



Kenora Catholic District School Board
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Meeting Report
May 18, 2021

MEETING DATE:	May 18, 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. – 9:06 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 type="checkbox"/>	Frank Bastone	Trustee
7.	JW	<input checked="" 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

- OPENING PRAYER** – Mariette Martineau, Religious Education and Family Life Coordinator opened the meeting with a meaningful Pentecost Holy Spirit prayer bringing everyone into the presence of the Lord.
- ROLL CALL** – Trustee Frank Bastone was noted as absent with regret.



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3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion #045 Moved by Paul Landry
Seconded by Vaughn Blab

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 #046 Moved by Paul Landry
Seconded by Vaughn Blab

Recommendation:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Motion #047 Moved by Jeffrey White
Seconded by Anne Sweeney

Recommendation:

THAT the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Kenora Catholic District School Board of April 20, 2021, be approved as circulated.

Carried.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

8. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 8.1 Expansion of Outdoor Learning Environments at St. John School - Corinna Glazier and Team
Teachers Cori Litwin, Kate Crough, and students Suri Gagne and Jonathan Gosselin talked about the expansion of the Nature School Program. The program has extended to include Kindergarten to Grade 8, so all classes get a 100-minute dose of Nature School once per week. The program has grown from the pilot program last school year.



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St. John School is focusing on building capacity, and confidence with educators and two new SJS staff members are getting their Forest School Practitioner Certification through the Child and Nature Alliance of Canada.

8.2 Now More Than Ever Mental Health Supports During the Pandemic – Sue Devlin

Sue Devlin, Mental Health Lead, provided a report on the impacts the pandemic is having on the mental health of students across the Board. Devlin shared that mental health referrals have more than doubled during the 2021 – 2022 School Year, with the number one referral being supporting students who are dealing with stress, worry and anxiety.

8.3 Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder and Bill 172, the Education Statute Law Amendment Act Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder – Andrea Batters, Phyllis Eikre and Chrysta Wood, Clinic FASD Worker (FireFly) and Kerril Davidson-Hunt, Clinic Coordinator from the Northwestern Ontario Fetal Alcohol Disorder (FASD) Clinic

Andrea Batters, Phyllis Eikre and Chrysta Wood, Clinic FASD Worker (FireFly) and Kerril Davidson-Hunt, Clinic Coordinator from the Northwestern Ontario Fetal Alcohol Disorder (FASD) Clinic, provided an overview of the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder program offered through the Northwestern Ontario FASD Diagnostic Clinic which is supported by FireFly.

Phyllis Eikre closed the presentation by speaking about Bill 172, being discussed in Ontario, which is an act in Ontario regarding Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

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 May. At the midpoint in the quadmester, teachers are finding new ways to do assessments for accurate marks without adding additional stress on students. They also identified that it is becoming more challenging for students to stay motivated, and the 2021 Graduates are trying to stay positive as they think about the changes in graduation this year with COVID-19 and things like prom, graduation, retreats and other in-person celebrations.

9. POLICY GOVERNANCE

9.1 Approval of Minutes

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Motion #048 Moved by Jeffrey White

Seconded by Paul Landry

Recommendation:

THAT the report of the Policy Governance Committee Meeting of May 4, 2021 be approved as presented.

Carried.



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9.2 Policy

9.2.1 Policy #9 – Board Operations – Phyllis Eikre

Motion #049 Moved by Mike Favreau
Seconded by Jeffrey White
Recommendation:
THAT the Board approve the revisions to Policy #9 – Board Operations effective immediately.

Carried.

9.2.2 Policy #11 – Board Representatives – Phyllis Eikre

Motion #050 Moved by Paul Landry
Seconded by Vaughn Blab
Recommendation:
THAT the Board approve the review of Policy #11 – Board Representatives with no changes at this time.

Carried.

9.2.3 Policy #14 – Hearings Regarding Teacher Termination – Phyllis Eikre

Motion #051 Moved by Anne Sweeney
Seconded by Mike Favreau
Recommendation:
THAT the Board approve the revisions to Policy #14 – Hearings Regarding Teacher Termination effective immediately.

Carried.

9.3 Personnel

9.3.1 Resignation of Pat Spivey– Anne Sweeney

Anne Sweeney presented information on Pat Spivey's career at the Kenora Catholic District School Board.

Motion #052 Moved by Anne Sweeney
Seconded by Paul Landry
Recommendation:
THAT the Board approve the resignation of Pat Spivey for the purposes of retirement effective April 30, 2021, with regret.

Carried.



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9.3.2 Resignation of Teresa Kuka – Teresa Gallik

Teresa Gallik presented information on Teresa Kuka's career at the Kenora Catholic District School Board.

