

NORTHEASTERN CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of the ELECTRONIC Public Board Meeting held on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at the Catholic Education Center.

PRESENT:

Trustees: Martin Drainville t/c
Elizabeth King t/c
Colleen Landers t/c
Denis Lincez t/c
Steve Malciw t/c
Fred Salvador
Glenn Sheculski t/c
Stan Skalecki t/c

Student Trustee: Micah Aguinaldo

Administration: Tricia Stefanic Wertz, Director of Education
Keld Scott, Superintendent of Business t/c
Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education

Staff: Michele Mahaffy, Executive Assistant and Recorder

Regrets: Ron MacInnis, Trustee
Jennifer Dunkley, Superintendent of Education

Guests: Lauri-Ann Loreto Neal, Vice Principal, OHS t/c
Mélanie Bidal-Mainville, Manager of Human Resources

A. CALL TO ORDER

A.1 OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was recited. The Chair acknowledged that we were on the Traditional Territory of the Ojibway and Oji-Cree people of the Mattagami First Nation, located in Treaty 9 and also acknowledged that others were joining us from additional treaty territories of the Cree, Ojibway, Algonquin, and the Metis.

B. ROLL CALL

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers
SECONDED BY: S. Skalecki

Resolution 21-01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board receive the following declaration of absence and excuse the following trustees and administrative personnel from attending this meeting: Ron MacInnis and Jennifer Dunkley.

Carried

C. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Trustee King disclosed a direct pecuniary interest in item C.W.B.- G.2.1, OECTA Local Bargaining Update, of the In-Camera session held January 20, 2021. Trustee King did not take part in the consideration or discussion of, or vote on any question with relation to this item. Trustee King recused herself and left the room.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

MOVED BY: E. King
SECONDED BY: C. Landers

Resolution 21-02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board adopt the agenda for the public board meeting as amended.

Carried

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

MOVED BY: G. Sheculski
SECONDED BY: E. King

Resolution 21-03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve the following minutes as presented:

Public Board Meeting – December 7, 2020

Carried

F. DELEGATIONS – Nil

G. POLICY

G.1 E-12 Student Attendance

Motion

MOVED BY: G. Sheculski
SECONDED BY: E. King

Resolution 21-04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *E-12 Student Attendance* at first reading.

Carried

G.2 E-23 Emergency Preparedness

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers
SECONDED BY: D. Lincez

Resolution 21-05

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *E-23 Emergency Preparedness* at first reading.

Carried

G. POLICY - continued

G.3 E-35 Inclement Weather (formerly P-14)

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers

Resolution 21-06

SECONDED BY: D. Lincez

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *E-35 Inclement Weather (formerly P-14)* at first reading.

Carried

G.4 E-36 Emergency School Closure (formerly P-15)

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers

Resolution 21-07

SECONDED BY: E. King

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *E-36 Emergency School Closure (formerly P-15)* at first reading.

Carried

G.5 F-6 Teacherages - Moosonee

Motion

MOVED BY: E. King

Resolution 21-08

SECONDED BY: C. Landers

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *F-6 Teacherages - Moosonee* at first reading.

Carried

G.6 H-1 Health and Safety

Motion

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki

Resolution 21-09

SECONDED BY: C. Landers

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *H-1 Health and Safety* at first reading.

Carried

G.7 H-2 Workplace Harassment Prevention

Motion

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki

Resolution 21-10

SECONDED BY: G. Sheculski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *H-2 Workplace Harassment Prevention* at first reading.

Carried

G. POLICY – continued

G.8 H-3 Workplace Violence Prevention

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers

Resolution 21-11

SECONDED BY: D. Lincez

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *H-3 Workplace Violence Prevention* at first reading.

