

PUBLIC MEETING

Minutes
Executive Committee Meeting
May 21, 2024

Chair: E. Crowe

Recorder: S. Greco

Present: M. Barbieri (Virtual), E. Crowe, M. Iafrate, A. Saggese, J. De Faveri, J. Sarna

Guest: N/A

Absent (with notice): N/A

TOPIC	SUBSTANCE/DECISIONS
Opening Prayer	Chair Crowe opened the meeting at 3:02 pm with a prayer, followed by the Land Acknowledgement.
Roll Call	All Present.
Approval of the Agenda	Iafrate/Saggese - CARRIED
Previous Exec Minutes	April 22, 2024 Public Executive Minutes were approved as presented. Iafrate/Saggese - CARRIED
Business Arising	N/A
Presentation	N/A
Delegation Requests	N/A
Recognitions/Outside Presentations	N/A
Notices of Motion	<p>An Audience with Ontario Bishops to Discuss Growing Seculars in Catholic Schools (F. Alexander)</p> <p>Whereas our Catholic schools are founded on Church TEachings and God's Word; Whereas cracks have appeared in our foundation through which non-Catholic teachings have sprouted; Whereas it is imperative that we repair the foundation and make it whole again.</p> <p>LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Chair write letters to the Archbishop of Toronto and the Chair of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario, asking for an audience to discuss growing secularism in our Catholic schools; THAT the audience include Catholic School Board Trustees, Directors of Education, OCSTA and other stakeholders.</p> <p>This Motion will be an Info Item on the May 28, 2024 Regular Board Agenda</p>
	<p>Continuation of Menstrual Hygiene Program (J. Wigston)</p> <p>Whereas Period poverty impacts the most vulnerable students; Whereas Menstrual hygiene products are basic necessities; Whereas A report by Plan International Canada noted that "34 percent of women and girls have had to regularly or occasionally sacrifice something else within their budget to afford menstrual products."¹; Whereas According to a government of Ontario news release, "Students who cannot afford menstrual products may experience a higher rate of absenteeism from school, challenges to engage fully in the classroom, and negative health effects, such as infections and toxic shock syndrome. It can also affect their social and emotional well-being."²; Whereas Convenient access to free period products helps promote gender equality and removes barriers to learning; Whereas The Province of Ontario launched the Free Menstrual Products in Schools initiative in October 2021; Whereas The three year agreement with Shoppers Drug Mart through the Province is set to expire in the fall of 2024;</p> <p>LET IT BE RESOLVED: THAT The Board write a letter to the Ministry of Education requesting that the Free Menstrual Products in Schools initiative become a permanent program, thereby ensuring continued and free access to period products for elementary and secondary students across Ontario.</p> <p>This Motion will be an Info Item on the May 28, 2024 Regular Board Agenda</p>

Regular Board Meeting Agenda	<p>The <i>draft Board Agenda</i> for May 28, 2024 was reviewed with the following changes:</p> <p>ADD: TRUSTEE MOTION: An Audience with Ontario Bishops to Discuss Growing Secularism in Catholic Schools (F. Alexander) (Info) TRUSTEE MOTION: Continuation of Menstrual Hygiene Program (J. Wigston) (Info) (Inspirational Moment): STREAM Video (Recognition / Outside Presentations) - YCDSB Regional Oral Communications, York Region Science & Technology Fair, 2024 Skills Ontario Competition, Vaughan in Motion 2023 EQAO School-by-School Results (Info) School Generated Funds at St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS (Action)</p>
Future Board & Exec Cmte Meeting Requests	N/A
Director's Items	N/A
Chair's Items	<p>Request from Vaughan in Motion to Attend a Future Board Meeting Vaughan in Motion will be invited to the May 28, 2024 Regular Board Meeting</p> <p>Status of School-by-School EQAO Report Chair Crowe advised that she requested EQAO data at the Student Success & Pathways Committee meeting of October 23, 2024.</p> <p><i>Post Meeting - School-by-School EQAO Data will be added as Info Item for May 28th Regular Board</i></p>
Trustee Request	<p>Sanitary Products in Every Elementary Female Washroom (A. Saggese) J. Sarna advised that a report will be compiled as Information for the June 18, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.</p> <p>School Generated Funds at St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS (M. Iafrate) Vice-Chair Iafrate asked staff to bring forward a recommendation to have St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS discontinue having their own banking account starting September 2024. A report will be added as Action at the May 28th Regular Board meeting.</p> <p>Report on All Organizations for Which YCDSB Students Raised Money (F. Alexander) Topic was deferred.</p>
Other	<p>June Calendar – the calendar was reviewed with no changes. List of “Notices of Motions” Outstanding to Date – the list was shared with no changes.</p>
Next Executive Date	Tuesday, June 11, 2024 @ 3:00 pm
Adjournment	3:36 pm – Saggese/Barbieri CARRIED