



# Kenora Catholic District School Board

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Meeting Report**  
April 20, 2021

MEETING DATE:	April 20, 2021
LOCATION OF MEETING:	Catholic Education Center
SUBJECT OF MEETING:	Regular Board Meeting
CHAIR:	Teresa Gallik
TRANSCRIBER:	Trina Henley
TIME OF MEETING:	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

### ATTENDED BY:

	INIT	ATTENDANCE	PERSON	TITLE
1.	AS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anne Sweeney	Trustee
2.	AS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alison Smith	Superintendent of Business Services
3.	MF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maxwell Froese	Student Trustee
4.	PE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Phyllis Eikre	Advisor to the Director
5.	JT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Julia Tkachuk	Student Trustee
6.	FB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Frank Bastone	Trustee
7.	JW	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeffrey White	Trustee
8.	MF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Favreau	Vice Chair
9.	PL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paul Landry	Trustee
10.	PW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paul White	Director of Education
11.	TG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Teresa Gallik	Chair
12.	VB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vaughn Blab	Trustee

### AGENDA

1. **OPENING PRAYER** – Mariette Martineau opened the meeting with a meaningful prayer bringing everyone into the presence of the Lord.
2. **ROLL CALL** – Trustee Jeffrey White was noted as absent with regret.



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### 3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion #035 Moved by Paul Landry

Seconded by Anne Sweeney

Recommendation:

*THAT the Board resolve into Committee of the Whole and the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions of Section 207 (2) of the Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.2.*

*Carried.*

### 4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - NIL

### 5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #036 Moved by Frank Bastone

Seconded by Paul Landry

Recommendation:

*THAT the agenda be approved as amended.*

*Carried.*

### 6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Motion #037 Moved by Anne Sweeney

Seconded by Mike Favreau

Recommendation:

*THAT the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Kenora Catholic District School Board of March 23, 2021 be approved as circulated.*

*Carried.*

### 7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### 8. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

#### 8.1 Renewed Vision for Pope John Paul II School – **Tammy Bush and Jamey Robertson**

Principals Tammy Bush and Jamey Robertson talked about the new vision, name and identity for Pope John Paul II School and how Saint John Paul is their guide and inspiration throughout the journey. As they move along, the school community will delve deeper into the Saint's life, significant moments while exploring his values of love and advocacy for children, relationships with indigenous people, work against oppression and how he travelled the world spreading peace.



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### 8.2 New French Language Strategy – Engaging Families Through the Pandemic – **Andrea Sachowski and Hilary Aitken**

Hilary Aitken, Principal and Andrea Sachowski, Vice Principal, presented the variety of ways that École Ste- Marguerite Bourgeoys engages with families during the pandemic. Aitken shared that parents and guardians are not just part of the community, but a part of the SMB family and the relationship begins on the first day of school for Kindergarten students. The school recognized the milestone by sending home a picture of each child in their Kindergarten Class along with a reusable snack bag and a welcome card signed by the Principals.

### 8.4 Student Trustee Report – **Julia Tkachuk and Maxwell Froese**

Student Trustees Julia Tkachuk and Maxwell Froese provided a report on the activities and initiatives happening at St. Thomas Aquinas High School during the month of April. Students talked about enjoying the much-needed break from school during the Spring Break but were disappointed with the return to remote learning on April 20.

The Student Trustees noted that maximum safety precautions were taken by the staff at St. Thomas Aquinas High School to support students in accessing their textbooks and learning materials, and there has been a smooth transition into virtual learning.

## 9. POLICY GOVERNANCE

### 9.1 Approval of Minutes

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Motion #038 Moved by Paul Landry  
Seconded by Vaughn Blab

*Recommendation:*

*THAT the report of the Policy Governance Committee Meeting of April 6, 2021 be approved as presented.*

*Carried.*

### 9.2 Policy

#### 9.2.1 Policy #10 – Committees of the Board – **Phyllis Eikre**

Motion #039 Moved by Frank Bastone  
Seconded by Mike Favreau

*Recommendation:*

*THAT the Board approve the revisions to Policy #10 – Committees of the Board effective immediately.*

*Carried.*



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### 9.3 Personnel

### 9.4 Property

#### 9.4.1 St. John School Site Development Project – Alison Smith

Motion #040 Moved by Vaughn Blab

Seconded by Mike Favreau

Recommendation:

*THAT the Board approve the tender received from Solid Construction Ltd. for site development at St. John School for the total tendered amount of \$1, 291, 725.60.*

*Carried.*

### 9.5 Finance

#### 9.5.1 Northwestern Ontario Student Services Consortium Request for Proposal – Alison Smith

Alison Smith presented information regarding the Northern Ontario Student Services Consortium Request for Proposal process identifying that the current contract expires on July 31, 2021. The new contract term is August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2028, with an optional one-year extension.

