

# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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Tuesday, May 23, 2023 1:00 pm PUBLIC MEETING

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	i)	Trustee Requests: N/A		
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Loving God,
Sanctify us in Your truth.
Your Word is truth.
We come before Your presence
and ask You to touch us with
Your Spirit.
Touch us so that we may carry
out our tasks in Your service.

Amen.



### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are gathered on the ancestral lands and waters of all Indigenous Peoples, who have left their footprints on Mother Earth before us.

We respectfully acknowledge, those who have walked on it, those who walk on it now, and future generations who have yet to walk upon it.

We pray to the Creator for strength and wisdom that all may continue to serve as stewards of the earth.

### 7. ADJOURNMENT

# **PUBLIC MEETING**

# Minutes Executive Committee Meeting April 18, 2023

Chair: F. Alexander Recorder: S. Greco

Present: F. Alexander, M. Iafrate, A. Saggese (Virtual), D. Scuglia, J. Sarna, T. Pechkovsky

Guest: N/A Absent (with notice): E. Crowe

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TOPIC	SUBSTANCE/DECISIONS		
Opening Prayer	Chair Alexander opened the meeting at 1:00 pm with a prayer, followed by the Land Acknowledgement.		
Roll Call	Trustee E. Crowe – Absent with Notice		
Approval of the Agenda	Chair Alexander advised that none of the Delegation requests on the Executive Committee agenda were approved.  Iafrate/Alexander - CARRIED		
Previous Exec Minutes	March 21, 2023 Public Minutes were approved  — lafrate/Alexander- CARRIED		
Business Arising	N/A		
Presentation	N/A		
Delegation Requests	<ul> <li>(i) Flying the Pride Flag – Paolo De Buono</li> <li>(ii) Acceptance and Evangelization at York Catholic DSB – Myles Vosylius</li> <li>(iii) YCDSB Students in Support of 2SLGBTQ+ Students – Patrick Mikkelsen, Isio Emakpor</li> <li>(iv) ASD Program – Theresa Notzi</li> <li>(v) ASD Program – Michael De Faria</li> <li>The above delegations were not approved at the "Approval of the Agenda" section of the meeting.</li> <li>Post Meeting: Chair Alexander approved an exception to Policy 106 Delegations to the Board and approved five of the above four delegations to be heard for 5 min each.</li> </ul>		
Recognitions/Outside Presentations	N/A		
Notices of Motion	Uhereas 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.  LET IT BE RESOLVED 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.  This Motion will be added as an Information Item on the April 25th Board Agenda.		
Regular Board Meeting Agenda	The draft Board Agenda for March 28, 2023 was reviewed with the following changes:  ADD: Correspondence to the Ministry of Education Follow-Up YCDSB Tutoring Support Program – Phase 1 and 2 International Language Extended Day – Exempt Students TRUSTEE MOTION: Identification of Gifted Learners (E. Crowe)		
Student Success & Pathways committee	The draft Board Agenda for May 15, 2023 was reviewed with no changes.		
Future Board & Exec Cmte Meeting Requests	N/A		

Director's Items	Alleged Discriminatory Comments – this item was moved to the Private Agenda (Executive Committee).		
Chair's Items	N/A		
Trustee Requests	<ul> <li>(i) Plexiglass in the School Offices (M. lafrate) – June 7<sup>th</sup> Corporate Services</li> <li>(ii) Stouffville Multi-Use Facility Update (M. lafrate) – Apr 25<sup>th</sup> Board Agenda</li> <li>(iii) Request for Info: Cost-Benefit Analysis for St. Katharine Drexel, etc (F. Alexander) - Apr 25<sup>th</sup> Board Agenda</li> <li>(iv) CCSTA Conference: Indigenous Funds (M. lafrate) - TWU</li> <li>(v) Tutoring Funds Two-Year Report (M. lafrate) - Apr 25<sup>th</sup> Board Agenda</li> <li>(vi) Update on Letter to the Ministry of Education (M. lafrate) - Apr 25<sup>th</sup> Board Agenda</li> <li>(vii) International Language Extended Day Report (M. lafrate) - Apr 25<sup>th</sup> Board Agenda</li> <li>(viii) Trustees' Attendance at Committee Meetings (M. lafrate) - TWU</li> <li>(ix) Use of "Business Arising" on Agenda (M. lafrate)</li> </ul> The above items were not individually addressed and redesignated as indicated above.		
Other	May Calendar – the calendar was reviewed with no changes.  List of "Notices of Motions" Outstanding to Date – information shared		
Next Executive Date	May 23, 2023 @ 1:00 pm		
Adjournment	1:15 pm – lafrate/Alexander CARRIED		

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3) Presentation/Petition Details

**Date of Board Meeting** May 30, 2023

### **Specific Statement of Issue**

I am aware of the ongoing issues at the last few Boards meetings with parents, organizations and Board. I would like to share views and make a request for collaboration, unity, peace.. To present a statement that is respectful, thought-provoking and balanced.

