street West, Aurora, Ontario.

PRESENT:

YRDSB Trustees: J. Nathan, D. Sherman, E. Terrell-Tracey and Student Trustee B. Liu

YRDSB Staff: J. Fair and D. Reynolds

YCDSB Trustees: E. Crowe and D. Mazzotta

YCDSB Staff: T. Pechovsky and A. Yeung

STSYR Staff: J. Guchardi, D. Willis and C. Tupchong

Presiding: York Catholic District School Board Chair D. Mazzotta

Recording Officer: E. Forster

Regrets: Trustees T. McNichol (YCDSB) and C. McBain (YRDSB)

CALL TO ORDER

York Catholic District School Board Chair D. Mazzotta called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

York Catholic District School Board Chair D. Mazzotta asked any trustee who has a direct personal interest or direct or indirect pecuniary interest in any matter being discussed during the meeting to state their conflict and the nature thereof. No conflicts were declared at this time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(*)1. Moved by E. Crowe, seconded by E. Terrell-Tracey:

That the agenda be approved as written.

- Carried -

RECEIPT OF MINUTES

(*)2. Moved by E. Crowe, seconded by D. Mazzotta:

That the minutes of the Joint Board Consortium Meeting of October 25, 2018 be approved as written.

- Carried -

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes of the October 25, 2018 meeting.

Note: Trustee J. Nathan entered the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

ELECTION OF JOINT BOARD CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR FROM YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

YCDSB Chair D. Mazzotta called for nominations for the position of Joint Board Consortium Committee Co-Chair from the York Region District School Board.

Trustee E. Terrell-Tracey nominated Trustee J. Nathan for the position of committee Co-Chair.

At this time, it was announced that YRDSB Trustee J. Nathan had been acclaimed to the position of Co-Chair of the Joint Board Consortium for the 2019-2020 school year.

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D. Mazzotta nominated Trustee E. Crowe for the position of committee Co-Chair.

At this time, it was announced that YCDSB Trustee E. Crowe had been acclaimed to the position of Co-Chair of the Joint Board Consortium for the 2019-2020 school year.

Committee Co-Chair E. Crowe assumed the position of Chair at this time.

DECISION ITEM

2019-2020 Proposed Meeting Schedule and Locations

The proposed Joint Board Consortium meeting schedule and locations for the 2019-2020 school year:

- Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at York Catholic District School Board;
- Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at York Region District School Board, and
- Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at York Region District School Board.

(*)3. Moved by J. Nathan seconded by D. Mazzotta:

That the proposed meeting schedule and locations for the 2019-2020 school year be approved.

- Carried -

INFORMATION ITEMS

2019-2020 Transportation Budget

As outlined in the staff report, the 2019-2020 budgets were based on the following factors:

- no additional staff requirements;
- two new schools opening for the York Region District School Board;
- no new schools opening for the York Catholic District School Board;
- fuel cost fluctuations;
- cost increases due to contractual obligations;
- increased service needs for students based on program;
- planned software upgrade costs; and
- routing efficiencies.

It was noted that each Board is responsible for approving their specific transportation budgets.

Transportation Software Update

J. Guchardi, Manager, Student Transportation Services of York Region (STSYR), provided an update on the procurement status of a new transportation routing software.

STSYR has initiated a second stage process with a preferred vendor and a product demo has been scheduled. Contingent on successful negotiations, implementation of the new software will take place before the end of 2019.

In response to a trustee question, J. Guchardi confirmed the new software will have expanded capabilities including, but not limited to the ability to model multiple scenarios, for example bell-time changes and combining routes.

School Bus Safety Program

As outlined in the staff report, STSYR has introduced multiple new rider safety videos to enhance the current transportation safety programs available on the Student Transportation Services of York Region website, and is working with the Ministry of Education on an additional School Bus Safety Education Program.

Transport Canada School Bus Safety Task Force

J. Guchardi, Manager, STSYR, shared information about the Task Force on school bus safety being conducted by Transport Canada to consider the usage of seatbelts on school buses.

Committee members discussed potential challenges including, but not limited to oversight, financial impacts and liabilities. The Ontario Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) will be discussing this topic at an upcoming meeting. Updates will be provided following completion of the review at a future meeting.

Student Trustee B. Liu provided committee members with an update on the “Buses Need Belts” campaign initiated by students from Oscar Peterson Public School. Committee members recommended that STSYR share this feedback with OASBO for consideration by the Task Force.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Joint Board Consortium meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at the York Region District School Board.

(*)4. Moved by D. Mazzotta, seconded by J. Nathan:

That the Joint Board Consortium Meeting Public Session adjourn at 4:28 p.m.

- Carried -