Carried

G.9 P-8 Progressive Discipline of Employees

Motion

MOVED BY: G. Sheculski

Resolution 21-12

SECONDED BY: E. King

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *P-8 Progressive Discipline of Employees* at first reading

Carried

H. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

H.1 Presentations

H.1.1 OHS Virtual Program – Lauri-Ann Loreto Neal, Vice Principal, OHS

TSWaltz introduced the presenter, Lauri-Ann Neal. L. Neal presented a slide presentation with respect to the Virtual Program at OHS. The presentation included an overview of the three modes of study, Virtual, Hybrid and E-Learning. L. Neal outlined the courses available for each mode of study, the successes and difficulties with each mode and an overview of the academic achievement of each mode. Trustees were introduced to staff members involved in the program including teachers and support staff. She outlined the next steps and thanked the group for listening. Trustees engaged in a question and answer session with the presenter. The Chair and the Director thanked the presenter and, in turn, the presenter took the opportunity to thank her team.

H.1.2 Pandemic Update – Tricia Stefanic Weltz, Director of Education

TSWaltz presented some key elements of the operational management of schools during the pandemic. She outlined celebrations and successes such as the *Family Survey*, the readiness of schools to pivot to remote learning after the Christmas Break and the shared responsibility of school safety. TSWaltz outlined new information/protocols from the province and local health units. She also spoke to issues/concerns over off-site student gathering during lunch hour and the shortage of school bus drivers.

H.2 Reports

H.2.1 Student Trustee – Micah Aguinaldo

M. Aguinaldo presented her report to the Board of Trustees and highlighted the following:

- December Activities at OHS
- Teacher of the Month, Mrs. Vincze
- Highlights from several classes including Gr. 12 Biology, Grade 11 Photography, Grade 9 Science and a variety of Mrs. Morrison's Art classes.
- The '*Welcome Back*' message to OHS students in the form of a Happy New Year's display in the common area.

M. Aguinaldo also shared her experience from this past weekend's OCSTA seminar. Trustee Landers thanked Micah for attending and for all her hard work as the student trustee. Micah shared how she loves the learning experience.

H.2.2 Audit Committee – Nil

H.2.3 Indigenous Education Advisory Council – Nil

H.2.4 Special Education Advisory Committee – Nil

H.2.5 Supervised Alternative Learning – Nil

H.2.6 Transportation – Nil

H.2.7 Program – Remote Learning Program, Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education

D. Brumwell tabled her report providing an update of upcoming changes in the remote learning program for Term 2, elementary level, on February 1, 2021. She outlined the decrease in the number of students who will be participating in the remote program, 260 to 181, and how this has enabled multiple teachers to return to the classroom for Term 2. She was pleased to report that all remote classes will continue to have the services of educational assistants and early childhood educators to ensure continuous adult support during the school day. She shared her pride in the work of the remote staff and shared their feedback, including the constantly changing environment and some success stories.

H.2.8 Business – Personnel Update, Keld Scott, Superintendent of Business

The Board of Trustees reviewed the latest Personnel Update. K. Scott, TSWeltz, and D. Brumwell offered farewell messages and best wishes to retirees Paulette Bisson, Laura Belisle, Ron Fortier and Peggy Sirosky.

H. REPORTS – continued

H.2.9 Chair – Intensive Human Rights Program and 2021 Virtual Catholic Trustees Seminar

Trustees shared their experiences from the 2021 Catholic Trustees Seminar held on January 16, 2021. Trustees gave an overview and feedback from the different sessions they attended, including topics on capital projects and student adversities. There was also discussion on the message delivered by Keynote Speaker Father Mulligan. A few trustees noted their pride in student trustee presentations and found them to be enlightening.

H.3 Motions - Nil

I. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion

MOVED BY: D. Lincez
SECONDED BY: M. Drainville

Resolution 21-13

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board accept the report of the Committee of the Whole Board and all recommendations contained therein.

Carried

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Nil

K. CORRESPONDENCE – The Chair shared thank you letters from retirees L. Belisle and R. Fortier.

L. NEW BUSINESS - Nil

M. INFORMATION – Nil

N. FUTURE MEETINGS

Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, February 24, 2021

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion

MOVED BY: M. Drainville

Resolution 21-14


BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Carried

Question and answer period for guests attending the meeting

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Chair of the Board


Secretary-Treasurer