

PUBLIC MEETING

Minutes
Executive Committee Meeting
March 21, 2023

Chair: F. Alexander

Recorder: S. Greco

Present: F. Alexander, E. Crowe, A. Grella (Virtual), M. Iafrate, T. McNicol (Virtual), A. Saggese (Virtual)

Guest: N/A

Absent (with notice): N/A

TOPIC	SUBSTANCE/DECISIONS
Opening Prayer	Chair Alexander opened the meeting at 1:00 pm with a prayer, followed by the Land Acknowledgement.
Roll Call	All Executive Committee Members present.
Approval of the Agenda	Iafrate/Crowe - CARRIED
Previous Exec Minutes	February 21, 2023 Public Minutes were approved– Iafrate/Crowe- CARRIED
Business Arising	N/A
Presentation	N/A
Delegation Requests	<p>(i) Catholic Values in Our Schools (Cinzia DeFrancesco) (ii) Catholic Values in Our Schools (Dina Mayr) (iii) Catholic Values in Our Schools (Diana Raponi) (iv) Catholic Values in Our Schools (Simon Khaouli) (v) Catholic Values in Our Schools (Marrick Baici) (vi) Catholic Values in Our Schools (Sheree Di Vittorio)</p> <p>The Executive Committee approved 5 delegations and agreed to reduce the delegation time to five (5) minutes each and have them all present their topic "Catholic Values in Our Schools". They will be advised to submit their written text by 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, 2022, and will also be notified that if they do not recite what they submit, their presentation will cease. Sheree Di Vittorio's delegation was not approved since she already presented at the February 28th, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.</p> <p><i>Post Meeting: Delegation (iii), rescinded her request to delegate by email on March 22, 2023.</i></p>
Recognitions/Outside Presentations	N/A
Notices of Motion	N/A
Regular Board Meeting Agenda	<p>The <i>draft Board Agenda</i> for March 28, 2023 was reviewed with the following changes:</p> <p>ADD: Delegations: (i) Catholic Values in Our Schools (Cinzia DeFrancesco) (ii) Catholic Values in Our Schools (Dina Mayr) (iii) Catholic Values in Our Schools (Diana Raponi) (iv) Catholic Values in Our Schools (Simon Khaouli) (v) Catholic Values in Our Schools (Marrick Baici)</p> <p>TRUSTEE MOTION: Commitment to Students and Staff 2023-2024 School Year Calendar</p>
Future Board & Exec Cmte Meeting Requests	N/A
Director's Items	<p>Reschedule April 19th HRC to Tuesday, April 18, 2023 The Executive Committee agreed to move the HRC meeting to Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 5:00 pm.</p> <p>Canadian Catholic Schools Trustee Association Conference – June 1 to 3, 2023 Director Scuglia advised that the focus for the CCSTA conference is "Truth and Reconciliation" and stated that he welcomes the opportunity to share the experience with secondary students, as well as the Trustees and Student Trustees that are attending. D. Scuglia will ask if the keynote speakers can be live-streamed so</p>

	that more students are able to listen to their message. A suggestion to open registration to one student per high school was brought forward. D. Scuglia will seek clarification if funds from the Indigenous Education Grant can be accessed for this professional development opportunity. An update will be provided.
Chair's Items	<p>TRUSTEE MOTION: Commitment to Students and Staff Whereas the Mission statement of the York Catholic District School Board is Guided by Gospel values and Catholic Virtues, in partnership with home and Church, we educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment; Whereas the York Catholic District School Board Multi-Year Strategic Plan identifies the core values of excellence, equity, fiscal responsibility, Catholicity, inclusion, integrity and respect; Whereas the delegations presented on February 28, 2023 violated the core values of equity, inclusion and respect and may have contributed to students and staff feeling unsafe.</p> <p>LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the York Catholic District School Board re-affirms its commitment to the inclusion of <u>all</u> students and staff and provision of educational services in a safe and caring environment and regrets any statements in delegations from the public on February 28, 2023, that might have contributed to students and staff feeling unsafe in their school.</p> <p>This Motion will be added to the Executive Report to Board for March 28, 2023 Regular Board Agenda.</p>
Trustee Requests	<p>Missed Items (M. lafrate) <u>Letter Sent to Minister Lecce re: Discriminatory Comments</u> D. Scuglia advised no update was received by the Minister's Office.</p> <p><u>International Language Extended Day - Breakdown of Reason for Exemptions:</u> The opt out form does not indicate the necessity for a reason. After speaking with principals at the schools with the largest number of opt-outs, the following reasons have been most referenced: - family is not of Italian origin and therefore student is not interested in subject - language processing issues (special education needs) - student having extra time to complete homework in other subjects Vice-Chair lafrate requested a list of ILI schools with the breakdown of reasons.</p>
Other	<p>April Calendar – the calendar was reviewed with no changes. List of “Notices of Motions” Outstanding to Date – N/A</p>
Next Executive Date	April 18, 2023 @ 1:00 pm
Adjournment	1:36 pm – lafrate/Crowe CARRIED