Motion #053 Moved by Mike Favreau

Seconded by Vaughn Blab

Recommendation:

THAT the Board approve the resignation of Teresa Kuka for the purposes of retirement effective June 25, 2021, with regret.

Carried.

9.3.2 Occupational Health and Safety Committee Report for 2020 – 2021 Alison Smith

Alison Smith, Superintendent of Business Services, provided a report on the activities, accomplishments and progress of the Board's Occupational Health and Safety Committee during the 2020 – 2021 School Year.

Motion #054 Moved by Jeffrey White

Seconded by Anne Sweeney

Recommendation:

THAT the Board accept the Occupational Health and Safety Committee Report for 2020 – 2021 as presented.

Carried.

9.4 Property

9.5 Finance

9.5.1 2021 Grants for Student Needs – Alison Smith

Alison Smith, Superintendent of Business Services, provided an overview of the 2021 Grants for Student Needs (GSN) that was recently released by the Ministry of Education. Smith reported that the per-pupil amount increased 1.2 percent, and the overall GSN has increased just over 2.2 percent. The GSN will continue to recognize the ongoing need for COVID-19 support, technological and mental health support. The Ministry of Education is allowing school boards to utilize 2 percent accumulated surplus but are advised to budget for only half of that amount and take a conservative approach to the 2021 – 2022 budget due to declining enrolment across the province.

9.6 Program

9.7 Negotiations



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9.8 Other

9.8.1 Catholic Education Week – Nurturing Hope – Mariette Martineau

Mariette Martineau, Religious Education and Family Life Coordinator, provided an overview of the highlights of Catholic Education Week 2021 and shared that the System Retreat saw the highest level of attendance with the inclusion of families.

Trina Henley and Rikki Watson provided a preview of the third 'We Grow Graduates' video that continues to celebrate Catholic Education 2021, during the month of May with a new Alumni Video each week.

9.8.2 April 30 Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – A. Sweeney

Anne Sweeney provided a report on the April 30 SEAC Meeting.

9.8.3 Special Education Advisory Committee Shared Letter Regarding Bill 172 – P. Eikre

Phyllis Eikre, Advisor to the Director, brought forward a request from the Special Education Advisory Committee to write a joint letter to Minister Lecce in support of Bill 172.

Motion #055 Moved by Anne Sweeney

Seconded by Paul Landry

Recommendation:

THAT the Board support the recommendation brought forward by the Special Education Advisory Committee and forward a letter to the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, in support of Bill 172.

Carried.

9.8.4 Appointment of Special Education Advisory Committee Member – P. Eikre

Motion #056 Moved by Jeffrey White

Seconded by Vaughn Blab

Recommendation:

THAT the Kenora Catholic District School Board appoint Aimee Fouche as representative for the Kenora Association for Community Living on the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Carried.



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- 9.8.5 2021 Ontario Catholic Student Youth (OCSY) Day Conference (May 5, 2021) – M. Froese
Student Trustee Maxwell Froese presented information on the inspiring Ontario Catholic Student Youth Day Conference that he attended virtually on May 5, 2021. The conference theme was Cultivating Relationships and had a variety of keynote speakers such as Development and Peace representative Emily Lukasik and Ben Verboom – Speaking up and Speaking Out.
- 9.8.6 COVID-19 Update – Alison Smith
Alison Smith provided a report on COVID-19. Smith spoke about the progress the province is making with the provincial rollout of vaccination, which is now available for any member of the community over 18 years of age.

10. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion #057 Moved by Mike Favreau
Seconded by Jeffrey White

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

June 1, 2021

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CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

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



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SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 18 at 1:30 PM virtually

June 18 at 1:30 PM virtually

VIRTUAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

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

St. John School – May 18 at 6:00 PM

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

Pope John Paul II School – May 26 at 6:00 PM

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

TRUSTEE TRAVEL / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

CCSTA Keynote Presentation – It is the Lord – Reflections on the Heart of a Catholic School – June 3 at 11:30 AM.

CCSTA Keynote Presentation – Speak Lord, Your Servant is Listening – June 3 at 1:00 p.m.

CCSTA Annual General Meeting and Business Seminar – June 4, 2021

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FINANCIAL REPORTING DEADLINES

Dates for Submission of Financial Reports

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

Date	Description
June 30, 2021	School Board Estimates for 2021–22
November 15, 2021	School Board Financial Statements for 2020–21
November 19, 2021	School Board Enrolment Projections for 2022–23 to 2025–26
December 15, 2021	School Board Revised Estimates for 2021–22
May 13, 2022	School Board Financial Report for September 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022

15. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE



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16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #058 Moved by Paul Landry
Seconded by Vaughn Blab
Recommendation:
THAT the meeting adjourn at 9:06 p.m.

Carried.


Chairman


Secretary