

## **MINUTES**

## Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 7:00 p.m. Board Room, Catholic Education Centre

Trustees: Sharon Hobin Chair

Thomas Thomas Vice Chair Trustee Brea Corbet Anna da SIva Trustee Trustee Darryl D'Souza Luz del Rosario Trustee Frank Di Cosola Trustee Bruno Iannicca Trustee Mario Pascucci Trustee Stefano Pascucci Trustee Shawn Xaviour Trustee

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Eugene Zanone Student Trustee

Staff: Marianne Mazzorato, Ed.D. Director of Education, Secretary to the Board

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Superintendent, Family of Schools
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Bruce Campbell General Manager, Communications and

Community Relations

Theresa Davis General Manager, Human Resources

Christiane Kyte General Manager, Clinical Services and Special

Education

Richard Moriah General Manager, Physical Plant Facilities

## A. Routine Matters

This meeting is held via teleconference.

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Chair Sharon Hobin, called the teleconference meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

addressed issues and concerns from the Black community in our schools. DPCDSB endeavours to attend and take part in as many events and discussions as possible addressing issues and concerns from our Black communities. Thanks to Michelle Coutinho, Principal of Equity and Diversity and Inclusive Education, for her work in this portfolio.

On February 3, 2020, Trustee Brea Corbet, Director Mazzorato and I attended the r Worship Mayor Bonnie Crombie.

We were joined by over 150 representatives of the religious, faith and community leaders in the city of Mississauga as well as city, provincial and federal

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development of the skilled trades in our board. The students were excited to be competitors of this event.

On Wednesday March 4, the student trustee elections were held at the CEC. Director Mazzorato and I were able to attend and speak with our student senate members as well as those students who were running for student trustees. Superintendent Lewis and Student Liaison staff member Liz Rego welcomed students to the CEC. Students were divided by north and south regions of the board. We had an excellent turnout. I would like to thank our student trustees Sheanne Jesudhason and Eugene Zanone for all their encouragement and help to the students.

Our new student trustees for 2020-2021 are Heather Fernandes, a student from St. Francis Xavier Catholic Secondary School and Alejandro Garcia Polo a student from St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School. Congratulations to both of our new student trustees.

Trustee Sharon Hobin resumed the Chair.

Motion

2.	Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, February 12, 2020						

Discussion ensured on communication to parents/guardians and Phase Two concerns shared by trustees. Director Mazzorato reassured trustees that preparations begin today to plan Phase Two and that detailed plans will be shared as soon as possible. The first step is for administrators and teachers to complete the survey which will assess the capabilities and needs of our school communities. Directors from each board in Ontario are working together to ensure equitable distance learning. Senior Executives are working with each of their teams to plan, create and implement process and structure as we move forward.

Motion 099 (20-03-24) Moved by **Anna da Slva** Seconded by **Darryl D'Souza**  In response to Trustee Darryl D'Souza's concern regarding breakfast programs that are not running and serving students, Director Mazzorato assured trustees that the Ministry of Education is aware of this issue, and that we are considering options. The Director is aware of the City of Brampton's program through the Mayor's office to reach students in need and staff will follow-up with this suggestion. The survey being conducted through principals and teachers will gather important information to assess this need.

In response to Trustee Darryl D'Souza's query, Director Mazzorato advise that the survey being conducted by administrators and teachers will gather information required to support Phase Two distance learning. The Ministry has requested that we consider deploying tools of learning: laptops, EDWIN which do not require internet and also consider print resources and/or textbooks. The distribution of these resources will be challenging however, we are working on options. We are keenly aware of the importance of equity of access and the survey conducted by administrators and teachers will help define procedures.

In response to Trustee Stefano Pascucci's query, Director Mazzorato advised that we have been informed or requests to open childcare centres for essential workers but noted that we have not had such a request as yet. Director Mazzorato addressed the concerns of trustees on the health and safety of this group environment. She advised that the plan is very preliminary. The Deputy Minister has advised that boards will be able to assess requests and determine if feasible.

In response to Trustee Stefano Pascucci's query, Director Mazzorato advised that staff will follow up to confirm if cafeterias took steps to avoid food spoilage.

Director Mazzorato advised trustees that a possible collection of personal protection equipment will be conducted provincially through the Ministry. Staff is working with Plant and Oustodial services to conduct an inventory.

In response to Trustee Luz del Rosario's concern, Director Mazzorato advised that we do have security checking on our schools several times a day. This will help prevent students from congregating at schools. We are adding signage at school playgrounds and in Kindergarten play areas, as these are now closed to public access, as are public parks. This restriction is to help flatten the curve and support social distancing. Staff will assess the need for locking access to parking lots and Kindergarten play areas.

Trustee Frank Di Cosola thanked Director Mazzorato on behalf of the trustees for her steadfast leadership through these very difficult times. Director Mazzorato thanked him for his kind words and acknowledged that she is surrounded by strong leadership: the executive team, superintendents and principals.

In response to Student Trustee Sheanne Jesudhason's suggestion, Director Mazzorato will have staff consider a portal that would allow for students to access their Guidance Counselors.

In response to Trustee Mario Pascucci's query, Director Mazzorato advised that the Ministry is