

York Catholic District School Board
MINUTES
STUDENT SUCCESS & PATHWAYS COMMITTEE
Monday November 7, 2022

Attending:

Trustee Committee Members: F. Alexander, R. Cantisano, J. Wigston

Other Trustees: M. Iafrate

Absent with Notice: C. Cotton, D. Giuliani, D. Mazzotta

Administration: A. Arcadi, D. Candido, M. Farrell, M. Gray, C. McNeil, S. Morrow,
L. Paonessa E. Pivato, D. Scuglia

Recording: L. Coquim

Presiding: R. Cantisano, Committee Chair

1. **OPENING PRAYER:** (The Land Acknowledgement was recited after the Prayer)

2. **ROLL CALL:** All Present

3. **APPROVAL OF NEW MATERIAL: Nil**

4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

THAT the Student Success & Pathways Committee Agenda be approved as presented with addition of music/arts program and typographical corrections.

MOTION: Alexander/ Wigston

CARRIED

5. **APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

THAT the Minutes of the Student Success & Pathways Committee Minutes held on May 16, 2022 be approved as presented with minor grammatical corrections.

MOTION: Alexander/ Wigston

CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM the MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Trustees of the board have requested a copy of the Sankofa resources Pilot Project to share and review.

Superintendent Arcadi confirmed that resources were purchased and will be circulated to Trustees of the Board.

Trustees of the board requested Music and Arts program enrollment data analysis. Superintendent Arcadi confirmed that the curriculum department is in the process of gathering the data and will present the findings at the next meeting in February 2023

7. PRESENTATION(S):

Curriculum Updates Presentation

A. Introduction to Curriculum Website

Presented by: A. Arcadi

The curriculum department created a webpage on the YCDSB website that includes resources, details about previous in-services, links to ministry websites, etc. This web page also provides access to the curriculum department's twitter profile, which also contains timely updates and highlights the excellent work being done by the department. To assist with teacher inquiries, a list of curriculum department contacts is also accessible through the web page.

B. Curriculum Leads

Presented by: D. LaGamba & C.Mazzeo

The appointment of programme leads in each school was the topic of the presentation. The elementary panel includes; Math Leads & STREAM Leads. The secondary panel includes; Math, Destreaming, and EQAO leads.

Board Trustee Alexander requested that student success be used as the benchmark for smart goals to measure the effectiveness of these leads. In addition to EQAO leads, trustees would like to see leads for OSSLT

C. Religious Education Updates

Presented by D. Pimentel, N. Davie and F. Sarcinella

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Growing in Faith Growing in Christ resources now fully implemented in grades 1 to grades 8 in both digital and print form.
- Kindergarten religion document coming in Fall 2023.
- Grade 9 additional resources to be released in the upcoming future.
- Catholic Education Week Theme: We are Many, We Are One.
- When Faith Meets Pedagogy held on Oct 28th.
- Google site with twitter account for communication and sharing Religion events.
- Faith ambassadors and Faith chairs at CEC planning adult faith program.
- New "Student Faith Representatives"
- Secondary religious writing committee.

Board Trustee Alexander recommended that the board review the work with the last motion with the "Cross" and that we adhere to the motion that was passed when updating our website and presentations.

Trustee Wigston asked for clarification on the new secondary resources that will be made available in the near future at schools.

D. Pathways Updates:

OYAP - Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program

Presented by N. Gencarelli

- OYAP - promoting apprenticeships - Skills Trade Fair Excursions/ Field Trips
- Supporting students in trades skills apprenticeships through open house and virtual evenings to offer more information to students and parents.
- Promoting education awareness of the apprenticeship pathway.
- Supporting students - providing transportation and protective gear.
- Working with guidance and Co-Op teachers /teams to identify opportunities in trades.
- Evening hosted by YCDSB Programs and Pathways to support students in next steps in terms of moving into a pathway post high school. Event was well attended and included keynote speakers such as the: Ministry of Labour, Access Employment, Support Ontario Youth, and the Workforce Planning Board.