### If Applicable, your key recommendations/suggestions to address the problem/issue:

- \* YCDSB to consider short and long-term effects of its decision
- \* YCDSB to consider best use of available resources
- \* YCDSB to put aside personal alignment, feelings and affiliations and focus solely on the most important group in these ongoing issues; the children.

### 4) Electronic Presentation Details

Is your presentation in an electronic format?	No	
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3) Presentation/Petition Details

**Date of Board Meeting** May 29, 2023

**Specific Statement of Issue** 

Raising of the Pride Flag at YCDSB schools

### **Summary of key presentation points:**

The uniqueness of a Catholic system.

Compassion for students being harassed.

Possible issues with support for outside movements and organizations.

Responsibilities of Catholic parents.

### If Applicable, your key recommendations/suggestions to address the problem/issue:

Personal and spiritual support for students.

Understand the implications of support of outside organizations.

Encourage families in their Catholic faith.

Learn more about your Catholic faith.

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3) Presentation/Petition Details

Date of Board Meeting May 30, 2023

### **Specific Statement of Issue**

I am a mother and grandmother who would like to discuss the current mental health concerns of the children, the lack of services relating to support the well being of children and to discuss inclusion for all.

### Summary of key presentation points:

- 1. sexual orientation (S.O.G.I.)
- 2. the inclusivity of washroom
- 3. bullying

### If Applicable, your key recommendations/suggestions to address the problem/issue:

- 1. Inclusivity of all children for their ultimate well-being and safety
- 2. Focus on text book teachings and/or materials as well as creative arts

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### **Specific Statement of Issue**

**Date of Board Meeting** 

Gay Pride Flag should not be flown at any Catholic school. This secular flag encourages and affirms sinful behavior, thus endangering souls.

### Summary of key presentation points:

The Catholic faith in its essence is all inclusive and equitable because we all struggle with sin and need Jesus. The flag is a sexually-charged and ideologically-loaded symbol. The Catholic church through its riches in the deposit of faith, the wisdom of millennia, and The Magisterium, helps us with our struggles. Jesus died on the cross for all sinners...Jesus is the way the truth and the life. Society at large, including TCDSB community members, understand the flag to send a message that sexual behaviors outside of the context ordained by God should be considered perfectly moral and acceptable. We need young people to know the love of Christ by following him and making him their Lord and Savior. We don't want them to follow a secular cause at odds with the Church and the teachings of Christ.

May 29, 2023

### If Applicable, your key recommendations/suggestions to address the problem/issue:

The Catholic Church proposes that the month of June should be dedicated to the sacred heart of Jesus. The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is one of the most widely practiced and well-known Catholic devotions, wherein the heart of Jesus is viewed as a symbol of "Gods boundless and passionate love for mankind" A better witness of our Catholic Pride, would be to spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus to which the month of June is dedicated, using a flag with the image of the Sacred Heart. The Board should pass a motion to request a flag design from the Archdiocese of Toronto for a new Sacred Heart of Jesus Flag to be flown throughout the month of June, instead of the problematic gay Pride flag.

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**Date of Board Meeting** 

May 29, 2023

### **Specific Statement of Issue**

We feel that it is important to make our YCDSB Community aware of the relevance of Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus to meet the needs for inclusion for ALL members of our YCDSB community of faith. We are living in a time of division and we believe that the Sacred Heart of Jesus is the source of inclusion and acceptance for all.

Our proposal has 4 goals, listed in the "Key recommendations/suggestions to address the problem/issue"

### **Summary of key presentation points:**

The 4 key points below are meant to assist the faith development of our YCDSB Community, composed of students, staff and families.

We will provide a brief history of Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and how it is important to us today in dealing with our present struggles for inclusion.

### If Applicable, your key recommendations/suggestions to address the problem/issue:

Our proposal has 4 goals to address faith development and inclusion for all our staff, students and YCDSB families.