The motion needs to be approved by NWOSSC member school boards, and is currently being ratified across the region.

Motion #041 Moved by Frank Bastone

Seconded by Paul Landry

Recommendation:

*THAT the Kenora Catholic District School Board approves awarding RFP# 2021-01-BUS Student Transportation Services to: First Canada, Areas 1 and 5; Hutchison Bus Lines, Area 2; Schneider Bus Lines, Area 3; Iron Range Bus Lines, Area 4, pending approval from all NWOSSC member school boards.*

*Carried.*



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### 9.6 Program

#### 9.6.1 2021 – 2022 School Year Calendar

Phyllis Eikre presented new changes to the 2021 – 2022 School Year Calendar. Eikre identified that area school boards have updated the 2021 – 2022 School Year Calendar per the Ministry of Education's recommendation to have three professional development days at the start of the school year. Regional school boards have moved the November 29 Professional Development Day to September 1. Students will begin school on September 2 and end on June 24.

Motion #042 Moved by Anne Sweeney

Seconded by Vaughn Blab

*Recommendation:*

*THAT the Board rescind motion #016 for the approval of the School Year Calendar at the February 16, 2021 Board Meeting, and that the Board approve the 2021 – 2022 School Year Calendar as presented and forward the calendar to the Ministry of Education for approval.*

Carried.

### 9.7 Negotiations

### 9.8 Other

#### 9.8.1 Catholic Education Week– **Mariette Martineau**

Mariette Martineau, Religious Education and Family Life Coordinator, provided a report on Catholic Education Week 2021, which is celebrated May 2 – May 7 across the province in Catholic schools. The theme for this year is Nurturing Hope.

#### 9.8.2 March 26 Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – **A. Sweeney**

Anne Sweeney provided an overview of the May 26 Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting highlighting an information session with Confederation College on Community Integration through Cooperative Education Program as well as other initiatives and activities.

#### 9.8.3 COVID-19 Update – **Alison Smith**

Alison Smith provided a report on the provincial announcement that all schools across the province are to pivot to remote learning following the Spring Break. Kenora Catholic staff have been busy supporting the transition, with remote learning beginning on April 20 across the district. In-school learning for special education students who require additional support will be happening through learning resource teachers and education assistants.

Smith also reported that voluntary asymptomatic testing began last month, and the Ministry of Education is offering vaccinations for staff who support students with complex special education needs. Confirmation letters have been provided to staff who are eligible for prioritized access to the COVID-19 vaccine.



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### 10. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion #043 Moved by Anne Sweeney  
Seconded by Mike Favreau

Recommendation:

*THAT the Board accept the report of the Committee of the Whole and all recommendations contained therein.*

*Carried.*

### 11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 12. NEW BUSINESS

### 13. INFORMATION

### 14. FUTURE MEETINGS

#### POLICY GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

May 4, 2021

June 1, 2021

#### REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

May 18, 2021

June 16, 2021

#### CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

May 12, at 11:30 AM at the Catholic Education Centre or virtually

June 1, at 5:00 PM School Council and Catholic Parent Council Report to Trustees / Policy Governance Committee Meeting to follow

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 30, at 1:30 PM at the Catholic Education Centre or virtually

#### VIRTUAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Pope John Paul II School – April 28 at 6:00 PM

St. Thomas Aquinas High School – May 3 at 6:30 PM

St. John School – May 5 at 6:00 PM

St. Louis Living Arts School – May 12 at 6:30 PM

St. Isidore Virtual School – May 19 at 6:00 PM

École Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoys – May 19 at 7:00 PM



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### TRUSTEE TRAVEL / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

OCSTA 2021 Virtual Annual General Meeting – May 1 from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

- Deadline for Assignment of Proxies (via registration) – April 29, 2021 9:00 AM EDT

2021 Ontario Catholic Student Youth (OCSY) Day Conference (May 5, 2021)

CCSTA Annual General Meeting and Business Seminar in Saskatoon – June 3 – 6, 2021

Year End Retirement Celebration and Service Awards – June 3 at 7:00 PM

### MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FINANCIAL REPORTING DEADLINES

The ministry has established the following dates for submission of financial reports:

Date	Description
August 19, 2020	School board Estimates for 2020–21
November 13, 2020	School board Financial Statements for 2019–20
November 20, 2020	School board Enrolment Projections for 2021–22 to 2024–25
December 15, 2020	School board Revised Estimates for 2020–21
May 14, 2021	School board Financial Report for September 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021

15. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #044 Moved by Paul Landry  
 Seconded by Vaughn Blab  
 Recommendation:  
 THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Carried.

  
 Chairman

  
 Secretary