

# PUBLIC MEETING

Minutes  
Executive Committee Meeting  
January 22, 2024

Chair: E. Crowe

Recorder: S. Greco

Present: M. Barbieri, E. Crowe, A. Grella (Virtual), M. Iafrate, A. Saggese, J. Wigston (Virtual), D. Scuglia, J. Sarna, T. Pechkovsky (Virtual)

Guest: N/A

Absent (with notice): N/A

TOPIC	SUBSTANCE/DECISIONS
Opening Prayer	Chair Crowe opened the meeting at 3:00 pm with a prayer, followed by the Land Acknowledgement.
Roll Call	All Executive Committee members present.
Approval of the Agenda	Iafrate/Saggese - CARRIED
Previous Exec Minutes	December 12, 2023 Public Executive Minutes were approved as presented. Iafrate/Saggese - CARRIED
Business Arising	N/A
Presentation	N/A
Delegation Requests	<p><b>Busing for French Immersion Students - J. Toma</b> <b>Cancellation of Buses for Holy Cross CA - R. Suppa</b> <b>Busing for French Immersion High School Students - N. Simo</b> <b>Busing for French Immersion High School Students - J. Pighin</b> <b>Busing for High School Students - J. Shamoon</b> <b>Busing for French Immersion High School Students - A. Agh</b> <b>Transportation for French Immersion High/AP Students for FBI - M. Robertson</b> <b>Transportation for French Immersion - R. Colantonio</b> <b>Transportation for AP - M. Rizzuto</b></p> <p>The Executive Committee agreed to refer the Delegations listed above to the Transportation Review Committee meeting of Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 6:30 pm, to speak for five min each.</p> <p><b>Transportation for St. Raphael the Archangel CES - J. Barci</b> Given that there was a Trustee Motion on the January 30th Board agenda, this delegation was approved to address the Board of Trustees for ten minutes.</p>
Recognitions/Outside Presentations	N/A
Notices of Motion	<p><b>Entry to St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS Feeder Schools - M. Iafrate</b> Whereas St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS is at capacity and therefore, a cap was placed on the school in order to maintain student and staff safety and well-being; Whereas families are transferring from public, private and other schools to St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS feeder schools namely, St. Mary Immaculate CES, St. Anne CES, St. Marguerite d'Youville CES, Father Henri Nouwen CES in order to access entry to St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS; Whereas a student Out of Boundary (TCH19) entering one of St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS's feeder schools must provide notarized documents (leases)/MPAC/tax bill of home address before being considered entry.</p> <p><b>LET IT BE RESOLVED</b> (<i>Revised since Executive</i>) <b>THAT</b> enrolment to St Theresa of Lisieux CHS remains capped at 1600 to ensure the safety of all students and staff. <b>THAT</b> any new grade 8 student registering at St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS feeder schools from January 31, 2024 to June 30, 2024 will be directed to Our Lady Queen of the World CA as their home Secondary Feeder school. <b>THAT</b> effective immediately, all and any transfers into our feeder schools for entry to St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS must have been transferred into the feeder school starting from grade 7. <b>THAT</b> Policy 226A Admission to Elementary Schools and Policy 226B Admission to Secondary Schools be put on a future policy agenda.</p> <p>The Executive Committee agreed that this Motion will be slightly revised and will be added as an Action Item on the January 30th Regular Board agenda.</p>