1) YCDSB should explicitly dedicate the month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This follows an almost 200-year tradition in the Catholic Church beginning in 1856, when Pope Pius IX declared the month of June to the Sacred Heart of

Jesus. However, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus goes back to the Early Church Fathers in the first centuries of Christianity.

2) An image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with open arms welcoming everyone to be displayed in a prominent

location in every school during the whole year. Furthermore, besides displaying it in each school, we would also encourage all classes to have the image displayed. Jesus told St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in his 9th of 12 promises: "I will bless those places wherein the image of My Sacred Heart shall be exposed and venerated".

- 3) AN INCLUSIVITY STATEMENT declaring that ALL OUR STUDENTS, STAFF AND FAMILIES of YCDSB are placed in the Safe Refuge of the Sacred Heart Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is inclusive and welcoming to all our community, including anyone that feels marginalized. No matter what students and staff are experiencing, they will always find a Safe Refuge in the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- 4) The Pastoral Letter: Heart Speaks to Heart should be made known and encouraged to our YCDSB Community, especially the Suggestions found in Section X of the Letter and attached here. This Letter was published on April 28th

2021, by former Archbishop of Toronto, Thomas Collins. In it Cardinal Collins speaks of the relevance of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to our faith communities, as a means for our students and families to grow in their faith and intimacy with

Christ, the healer of all our wounds.

### 4) Electronic Presentation Details

Is your presentation in an electronic format?	Yes
Type of Presentation	Presentation (Powerpoint, Google Slide, Keynote) with <b>no audio</b> and video embedded
Technology Requirements	I plan on using my own device (Macbook, PC or iPad)
Please indicate type of device	Lenovo PC
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Name of Group Being Represented (if Applicable)	Parents Opposed to Sexual Ideologies at School say no to raising the Pride Flag in Ontario Schools
Name of Home School being represented	
Are you a York Catholic District School Board employee?	No
Is this request related to a Motion and/or decision of the Board?	Yes
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### 3) Presentation/Petition Details

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Date of Board Meeting May 30, 2023

### **Specific Statement of Issue**

I'd like to present a petition on behalf of concerned parents who are opposed to the pride flag being raised for the month of June. Our petition has well over 2000 signatures and everyone who signed did so with the intention that the board be made aware of the petition which has garnered more signatures than the petition that was presented in support of raising the flag.

### **Summary of key presentation points:**

Just to present the petition and read it out loud. Currently we have 2269 signatures that were collected since April 28. We anticipate that many more will sign and I should have the final numbers for you at the next meeting.

### If Applicable, your key recommendations/suggestions to address the problem/issue:

The petition reads as follows:

As Catholics, we are taught that we must love our neighbour and treat every individual as a child of God, accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity.

Parents make a clear choice when they decide that their children will attend a Catholic school. They rightly expect that trustees, principals, teachers all partners in education will ensure that Catholic teaching is presented, lived and infused in all that we do. In that regard, the appropriate symbol that represents our faith, and the inclusion and acceptance of others, is the cross, which is visible at the entrance of every Catholic school. It is the primary symbol of our Christian faith.

We have created this petition to express opposition of flying the pride flag at schools for the month of June. Our kids should not be forced to celebrate anyones sexuality, and a flag will do nothing to keep anyone more safe. Its nothing more than a symbol of sexual celebration, completely inappropriate.

Catholicism and parental rights are being threatened, and we will not allow teachers who are LGBTQ to influence our children.

We are not homophobes. We are trying to shield our children from any sexual ideologies, both gay and straight. Children are

minors who have a right to a normal and innocent childhood. We are not STAKEHOLDERS. We are parents. EQUITY is not and will never be the same as EQUALITY. Inclusion means EVERYONE and the York Region Catholic District School Board & its Union members are infringing upon our religious beliefs by suffocating our children with woke political agendas & indoctrinations when they should be focusing on educating our kids!

We love all humans equally. Hate is the wrong word to describe parents feelings about the climate in schools today. Parents protesting the pride flag at school do not harbour any negative feelings towards the LGBTQ+ community.. We do however feel that their rights seem to supersede everyone elses. We also believe that kids should never learn about sex at school and we condemn any classroom discussion or public display that encourages or promotes gender confusion and same sex lifestyles in a classroom setting. We also strongly condemn the nature of several library books that contain sensitive material on homosexuality and transgender issues in elementary school libraries. Similarly, we harbour no contempt for transgenders as individuals but their insistence on using female-only spaces is invasive.

