

PUBLIC MEETING

Minutes
Executive Committee Meeting
January 24, 2023

Chair: F. Alexander

Recorder: S. Greco

Present: M. Iafrate, M. Barbieri (Virtual), Elizabeth Crowe (Virtual), Joseph DiMeo (Virtual), Theresa McNicol (Virtual), A. Saggese (Virtual), J. Wigston (Virtual), D. Scuglia (Virtual), E. Pivato, J. Sarna, T. Pechkovsky (4:14 to 4:28 pm)

Guest: N/A

Absent (with notice): N/A

TOPIC	SUBSTANCE/DECISIONS
Opening Prayer	Chair Alexander opened the meeting at 3:59 pm with a prayer, followed by the Land Acknowledgement.
Roll Call	All Executive Committee Members present.
Approval of the Agenda	<i>ADD: Running List of Motion (M. Iafrate)</i> Iafrate/Crowe - CARRIED Trustee Alexander shared a revised Notice of Motion (Equity at the Start of Every School Year) to replace his previous one.
Previous Exec Minutes	December 13, 2022 Public Minutes were approved– Iafrate/Crowe- CARRIED
Business Arising	N/A
Presentation	N/A
Delegation Requests	N/A
Recognitions/Outside Presentations	N/A
Notices of Motion	TRUSTEE MOTION: York Catholic District School Board Foundation (E. Crowe) <i>Whereas students have shown that when a student's basic needs are not met their ability to learn is impacted;</i> <i>Whereas the COVID pandemic highlighted the disparities within our own communities and the subsequent rise in cost of living has made the gaps even wider;</i> <i>Whereas our mandate as a Catholic Learning Community is to ensure that all students are fully able to participate in learning;</i> <i>Whereas other Boards have set up a charitable foundation whose missions are to provide funds through school/student subsidies that support identified needs that are outside of the Board's GSN funding.</i> <i>LET IT BE RESOLVED</i> <i>THAT a report be brought to the Board outlining the steps involved in creating a charitable foundation to support the needs of YCDSB schools and families.</i> This Motion will be added as an Info Item to the January 31, 2023 Regular Board Agenda.
	TRUSTEE MOTION: Code of Conduct and the Human Rights Code (E. Crowe) <i>Whereas according to Reg 246/18 of the Education Act every board referred to in subsection 1 (2) shall review its code of conduct, in accordance with subsection (3), on or before May 15, 2023 and on or before May 15 in every fourth year thereafter;</i> <i>Whereas the Board has struck a committee to review the current Code of Conduct to bring suggested recommendations to the Policy Review Committee but the subcommittee does not have the mandate to seek legal advice without prior Board approval.</i> <i>Whereas there is a lack of clarity as to whether or not actions/words of a Trustee that may be deemed discriminatory under Ontario's Human Rights Code fall under the Board's Code of Conduct Policy and Procedure.</i> <i>LET IT BE RESOLVED</i> <i>THAT a written legal opinion is sought to make recommendations to the Board on how the Board is to address any future allegations of discriminatory behaviour by a Trustee.</i> Trustee Elizabeth Crowe asked to expedite this Motion as Action to receive a legal opinion before the March 7th Policy Review Meeting where the Board's policy will be updated. Trustee McNicol asked that the legal opinion also include harassment as Trustees are not covered by the Board policy and it is not clearly defined in the Code of Conduct. This Motion will be added as an Action Item on the January 31, 2023 Regular Board agenda. <i>Post Meeting - this Motion was slightly revised to include "harassment" for inclusion in the January 31st Board Agenda. as follows:</i> <i>Whereas our current Code of Conduct Policy does not specifically address allegations of harassment.</i> <i>THAT.....to address any future allegations of harassment and/or discriminatory.....</i>

