

# YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## MINUTES of the Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

### PRESENT:

Members: In Person: F. Alexander, E. Crowe, M. Iafrate, A. Grella, A. Saggese, J. Wigston  
Virtual: M. Barbieri, A. Grella

Administration: In Person: J. De Faveri, J. Sarna, C. McNeil  
Virtual: R. Antunes, A. Arcadi, A. Battick, M. Brosens, J. Chiutsi, G. De Girolamo,  
K. Elgharbawy, A. Iafrate, T. Laliberte, S. Morrow, L. Paonessa, J. Powers,  
L. Sawicky, S. Wright

Absent with Notice: Trustee C. Cotton

Approved Absence: Trustee T. McNicol

Recording Officer: S. Greco (In Person)

Presiding: E. Crowe, Chair of the Board

### 2024:571 CALL TO ORDER / OPENING PRAYER

Elizabeth Crowe, Chair of the Board, welcomed everyone to the Special Board Meeting and led the opening prayer at 6:42 pm followed by the Land Acknowledgement.

2024:572 ROLL CALL – Absent with Notice: Trustee C. Cotton  
Approved Absence: Trustee T. McNicol

### 2024:573 APPROVAL OF NEW MATERIAL: NIL

### 2024:574 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#### MOTION: DiMeo/Wigston

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

– MOTION CARRIED –

### 2024:575 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR CURRENT MEETING: NIL

### 2024:576 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: NIL

### 2024:577 a) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S): NIL

### 2024:578 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: NIL

### 2024:579 CHAIR'S REPORT / UPDATE / INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGES: NIL

### 2024:580 OCSTA / BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: NIL

### 2024:581 DIRECTOR'S REPORT / UPDATE: NIL

### 2024:581 STUDENT TRUSTEES' REPORT: NIL

### 2024:583 RECOGNITIONS / OUTSIDE PRESENTATIONS: NIL

**2024:584 DELEGATIONS: NIL**

**2024:585 JOURNEY TOWARDS OUR VISION:**

**a) 2023-2024 Year-End Financial Results**

C. McNeil, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Board presented the 2023-2024 Year-End Financial Results. It was noted that the in-year deficit has grown from \$12.9M to \$18.6M necessitating an updated request for Non-Compliant Deficit approval to be submitted to the Ministry. Part of the MYFRP requires monthly reporting to the Ministry. Prior year grant adjustments relating to 19/20 through 22/23, to fund retroactive salary and benefits, have significantly impacted 23-24 results both for revenue and expenses. The retroactive adjustments related to Bill 124, which was paid in 23-24 except for Principal and Vice-Principals and the labour negotiations. The Board of Trustees asked for a report on snow removal for the next Corporate Services Committee. Moving forward, staff and the Board of Trustees will focus on the MYFRP.

**2024:586 ACTION ITEM(S) (including Committee Reports):**

**a) APPROVAL OF REPORT NO. 2024:29 SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Vice-Chair Maria Iafrate presented, for approval, Report No. 2024:29 of the Special Committee of the Whole private session held on November 12, 2024.

(i) **DECLASSIFIED (Action Items for Approval): N/A**

(ii) **CLASSIFIED:**

**MOTION: Iafrate/DiMeo**

**THAT** the confidential action items from the Private Session held November 12, 2024, be approved as presented.

**- MOTION CARRIED -**

**b) APPROVAL OF REPORT NO. 2024:03 AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Committee Chair Maria Iafrate presented, for approval, Report No. 2024:03 of the Audit Committee held on November 12, 2024.

**MOTION: Iafrate/DiMeo**

Approval of YCDSB Consolidated Audited Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 2024

**THAT** the Board approve the 2023-24 Consolidated Financial Statements of the York Catholic District School Board, for the year ended August 31, 2024 as audited by Doane Grant Thornton LLP, and

**THAT** the 2023-24 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the York Catholic District School Board, together with the Auditor's Report, will be made available and posted on the Board's website.

Approval of YCDSB Audited Summary Schedules of Educational Development Charges (EDC)

**THAT** the Board approve the Summary Schedules of Education Development Charges of the York Catholic District School Board for the year ended August 31, 2024 as audited by Doane Grant Thornton LLP.

RIAT Risk Assessment and Regional Internal Audit Plan 2024-25

**THAT** the Board approve the YCDSB Regional Internal Audit Plan for 2024-25.

**- MOTION CARRIED -**

**c) STATUS AND RECOMMENDATION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE IB PROGRAM AT HOLY CROSS CA**

J. Chiutsi, Superintendent of Education shared information regarding the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program at Holy Cross Catholic Academy. Due to substantial declines in enrolment across all grade levels, resulting in financial and operational challenges that make the program sustainable, it was recommended that the IB Program be discontinued.

**MOTION: DiMeo/Wigston**

**THAT** the Board approve to discontinue the IB Program at Holy Cross Catholic Academy after the graduation of the current Grade 11 cohort. This phased approach will allow a smooth wind-down of the program without impacting students who are already enrolled.

- **MOTION CARRIED** -

**d) INTRODUCTION OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) PROGRAM AT ST. KATHARINE DREXEL CHS**

J. Chiutsi, Superintendent of Education shared information recommending implementing the Advanced Placement (AP) Program at St. Katharine Drexel CHS. Adding AP will enhance St. Katharine Drexel CHS's academic offerings, attract students interested in advanced learning opportunities, and enable the school to compete more effectively with nearby public schools that provide AP. It was noted that this proposal requires no additional budget allocations as the school has both qualified staff and sufficient student interest to initiate the program.

**MOTION: Wigston/Grella**

**THAT** the Board approve the introduction of the Advanced Placement (AP) Program at St. Katharine Drexel Catholic High School for the 2025-2026 academic year at no additional cost to the Board.

- **MOTION CARRIED** -

- 2024:587      **DISCUSSION ITEM(S): NIL**
- 2024:588      **INFORMATION ITEM(S): NIL**
- 2024:589      **NOTICES OF MOTION: NIL**
- 2024:590      **FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S) / REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**
- 2024:591      **PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**
- 2024:592      **ADJOURNMENT: 8:53 PM**  
**ON MOTION: Wigston/Saggese and CARRIED**

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Secretary of the Board

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Chair of the Board