The promotion of a pride sticker and the likelihood that a flag will go up in June at all schools suggests a particular political agenda, which warrants examination. Concern about alleged incidents of bullying directed at the LGBTQ community within schools has been raised. However when requesting specific information on the actual number of such reports, it was communicated that the data is currently confidential and not publicly available. Despite clarifying that only the number of incidents was desired, the same response was given.

The lack of transparency and information provided by the York Region Catholic District School Board concerning alleged incidents combined with these extreme campaigns using safe space stickers to promote political agendas, raises necessary questions about their motives. Despite facing opposition from relevant individuals, including the Archbishop of Toronto and Cardinal Collins, who have both explicitly expressed their disapproval of such displays, the union and its members have vehemently insisted the stickers remain.

We must stand up against this before the Board caves to the pressure of political correctness and decide to raise the pride flag too.

Please share this. We must get as many signatures as possible before May 20th so that we may present a united front at this months meeting with this petition in hand that will speak for itself and will represent all of us.

Thank you.

### 4) Electronic Presentation Details

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### 3) Presentation/Petition Details

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### **Specific Statement of Issue**

Safe space stickers and the Pride flag

### Summary of key presentation points:

We are seeing a rise in violence and harm experienced by minority communities in Ontario and this includes those who are LGBTQ identified. Students and families in particular need to know that they will be safe in their neighbourhoods, workplace and schools. Rainbow flags and stickers are symbolic to the LGBTQ community as it signals that the premise is a safer space and that the operators and owners welcome them.

### If Applicable, your key recommendations/suggestions to address the problem/issue:

Ontario Human Rights Code provides for equal rights and opportunities and freedom from discrimination for all persons. People cannot be discriminated against or harassed because of their gender identity or expression. The YCDSB can show caring leadership for ALL students and their families by the simple yet symbolic act of raising the Pride flag and displaying a rainbow sticker on some door entrances.

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3) Presentation/Petition Details	
Date of Board Meeting	May 29, 2023
Specific Statement of Issue	

Raising Pride Flags - Why we should or shouldn't

### If Applicable, your key recommendations/suggestions to address the problem/issue:

Consequences/implications of not raising them

Consequences/implications of raising them

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Date of Board Meeting	May 29, 2023

### **Specific Statement of Issue**

Hello everyone, my name is xxx. I am a former student of York Catholic District School Board, and a current teacher in Ontario. Do we put the pride flag up on the flagpole of YCDSB schools? That might be the question tonight, but the answer to that question is based in another question.. What can we do to effectively show our love and respect for our gay and trans students as they live in the Catholic faith. I believe we should first look toward our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He died and rose from the dead to save us ALL from sin, regardless of our orientation. He is the true representative of love and respect, to ALL people. Now today you have people urging for pride flags to be raised at Catholic schools to promote love and respect to gay and trans people, as if the image of Christ doesn't already do that. Are they saying that Christ's sacrifice is insufficient or somehow inapplicable to gay and trans people? To me, that sounds extremely homophobic, and a faithless insult to Christ's sacrifice and love for ALL His people. If we truly want to serve our gay and trans students, and help them remedy whichever challenges they're burdened with, then we need to open a solution-focused dialogue with them and the community at large, with the teachings of Christ as our focal point. Raising a pride flag is not a solution-focused remedy. If a student is harassed or assaulted on the basis of who they're attracted to, waving a pride flag will not stop that from happening. What will stop that from happening, is to steer our anti-bullying efforts away from ineffectively basking in do-nothing symbolism, and instead steer our efforts toward building the confidence, self-esteem, and conflict resolution skills of ALL students. We must also remind our students of Christ's call for all people; to know that they are unconditionally loved by God regardless of who they are, and to love others unconditionally just as He does for us. This is the very call that we must apply in our solution-focused dialogue with students, including of course, those who are gay and trans; just as we do for students of other identities such as autism. You don't hear of loud fruitless calls to raise an autism flag every year at every school for an entire month; you hear calls for concrete strategies to properly foster their growth, development, and personal sense of value. Our students deserve not empty fanfare, but firm and applicable resolve; and our gay and trans students deserve this just the same. Hence why raising a pride flag is not only irrelevant, but a distraction from meeting this goal. Furthermore and more concerningly, the pride flag also carries a fornicative and debaucherous payload that is absolutely contrary to the faith, which again has no impetus on the practical solutions needed to effectively support the well-being of all students, including those who are gay and trans. So why the pressure to raise the flag? I believe it's because organizations such as Pflag threaten to label our board this Thursday as being "unsafe" for gay and trans students, unless what they call "meaningful action" takes place. However, Pflag York Region President Tristan Coolman later clarified that this "meaningful action" entails more than just raising a flag, it entails conversation and action to support gay and trans students. To that, I say that I 100% agree with Mr. Coolman. Let's engage in conversation and solution-focused action to support our gay and trans students. Merely raising a pride flag is not a substitute for it. So as long as we put our energy toward addressing the concerns of our gay and trans students and staff, there should be ZERO reason as to why Pflag would deem this board "unsafe" for gay and trans students. So thats where I implore for our Catholic school board trustees to NOT cave into the coercion of permitting the pride flag to be flown at our Catholic schools, and to instead assert