	<p><b>YCDSB Secondary Technology and Trades Academy - E. Crowe</b></p> <p>Whereas the Ministry of Education has placed a focus on technology and skilled trades through a multifaceted approach that includes but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- all students entering grade 9 in 2024 will now require a technological education credit to graduate</li> <li>- a new pathways to apprenticeship program;</li> </ul> <p>Whereas other Boards have established “Tech Hubs” that focus on Robotics, Manufacturing Tech, and Skilled Trades such as Windsor Essex Catholic DSB’s St. Anne Catholic Skilled Trades Academy and Learning Center;</p> <p>Whereas not all of our high schools have the space, equipment, resources and staff to deliver a variety of tech credits thereby limiting exposure of students to different STEM and Skilled Trade job options;</p> <p>Whereas the Board has made a commitment to pathways for all students through Experiential Learning, SHSM, Co-Op, Dual Credits, and OYAP and is always looking at ways to expand opportunities for all learners;</p> <p>Whereas MonAvenir Conseil Scolaire Catholique has notified the Board that it will no longer need the space it is leasing at the Our Lady of Peace Catholic Learning Center effective September 2024;</p> <p>Whereas there are many opportunities for partnerships and grants to help the Board establish a “Technology and Trades Academy”.</p> <p><b>LET IT BE RESOLVED</b></p> <p><b>THAT</b> staff bring a report to the Board with options to repurpose a part of the Our Lady Peace Catholic Learning Center as a YCDSB Secondary Technology and Trades Academy effective no later than September 2025, including an implementation budget for 2024-25 and operating budget for 2025-26.</p> <p>This Motion will be an Action Item on the January 30th Regular Board Agenda</p>
	<p><b>Motion to Bring Peace to YCDSB Using the Symbol of Our Faith - F. Alexander</b></p> <p>Whereas we are followers of Christ;</p> <p>Whereas we all find Peace in Christ.</p> <p><b>LET IT BE RESOLVED:</b></p> <p><b>THAT</b> no later than March 31, 2024, the Director of Education shall procure a sticker bearing a cross and the words: <b>We are one in Christ</b> (as appended) and affix same throughout York Catholic District School Board premises;</p> <p><b>THAT</b> the Director of Education shall advise the Board of Trustees when the stickers have been affixed.</p> <p>This Motion will be an Action Item on the January 30th Regular Board Agenda</p>
	<p><b>Motion to Bring Unity to YCDSB - F. Alexander</b></p> <p>Whereas The York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) has been fraught with disunity over the flying of flags;</p> <p>Whereas Constituents from all walks of life have advocated for finding unity in the National Flag of Canada, the Flag of the Province of Ontario, the Municipal Flag, the Vatican (Papal) Flag or the School Flag.</p> <p><b>LET IT BE RESOLVED:</b></p> <p><b>THAT</b> In order to bring Unity and Peace to The York Catholic District School Board, <i>Policy 712 Flag Display on Board Premises</i>, amended as follows:</p> <p>(1) SECTION A 3. PARAMETERS:</p> <p>a. Delete item 6. Under PARAMETER 3.8</p> <p>b. Add sub-section 3.8.1 to read: “Only flags listed under PARAMETER 3.8 shall be flown or displayed on or within the premises of the York Catholic District School Board”.</p> <p>(2) SECTION B: GUIDELINES</p> <p>a. Amend GUIDELINE 2 as follows: “Flags listed in PARAMETER 3.8 of SECTION A 3, PARAMETERS, may also be displayed inside the school either horizontally or vertically. No other flags shall be displayed within school premises.</p> <p>This Motion will be an Action Item on the January 30th Regular Board Agenda. The Executive Committee requested that the <i>Policy 712 Flag Display on Board Premises</i> accompany the motion.</p>
<p><b>Regular Board Meeting Agenda</b></p>	<p>The <i>draft Board Agenda for January 30, 2024</i> was reviewed with the following changes:</p> <p>ADD:</p> <p>Delegation: Transportation for St. Raphael the Archangel CES - J. Barci</p> <p>TRUSTEE MOTION: Entry to St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS Feeder Schools - M. Iafrate (Action)</p> <p>TRUSTEE MOTION: YCDSB Secondary Technology and Trades Academy - E. Crowe (Action)</p> <p>TRUSTEE MOTION: Motion to Bring Peace to YCDSB Using the Symbol of Our Faith - F. Alexander (Action)</p> <p>TRUSTEE MOTION: Motion to Bring Unity to YCDSB - F. Alexander (Action)</p>

	<p>TRUSTEE MOTION: OCSTA Resolution for Special Education Training - J. Wigston (Action) Trustee Alexander Personal Leave of Absence - E. Crowe (Action) Proposed By-Law Change: Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel - A.Saggese (Information)</p> <p>ADD: (Journey Towards Our Vision) YCDSB Graduation Rates</p> <p>DEFER: Item 16f TRUSTEE MOTION: Obligations Relating to Public Funds Spending or Obligation to Protect Public Funds to February 2024 Regular Board Meeting as Action. 18f C.A.A.R.E.Report Update - bring to February 2024 Regular Board Meeting</p> <p>MOVE: 16d - St. Luke CLC Update to CTW, Part B</p>
<b>Student Success &amp; Pathways Committee</b>	<p>The <i>draft Student Success &amp; Pathways Committee Agenda</i> for <b>February 5, 2024</b> was reviewed with the following changes:</p> <p>ADD: D2L Inservice of Students Transitioning from Grade 9 to 10.</p> <p>Chair Crowe noted that information was previously shared regarding graduation rates and asked that a presentation be given at the January 30th Regular Board Meeting.</p>
<b>Corporate Services Committee</b>	<p>The <i>draft Corporate Services Committee Agenda</i> for <b>February 6, 2024</b> was reviewed with no changes.</p>
<b>Policy Review Committee</b>	<p>The <i>draft Policy Review Committee Agenda</i> for <b>February 7, 2024</b> was reviewed with the following changes:</p> <p>ADD: Policy 111 Trustee Services &amp; Expenditures (Action) Policy 226A Admission to Elementary Schools Policy 226B Admission to Secondary Schools (pending approval of Trustee Motion on Jan 30/24) Policy 307 Opening Exercises (Discussion) Policy 808 Travel, Meals &amp; Expense Reimbursement (Discussion) (uber, electric vehicle mileage reimbursement)</p> <p>TO BE DETERMINED: Policy 106 Delegations to the Board Policy 205 Student Government</p>
<b>Transportation Review Committee</b>	<p>The <i>draft Transportation Review Committee Agenda</i> for <b>February 15, 2024</b> was reviewed with the following changes:</p> <p>MOVE: 8 a, 8b 8c, 8d to Discussion 12a, 12b, 12c, 12d</p> <p>The Executive Committee agreed that all delegations, received to date, regarding transportation will be given five (5) minutes on the agenda for February 15, 2024.</p>
<b>Future Board &amp; Exec Cmte Meeting Requests</b>	<p>N/A</p>
<b>Director's Items</b>	<p><b>Update on TV Monitor in Foyer</b> D. Scuglia advised that Communications and IT Department are working together to display promotional videos on the TV in the foyer, next to the Boardroom.</p> <p><b>Italy-Amo Invitation - Sunday, February 25, 2024</b> The Executive Committee agreed that no tickets will be purchased.</p>