- YCDSB Program and Pathways department also hosted a Women in Trades symposium. A hybrid event that was attended by over 600 students across all 16 schools. The event included a number of EL opportunities and had representatives from various sectors.
- OYAP affiliations - YCDSB continues to build partnerships and affiliations with organizations such as MLITSD

Trustee Cantisano recommended that apprenticeship programs be highlighted in YCDSB marketing and that the program be made available to students earlier in their high school careers. More awareness is required to promote the apprenticeship sectors. Cantisano also suggested having a lead at each school for the OYAP program.

Consultant Gencarelli emphasized that positive feedback was received from Skills Trade evening and well attended by 600 parents and students.

Superintendent Arcadi also confirmed that the pathways presentation would be a part of the upcoming PA day scheduled for November 18th will focus on apprenticeship information.

E. Experiential Learning Presented by G. Falzone

- Two main Experiential Learning opportunities through Outdoor education.
 - YCDSB has created partnership with Lake Simcoe Conservation.
 - Outdoor Kits developed for students by division/ grade with curriculum integrated into activities.
- Writing team developed curriculum for pre and post field trips
- Breakdown of field trip requests reviewed for TRCA and
- Teachers to be in-serviced upon the delivery of the kits.
- Elementary kits are broken down by division
- Secondary kits are broken down by grade

Trustee Wigston praised the curriculum team for putting together the outdoor education kits that will be placed at each school.

F. Continuing Education - Fall Education & Tutoring C. De Haas/ J. Kwong

- International Languages - 16 different languages with 3500 students registered
- General interest programs - families paid for service, checkers, cooking, woodworking
- Programs are advertised through; Twitter, Instagram and YCDSB Website
- Secondary Fall Continuing Education Programs. Int. Languages Credit, After School NC and Night School Credit Courses
- Tutoring Supports - 2nd phase to government role out. 2.2-million-dollar allocation. Time allotted to March 2023 K-12 in Literacy, Mathematics
- Staff to review achievement data.
- Elementary Model - local school model and during instruction day.
 - Saturday tutoring face to face and remote models offered.
 - 385 tutors supporting almost 2000 students.
- Secondary Tutoring Supports - 3 models of tutoring supports.
 - Each school will be assigned a tutoring designate.
 - 161 teachers are now supporting unique students.
 - Focus on literacy and Math.

Trustee Alexander asked for clarification on the selection of the 10 school's sites for the International Languages Program? As well as which four schools were selected for after school credit programs? Principals De Haas and Kwong confirmed that schools were selected by local needs. The four schools selected for the after school credit programs were SMK, SBA, HCH and FBH. Each school was selected in a different area to meet the demands required by the communities.

Trustee Alexander also wanted to validate a metric to show the effectiveness of these programs and inquired as to whether there are enough tutors to meet student demand. Principal De Haas confirmed that YCDSB is continuously trying to recruit tutors to offer as many students and families support as possible. Tutors such as high achieving university students are applying for these tutoring jobs. Principal De Haas also confirmed that in the summer programming pre and post surveys are conducted to include feedback from students and families. Reading, writing and mathematics assessments are also a measurable that is taken into consideration when looking at success measurable.

Trustee Cantisano was concerned as to why the Saturday tutoring program was not offered in Woodbridge (West)?

Principal De Haas confirmed that the hiring for tutors is still happening for the Woodbridge area.

Trustee Cantisano asked if YCDSB can ask the ministry to prolong the tutoring benefits until June to 2023? Can we lobby the ministry on this request? Superintendent Arcadi is confident that we will have the 2.2 million spent by the end of March 2023. Our hope is that the Ministry will help us extend the supports until the end of June.

8. **ACTION ITEMS: Nil**
9. **DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS:**
10. **NOTICE OF MOTION: NIL**
11. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S):**
Roots of Empathy - in the process of establishing a meeting with Roots of Empathy.
12. **NEXT MEETING DATE: February 6, 2023**
13. **ADJOURNMENT 8:26 pm**
ON MOTION: lafrate/ Alexander
CARRIED