themselves on a willingness to engage in dialogue of finding concrete solutions that will help remedy any plights that our gay and trans students may be facing. But if organizations like Pflag still choose to label this board on Thursday as "unsafe" despite our willingness to engage in the more important dialogue that the Pflag President called for, then it would be clear that organizations like Pflag are lying; that their goal does not regard evoking a conversation and action plan to support our gay and trans students, but to specifically raise a flag on Catholic School property that represents values contrary to the Catholic Church. Do not let your fear of vicious false accusals of hate pressure you to concede on your true values of love. Let your trust in the Truth and the Light of Christ guide your conscience and your vote tonight; and if you are persecuted for your vote, remember the words that Jesus spoke in the Gospel according to John, Chapter 15, Verse 18, "If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you." To Christ be the Glory. God bless you all.

### **Summary of key presentation points:**

- Christ died and rose from the dead out of His love for ALL people, including gay and trans people.
- Why is the pride flag being urged for placement in Catholic Schools to show love and respect to gay and trans students, when Christ's sacrifice already does that?
- Our focus should be to help remedy whichever challenges that gay and trans students are burdened with, and engage with them and the community at large in concrete solution-focused dialogue, with Christ's love as our focal point.
- Empty fanfare and do-nothing symbolism like the pride flag does not provide any remedy to the plights that gay and trans students may be facing.
- The pride flag also carries a payload of fornication and debauchery contrary to the Catholic faith.
- We must not be coerced into conceding on our values of love, just to avoid false accusals of hate.
- Stand with your convictions, and allow Christ to guide your conscience.
- Vote NO to pride flags being raised at Catholic Schools.

### If Applicable, your key recommendations/suggestions to address the problem/issue:

Instead of engaging in do-nothing symbolism, especially symbolism like the pride flag which also carries a payload of fornication and debauchery contrary to the Catholic faith, we must give a declaration of intent to remedy whichever challenges that gay and trans students are burdened with, engage in concrete solution-focused dialogue, and place Christ's love as our focal point for ALL students, including of course, our gay and trans students.

### 4) Electronic Presentation Details

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Yes

**Spokesperson 1 Name** 

**Spokesperson 1 Email Address** 

**Spokesperson 1 Address** 

**Spokesperson 1 Home Telephone** 

**Spokesperson 1 Business Telephone** 

Spokesperson 2 Address Canada

3) Presentation/Petition Details

**Date of Board Meeting** May 29, 2023

### **Specific Statement of Issue**

WOKE indoctrination of our students

### **Summary of key presentation points:**

We should be concentrating on teaching our children the foundations of a solid education in order for them to lead successful lives, subjects such as math, science and history. Indoctrinating our youth about issues such as LBGT and Land proclamations serve no purpose other than to divide.

### If Applicable, your key recommendations/suggestions to address the problem/issue:

Let's stick to the basics and help our youth compete in a very demanding job market by teaching them core subjects such as math and science, English and History. Let's stop teaching them and pressuring them to adopt WOKE positions on issues such as LGBT and Native Indian Land acknowledgements.

### 4) Electronic Presentation Details

Is your presentation in an electronic format?	No
Acknowledgement	$\mbox{-}\ I$ am aware that my delegation presentation will be livestreamed during the Board Meeting.
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Name of Group Being Represented (if Applicable)

Are you a York Catholic District School

Board employee?

Is this request related to a Motion and/or decision of the Board?

