

PUBLIC MEETING

Minutes Executive Committee Meeting October 21, 2025

Chair: E. Crowe

Recorder: S. Greco

Present: E. Crowe, A. Grella (Virtual), 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 4:00 pm with a prayer, followed by the Land Acknowledgement.
Roll Call	All Present
Approval of the Agenda	Add: TRUSTEE MOTION: Exploration of Mobile STREAM Centres Add: TRUSTEE MOTION: Request for an In-Camera Meeting with OCSTA and Provincial Trustees Public Executive Agenda approved as amended. Saggese/Iafrate - CARRIED
Previous Exec Minutes	September 23, 2025 - Public Executive Minutes were approved as presented. Iafrate/Saggese - CARRIED
Business Arising	N/A
Presentation	N/A
Recognitions/Outside Presentations	N/A
Notices of Motion	EXPLORATION OF MOBILE STREAM CENTRES (J. Wigston) <i>Whereas</i> the YCDSB recognizes the value of STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts and Math) education for students; <i>Whereas</i> the YCDSB is committed to the equitable delivery of STREAM learning opportunities to students; <i>Whereas</i> ensuring that exceptional students have appropriate supports for off-site learning, including familiar surroundings and routines, may inadvertently create barriers for some classes and/or schools to fully participate in STREAM education experiences; <i>Whereas</i> timing constraints on STREAM visits are a natural result of transportation scheduling limitations; <i>Whereas</i> the cost of transportation for students to attend STREAM centres is funded centrally. LET IT BE RESOLVED: THAT staff investigate whether there may be efficiencies in transitioning to mobile STREAM centres where teachers are itinerant and hard goods are transported to the host school; THAT the report includes recommendations on increasing access to STREAM learning for exceptional students. This Motion will be an Information Item on the October 28, 2025 Regular Board Agenda.
Notices of Motion	TRUSTEE MOTION: Request for an In-Camera Meeting with OCSTA and Provincial Trustees (A. Saggese, M. Iafrate) <i>Whereas</i> the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) serves as the provincial voice for Ontario's 29 English Catholic school boards, advocating for publicly funded Catholic education to the provincial government; <i>Whereas</i> the OCSTA promotes and protects the Catholic school system by representing the interests of Catholic school boards on matters of education policy, governance, and funding, while providing professional services and resources to trustees across the province; <i>Whereas</i> the OCSTA functions as the central representative body for all 29 English Catholic District School Boards in Ontario; <i>Whereas</i> a negative and often inaccurate narrative regarding the role of school trustees has recently been portrayed in the media, overshadowing the important and positive contributions made by trustees to publicly funded education; LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association be requested to convene an in-camera meeting with all provincial school trustees to engage in a strategic discussion on how to collectively change the public narrative and ensure greater awareness of the good work being done by trustees in support of publicly funded education; THAT trustees across the province collaboratively explore ways to modernize and strengthen the role of trustees, ensuring continued relevance, transparency, and alignment with the mission of publicly funded education. The Executive Committee agreed that this Motion will be an Action Item on the October 28, 2025 Regular Board Agenda.

Student Success & Pathways Committee	The <i>draft</i> Student Success & Pathways Committee Agenda for October 27, 2025 was reviewed with no changes.
Regular Board Meeting Agenda	The <i>draft</i> Board Agenda for October 28, 2025 was reviewed with the following changes: <u>ADD:</u> TRUSTEE MOTION: Exploration of Mobile STREAM Centres (J. Wigston) Info TRUSTEE MOTION: Request for an In-Camera Meeting with OCSTA and Provincial Trustees (Action) TRUSTEE MOTION: Recognition of Red Wednesday as an Annual Event in Catholic Schools (M. lafrate) (Action) Social Media Class Action Lawsuit (Information) Update on G.S.C.E. Committee (Information) <u>CHANGES:</u> A. Grella will present Joint Board Consortium Add "Italian" to the title of Trustee Saggese's Motion
Future Board & Exec Cmte Meeting Requests	N/A
Director's Items	N/A
Chair's Items	N/A
Trustee Request	(Social Media) Class Action Lawsuit (M. lafrate) Director De Faveri stated that a brief (info) report will be added to the October 28, 2025 Regular Board Agenda. Red Wednesday - November 19, 2025 (M. lafrate) Vice-Chair lafrate noted that, as per the Archdiocese, Red Wednesday is recognized as a day to affirm the right to religious freedom for all. In support of this important initiative, Vice-Chair lafrate will be drafting a Motion to formally recognize Red Wednesday in the YCDSB calendar. This Motion will be an Action Item on the October 28, 2025 Regular Board Agenda. Update of Trade School (M. lafrate) An update was requested regarding the Trade School initiative being established at St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School. Superintendent Chiutsi will provide a formal update at the Regular Board Meeting on November 25, 2025. Rutherford Road and Peter Rupert Ave Development (M. lafrate) Vice-Chair lafrate noted the development of over 400+ new homes in the Rutherford Road and Peter Rupert Avenue area. In anticipation of continued growth in this community, staff have been asked to gather relevant information and provide an update at the November 25, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. G. De Girolamo will provide an update. Results of Survey for Equity Committee & Follow Up on Upcoming Committee Date (A. Saggese) Trustee Saggese requested an update on the survey distributed to members of the GSCE Committee. Director De Faveri advised that an update will be provided at the October 28, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.
Other	November 2025 Calendar – calendar was reviewed with no changes. List of Notices of Motions Outstanding to Date - No changes.
Next Executive Date	Tuesday, November 18, 2025 @ 3:00 pm
Adjournment	4:15 pm – lafrate/Saggese CARRIED