<p><b>Chair's Items</b></p>	<p><b>Tax Increase Messaging by Municipalities</b>  Chair Crowe stated that King Township had a message in their newsletter as follows:  <i>With fiscal responsibility top of mind, the King team presented a blended rate of 3.54 per cent—which includes the Township, York Region and the school boards—and is less than the increased cost of living. We have many things to be proud of in this budget, including significant investments in infrastructure, which will ensure that the quality of life in beautiful King remains great.</i></p> <p>Chair Crowe stated that the School Board mill rate is set by the province and it was her understanding the increase has been 0% since we lost the right to tax. King Township is implying that they or the school boards have control over the education mill rate. Are other municipalities doing the same thing in their messaging?</p> <p>Chair Crowe asked Communications to report on this topic and look into all nine municipalities, if they are doing the same. This information will be shared via email at a later date.</p>
<p><b>Trustee Requests</b></p>	<p><b>Electric Vehicle Mileage Reimbursement (M. Iafrate)</b>  <b>Uber - Add as a Transportation Option (M. Iafrate)</b>  These two topics will be referred to the Policy Review Committee to <i>Policy 808 Travel, Meals &amp; Expense Reimbursement</i> accordingly for possible implementation.</p> <p><b>Update on AP Program (M. Iafrate)</b>  Vice-Chair Iafrate stated that she received many parent calls regarding the multiplier. Director Scuglia advised that a comprehensive report is being developed with clear direction and clarification by Superintendent Candido. Vice-Chair Iafrate noted that the staff report should be clear to indicate that Trustees did not change the multiplier. The report will clearly state that staff is looking at adding four more schools to the AP program. It was stated that no decision has been made because any changes to this program must be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval. The Director confirmed that was correct. Director Scuglia advised that consultation occurred with teachers and administrators, as the multiplier is an assessment tool. Parents were not consulted.</p> <p><b>St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS Access from Grade 8 (M. Iafrate)</b>  This was removed, as a Motion was submitted.</p> <p><b>MPAC - Religious Education (M. Iafrate)</b>  This topic will be moved to the Private session of the Executive Committee.</p> <p><b>Parameters / Guidelines for School Clubs (A. Saggese)</b>  This topic will be moved to the Private session of the Executive Committee.</p> <p><b>Adding St. Michael the Archangel Prayer at Every Board Meeting (A. Saggese)</b>  Trustee Saggese requested that the St. Michael the Archangel Prayer be recited at Board Meetings. Given that currently, we have Faith Ambassadors at the beginning, it was agreed that the St. Michael the Archangel Prayer be recited at the end of every Board Meeting. As a result, this requires a change to the Operational By-Law, No. 1. Trustee Saggese will submit a report (for Information) for Jan 30th with the intent to change the Operational By-Law. <i>Topic: Proposed By-Law Change: St. Michael the Archangel Prayer.</i> This report will be action at the February 27, 2024 Board Meeting.</p> <p><b>Legal Advice Regarding Agreement with Italian Government (A. Saggese)</b>  The Executive Committee agreed that this is an operational matter and that Trustees can direct the Director to seek a legal opinion. Information will be shared with the Director by Trustees.</p> <p><b>OCSTA Resolution for Special Education Training - (J. Wigston)</b>  Trustee Wigston will bring a Notice of Motion (for Action) ahead of the OCSTA AGM. The deadline for submitting resolutions to OCSTA is January 31, 2024.</p>
<p><b>Other</b></p>	<p><b>February Calendar</b> – the calendar was reviewed with no changes.  <b>List of “Notices of Motions” Outstanding to Date</b> – the list was shared with no changes.</p>

<b>Next Executive Date</b>	<b>Tuesday, February 20, 2024 @ 3:00 pm</b>
<b>Adjournment</b>	4:17 pm – lafrate/Saggese CARRIED