Yes

No

**Spokesperson 1 Name** 

**Spokesperson 1 Email Address** 

**Spokesperson 1 Address** 

**Spokesperson 1 Home Telephone** 

**Spokesperson 2 Address** 

### 3) Presentation/Petition Details

**Date of Board Meeting** 

May 29, 2023

### **Specific Statement of Issue**

Flying the Pride Flag at the YCDSB

### Summary of key presentation points:

In 2018 I was elected to be the TCDSB Ward 2 Etobicoke Centre Trustee and was re elected in Oct 2022. I was open and vocal in support of the three recommendations from our 2SLGBTQ+ Committee at the TCDSB; to fly the Pride Flag at the CEC, at Schools and to recognize June as Pride Month at the TCDSB. I was very active in the debates and in the media, I spoke to the importance of supporting ALL students, staff and families and to live our faith through kindness and acceptance as we are all made in God's image and are all children of God

### If Applicable, your key recommendations/suggestions to address the problem/issue:

To fly the Pride flag and recognize June as Pride Month at the YCDSB

### 4) Electronic Presentation Details

Is your presentation in an electronic format?	No
Acknowledgement	- I am aware that my delegation presentation will be livestreamed during the Board Meeting. $$
Form prepared by:	
Date	May 01, 2023

May 23, 2023

### Finding Transportation Efficiencies Thru School Bell Time Review

Whereas in a 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, ie 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's

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 \$1.9 M 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.

**Whereas** reducing the number of buses will help address the bus driver shortfall.

### **LET IT BE RESOLVED**

**THAT** Student Transportation Services undertake a bell time review to find transportation efficiencies with a report to come to the Board for September 2024 implementation.

Elizabeth Crowe Trustee Aurora / King / Whitchurch-Stouffville

Reference No. 2023:11:0523:EC





### MOTION TO ENRICH YCDSB CATHOLICITY

**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**; (Appendix A)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Alexander

Trustee

Markham: Area 2: Wards 4, 5, 7, 8

Reference No. 2023:12:0523:FA

# **APPENDIX A**

### ORDER OF DAILY PRAYERS AND RECITATIONS

- 1. ACT OF CONTRITION
- 2. A SHORT READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT
- 3. SONG OF PRAISE:

Praise to You Lord Jesus

King of endless glory

Saviour of the world

Saviour of the world

- 4. BOARD'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
- 5. NATIONAL ANTHEM
- 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER BEFORE AND AFTER EACH CLASS

- 1. Ensure a prayer asking Jesus's help and guidance precedes every class
- 2. Ensure that students are asked to offer their intentions
- 3. Ensure that every class ends with thanksgiving to Jesus

# YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

# AGENDA REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, May 29, 2023 7:30 P.M.

Watch the Board Meeting STREAM event on our YCDSB TV Channel: http://bit.ly/YCDSB-TV

Faith Ambassadors

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are gathered on the ancestral lands and waters of all Indigenous Peoples, who have left their footprints on Mother Earth before us.

We respectfully acknowledge, those who have walked on it, those who walk on it now, and future generations who have yet to walk upon it.

We pray to the Creator for strength and wisdom that all may continue to serve as stewards of the earth.

1. OPENING PRAYER / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

2.	ROLL CALL	D. Scuglia
3.	APPROVAL OF NEW MATERIAL	F. Alexander
4.	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA	F. Alexander
5.	DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR CURRENT MEETING	F. Alexander
6.	DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST FROM PREVIOUS MEETING	F. Alexander
7.	<ul> <li>APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES</li> <li>a) Regular Board Meeting of April 25, 2023</li> <li>b) Special Board Meeting of May 15, 2023</li> <li>c) Special Board Meeting of May 23, 2023</li> </ul>	F. Alexander
8.	BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	F. Alexander
9.	CHAIR'S REPORT / UPDATE / INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGES	F. Alexander
10.	OCSTA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S UPDATE	J. Wigston
11.	DIRECTOR'S REPORT / UPDATE	D. Scuglia
12.	STUDENT TRUSTEES' REPORT A. F	Peta-Dragos / J. James
13.	RECOGNITIONS / OUTSIDE PRESENTATIONS	
14.	DELEGATIONS a) Pending Approval	
15.	JOURNEY TOWARDS OUR VISION – STAFF PRESENTATIONS  a) MYSP 2023-2028 Presentation b) 2023-2024 Estimates - Preliminary Financial Position c) Using Census Data to Identify and Eliminate Barriers to Students Achieving Their Full Potential	J. Sarna C. McNeil M. McShine-Quao
16.	<ul> <li>ACTION ITEM(S) (including Committee Reports)</li> <li>a) Approval of Report No. 2023:15 Committee of the Whole (May 29)</li> <li>b) Receipt of Report No. 2023:06 Special Education Advisory Committee (May 1)</li> <li>c) Receipt of Report No. 2023:02 Joint Board Consortium (May 10)</li> <li>d) Receipt of Report No. 2023:03 Student Success &amp; Pathways Committee (May 1)</li> <li>e) Approval of Report No: 2023:02 Ad-Hoc International Language Extended Day Committee (May 18)</li> <li>f) Trustee Appointment to the YCDSB Indigenous Education Circle</li> <li>g) Dissolution of the Ad-Hoc Trustee Code of Conduct Committee</li> </ul>	M. lafrate J. Wigston F. Alexander 5) A. Saggese A. Saggese F. Alexander M. lafrate