	<p>Funding to Support AODA Requirements (J. Wigston)</p> <p><i>Whereas Ontario Regulation 191/11 Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) came into effect on June 13, 2005</i></p> <p><i>Whereas all school boards in Ontario must ensure their programs, services and infrastructure are complaint with AODA requirements;</i></p> <p><i>Whereas the deadline for implementing AODA regulations and standards is January 1, 2025;</i></p> <p><i>Whereas specific and systematic funding has not been allocated to school boards to achieve the required AODA accessibility standard;</i></p> <p><i>Whereas school boards can no longer access SEA funding for AODA equipment such as evacuation chairs.</i></p> <p>LET IT BE RESOLVED</p> <p><i>THAT OCSTA petition the Ministry of Education to provide multi-year specific and systematic funding allocated towards accessibility needs to enable school boards to achieve AODA accessibility standards by 2025.</i></p> <p>This Motion will be added as an Action Item on the January 31, 2023 Regular Board agenda. The deadline for submission to OCSTA to be included in the AGM is January 31, 2023. OCSTA has granted our Board an extension.</p>
Regular Board Meeting Agenda	<p>The draft Board Agenda for January 31, 2023 was reviewed with the following changes:</p> <p>ADD:</p> <p>TRUSTEE MOTION: York Catholic District School Board Foundation (Info)</p> <p>TRUSTEE MOTION: Code of Conduct and the Human Rights Code (Action)</p> <p>TRUSTEE MOTION: Funding to Support AODA Requirements (Action)</p> <p>Trustee Representation: 2022-26 School Mental Health & Addictions Strategy (Action)</p> <p>Trustee Representation: Toronto & Region Natural Science & Education Committee (Action)</p> <p>ADD:</p> <p>Catholic Virtual Ontario Presentation by Anne O'Brien (Outside Presentations)</p>
Student Success & Pathways Committee	<p>The draft Student Success & Pathways Committee Agenda for February 6, 2023 was reviewed with no change.</p> <p>Clarification was sought regarding the topic, Music and Arts program enrolment data analysis.</p> <p><i>Post Meeting Follow Up:</i></p> <p><i>At a previous SSP meeting a Trustee requested that staff provide data on the number of Music sections running in our secondary schools. The context of this request was with regards to elective courses that principals had to consider cancelling due to the number of class sections they had available to them; Principals typically cancel electives that have low enrollment but what is considered "low" has risen higher in the past few years in light of available sections due to government funding. During the conversation, a second request was made that the data include all Arts courses and not just Music. The topic will read, Secondary School Arts Credits.</i></p>
Corporate Services Committee	<p>The draft Corporate Services Committee Agenda for February 7, 2023 was reviewed with the following questions:</p> <p>Policy 802 and the Approval Authority Schedule - are they coming for Action/Discussion - why Info?</p> <p>Discussion was held regarding a transportation hub model for secondary students.. Trustee Saggese requested that T. Pechkovsky look into the review coming to the February 7th Corp Meeting as part of the St. Joan of Arc Dual Feeder report. It was clarified by Trustee Saggese, that this transportation is intended for students within the existing St. Joan of Arc Boundary, who are currently considered may ineligible for transportation. Trustee Saggese felt that staff was given ample time to prepare a report and if further</p>

	information is needed, it can be addressed at the February 7th meeting. It was noted that if policy changes are required, then this should be addressed at the Policy Review Committee.
Ad-Hoc International Language Extended Day Committee	The <i>draft Ad-Hoc International Language Extended Day Committee Agenda for February 7, 2023</i> was reviewed with no change
Future Board & Exec Cmte Meeting Requests	N/A
Director's Items	<p>Policy 405C Appointments to Principal and Vice-Principal Positions E. Pivato wanted to ensure there is a common understanding for Guidelines Parameter 1.2 (6b) as "positions of responsibility" in secondary encompasses leadership roles. For example, staff advisor, council lead at school, participating in initiatives piloted at the school, assisting Admin with OSSLT, etc.</p> <p>Policy 809 Staff Use of External Legal Resources E. Pivato advised that all changes to this policy will be brought to the March 7th PRC meeting.</p>
Chair's Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing a Policy that Establishes Priority in the Delivery - Include Act of Contrition at all Public Board Meetings & Assemblies - Report and Recommendation on Providing Transportation for French Immersion Students in South Markham - Information on Secondary school Honour Roll <p>D. Scuglia approved the agenda without the back-up to the Chair's Items and as a result the items were removed from the agenda.</p> <p><i>Post Meeting - S. Greco shared the email from Chair Alexander that included the content for each of the topics listed above. Staff addressed the items directly with Chair Alexander.</i></p> <p>Trustee Representation: 2022-26 School Mental Health & Addictions Strategy This Staff Committee requested 2 Trustee representatives. This will be added as an Action Item on the January 31, 2023 Regular Board Meeting</p> <p>Trustee Representation: Toronto & Region Natural Science & Education Committee This organization was seeking one Trustee representative. This will be added as an Action Item on the January 31, 2023 Regular Board Meeting</p>
Trustee Requests	<p>Transportation Hub Model for Dual Feeder Review, Maple (A. Saggese) Refer to the Corporate Services agenda for February 7, 2023 above for the discussion.</p> <p>Schedule Date for Ad-Hoc Trustee Code of Conduct Committee (T. McNicol) Staff will circulate another set of dates in an effort to secure a meeting with the membership. <i>Post Meeting: A date has been secured for Wednesday, February 22 at 11:30 am.</i></p> <p>Catholic Virtual Ontario Presentation by Anne O'Brien (J. Wigston) Trustee Jennifer Wigston advised that Anne O'Brien is willing to attend our Board Meeting to speak on Catholic Virtual Ontario. The Executive Committee agreed to add this presentation under #13 Recognitions / Outside Presentations.</p> <p>Running List of Motions Vice-Chair Maria lafrate requested a running list of Motions to date - whether they are current, past or outstanding.</p>
Other	<p>February Calendar – the calendar was reviewed with no changes.</p> <p>List of "Notices of Motions" Outstanding to Date – reviewed with no changes.</p>
Next Executive Date	February 21, 2023 @ 1:00 pm
Adjournment	4:52 pm – lafrate/Crowe CARRIED