	<ul> <li>Recommendation from the YCDSB Gender, Sexuality &amp; Catholic Education Committee</li> </ul>	D. Scuglia
	<ul> <li>Trustee Representation YCDSB Gender, Sexuality and Catholic Education Committee</li> </ul>	D. Scuglia
17.	DISCUSSION ITEM(S)	
	a) TRUSTEE MOTION: Identification of Gifted Learners	E. Crowe
18.	INFORMATION ITEM(S)	
	a) Contingency Plan: Blessed Chiara Badano CES & St. Katharine Drexel CHS	J. Chiuts
	b) Restructuring the Full Day Kindergarten Autism Spectrum Disorder Centres	D. Candido
	c) 2023-2024 Regular & Committee of the Whole Meetings	D. Scuglia
	<ul> <li>d) Policy 604 Child Care: Summary of Operator's Parent Satisfaction Survey by Location</li> </ul>	T. Pechkovsky
	e) Policy 615 Educational Partnerships – Annual Report	T. Pechkovsky
	f) New Graduation Requirements	A. Arcad
	g) Virtual School Update	J. Sarna
	h) May Calendar	

### 19. NOTICES OF MOTION

(Notices of Motion are to be submitted in writing and will return to the subsequent meeting as Information, the following meeting as Discussion, and finally Action at the next Board Meeting.)

# 20. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S) / REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

### 21. ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, June 20 2023 7:30 PM

# YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE AGENDA

# Catholic Education Centre, Board Room Tuesday, June 6, 2023 6:30 P.M.

### Prayer

Make us worthy, Lord, to serve our fellow brothers and sisters throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands this day their daily bread, and by our understanding of love, give peace and joy. Make us, Lord, worthy to serve our brothers and sisters who are scattered all over the world, who live and die alone and poor. Give them today, using our hands, their daily bread. And, using our love, give them peace and happiness. Amen.

### **Land Acknowledgement**

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1.	OPENING PRAYER (see below)	M.lafrate
2.	LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT	J.Sarna
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ROLL CALL

M.lafrate

4.	APPROVAL OF NEW MATERIAL	M.lafrate
5.	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA	M.lafrate
6.	APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES –January 17, 2023	M.lafrate
7.	BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:	M.lafrate
8.	OUTSIDE PRESENTATIONS;	M.lafrate
9.	STAFF PRESENTATION(S);	M.lafrate

### 10. ACTION ITEM(S)/DISCUSSION:

- a) Policy 106 Delegations to the Board (Trustees/Director)
- b) Policy 109 Records and Information Management
  - \*\*NEW Procedure 109 Records and Information Management (J.Sarna/R.de Soysa Martin)
- c) Policy 206 Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions: Asthma
  - Policy 209 Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions: Anaphylaxis
  - Policy 213 Supporting Medical Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions: Diabetes
  - Policy 224 Supporting Medical Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions: Epilepsy
  - \*\*NEW Policy 206 Supporting Medical Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions: Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes and/or Epilepsy (D.Candido)
  - \*\*NEW Procedure 206 A Supporting Medical Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions: Anaphylaxis
  - \*\*NEW Procedure 206B Supporting Medical Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions: Asthma
  - \*\*NEW Procedure 206C Supporting Medical Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions: Diabetes
  - \*\*NEW Procedure 206 D Supporting Medical Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions: Epilepsy (D.Candido)
- d) Policy 207A Administration of Oral Prescription Medication to Elementary & Secondary Students Policy 207B Administration of Oral Non-Prescription Medication to Elementary Students

\*\***NEW** Policy 207 Administration of Oral Medication to Elementary and Secondary Students (D.Candido)

- e) Policy 212 Concussions (D.Candido) Procedure 212 Concussions (D.Candido)
- f) Policy 317 Electronic Communications and Social Media (M.Brosens/M.Gray/S.Morrow)
   \*\*NEW Procedure 317 Electronic Communications and Social Media (M.Brosens/M.Gray/S.Morrow)
- g) Policy 402 Accommodations for Students with Moderate to Severe Learning Needs (D.Candido)
- h) Policy 606 Catholic School Council (Trustees/Director)
- i) Policy 703 Community Use of Schools (K.Elgharbawy/C.Gastsis) Procedure 703 Community Use of Schools (K.Elgharbawy/C.Gastsis)
- 11. FUTURE ITEM(S):
- a) Meta Policy 101 (J.Sarna/C.Allegranza)
- b) Policy 115 Prerequisites (C.McNeil)
- c) Policy 211 Indigenous Student Self-Identification (N.Galatianos)
- d) Report Truth and Reconciliation (N.Galatianos)
- e) Procedure 304A Research (A.Arcadi/M.McShine-Quao)
- f) Procedure 304B Internal School Surveys (A.Arcadi/M.McShine-Quao)
- g) Policy 603A School Fundraising (C.McNeil)
- h) Policy 603B Fundraising for External Charitable Purposes (C.McNeil)
- i) Policy 707 Acquisition and Development of School Sites (T.Pechkovsky)
- 12. **DISCUSSION**:
- 13. INFORMATION ITEMS:
- 14. FUTURE MEETING DATES: TBD
- 15. ADJOURNMENT



# JUNE 2023 TRUSTEE SERVICES

### **Monthly Virtue: HONESTY**

**July 2023** 

July 1

Canada Day (Holiday) CEC Closed—July 3

# August 2023

August 7—Simcoe Day (Holiday)
August 29—5pm Committee of the Whole
August 29—6:30 pm, (Tent) Mass
followed by Regular Board

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation. Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel. As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You. Amen



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
ı	TAL AN	National Indigenous Peoples Da June 21		1	PA Day (E)	3
4	5 6:30 pm YSCPC & Board Recognition Awards	6 6:30 pm Policy Review	7 Director's Council 6:30 pm Corp Services (Public) 8pm Corp (Private)	8	9	10
11	12 7pm SEAC	13 1pm Executive (Public) 2pm Executive (Private) 7pm YCPIC	14 5pm HR Committee	15	16	17
18 Happy Jathers	19	20 6:30 pm CTW 7:30pm Regular Board	21 National Indigenous Peoples Day	22	23	24
25	26	27 <b>25</b>	28	8am Special Board (If Needed)	PA Day (S) Elementary Schools: Dismissal at Lunchtime	

DATE / MEETING	NOTICES OF MOTION		
2023:02:1122:FA	NOTICE OF MOTION: Moving Towards Equity Within the York Catholic District School Board (F. Alexander)		
NOTICE OF MOTION			
	THAT the Board begin the process of "Moving Towards Equity" within the YCDSB by focusing first upon learning tools and technological supports to education during the development of the 2023-2024 budget.  THAT Senior Staff initiate and oversee a process to:  IDENTIFY – essential learning tools required by our schools to effectively deliver the elementary curriculum and facilitate student achievement;  GATHER – data from all elementary schools concerning their current inventories of such tools (reflected on a per pupil basis);  PRESENT – a report to the Board as part of the 2023 Budget process to highlight this data and make recommendations for priority resource allocation that will support our movement towards equity in all schools;  THAT the Director of Education ensure that goals/actions/targets for "Moving Towards Equity" are highlighted in each year of the Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan.		
INFORMATION			
DISCUSSION	February 28, 2023 - Discussion was held		
ACTION	Motion Deferred to December 2023		

2023:08:0418:EC	NOTICE OF MOTION: Identification of Gifted Learners (E. Crowe)		
	THAT a a review of the current PACE screening process to be undertaken from a Human Rights and Equity lens to ensure that the process is free of any		
NOTICE OF MOTION	April 18, 2023 - Executive Meeting		
INFORMATION	April 25, 2023		
DISCUSSION	May 29, 2023		
ACTION			