	Theresa Davis	General Manager, Human Resources
	Wendy Dobson	General Manager, Student Transportation of Peel Region
	Christiane Kyte	General Manager, Clinical Services and Special Education
	Richard Moriah	General Manager, Physical Plant Facilities
Recorder:	Andy Child	

- 1. Call to Order and Attendance Chair Sharon Hobin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Acknowledgement of First Nations Sacred Territory Chair Sharon Hobin acknowledged the sacred territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.
- 3. National Anthem
- 4. Opening Prayer Chair Sharon Hobin led the Opening Prayer.
- 5. Approval of Agenda Documents provided: revised H 2, redacted G 1 and M 5 a.

Darryl D'Souza Frank Di Cosola

## a. Approval of Calendar Items - Nil

#### 6. Declaration of Interest

#### The following trustees declared an interest in agenda items A7 and M1.

- 1. Trustee Sharon Hobin —family members belong to OECTA
- 2. Trustee Bruno lannicca—family members belong to OECTA and CUPE 2026
- 3. Trustee Mario Pascucci—family member belongs to OECTA
- 4. Trustee Stefano Pascucci—family member belongs to OECTA

*Trustee Anna da Silva arrived at 7:02 p.m. Trustee Shawn Xaviour arrived at 7:06 p.m.* 

Trustee Mario Pascucci apologized to Trustee Anna da SIva for interrupting her presentation and comments at the Faith and Program Meeting, September 22, 2020. Trustee Anna da SIva thanked Trustee Mario Pascucci and accepted his apology.

> Luz del Rosario Shawn Xaviour

7. Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, August 25, 2020

Mario Pascucci Stefano Pascucci

a. Business Arising from the Minutes - Nil

Video message from Monsignor Joseph Shiels

Monsignor Shiels relayed a message of *Hope*. This is the 40th anniversary of the *Terry Fox Marathon of Hope*. Terry's message of faith and hope in humanity continues to inspire and lift our spirits during this pandemic. Through our trust in God we have continued hope in the future. We see

#### WHEREAS: POVERTY AND INEQUALITY DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECT CANADIAN WOMEN, LEAVING THEM ISOLATED AND VULNERABLE;

AND

WHEREAS THERE IS A WAGE GAP BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN IN CANADA AND CANADIAN WOMEN FACE BARRIERS IN PURSUING AND COMPLETING POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND CAREERS IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS;

AND

WHEREAS INDIGENOUS WOMEN, BE THEY FIRST NATION, MÉTISOR INUIT, ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED BY GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND FACE BARRIERS WITH RESPECT TO EQUAL ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT, AND REPRESENTATION IN CANADIAN LEGISLATURE COUNCILS;

AND

WHEREAS THE PARLIAMENT OF CANADA WISHESTO UNDERSCORE THE IMPORTANCE OF CELEBRATING AND COMMEMORATING THE NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS AND ADVANCEMENTS OF CANADIAN WOMEN AND ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES FACED BY CANADIAN WOMEN;

AND

POWER. THIS FAITH GLORIES IN ITS WEAKNESSES IN ORDER TO DRAW TO ITSELF CHRIST'S POWER. THE VIRGIN MARY IS THE SUPREME MODEL OF THIS FAITH, FOR SHE BELIEVED THAT "NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD", AND WAS ABLE TO MAGNIFY THE LORD: "FOR HE WHO IS MIGHTY HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR ME, AND HOLY IS HIS NAME." (CCC 273)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNIZE THAT IN EACH AND EVERY YEAR, THE FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER IS TO BE KNOWN AS EMPOWERING WOMEN DAY.

Anna da SIva Bruno Iannicca

Stefano Pascucci Mario Pascucci AND

#### 1. Regular Reports

a. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Report - Trustee Luz del Rosario

Trustee Luz del Rosario reported:

On September 11, members of the OCSTA board convened for our board meeting. Minister of Education Lecce attended the meeting. A summary of the meeting with the Minister has been circulated to Trustees by OCSTA. We would also like to share some notes from the meeting with the Minister. President Pat Daly welcomed Minister Lecce. The Minister stated it is crucial to sustain public education. He also said that the government supports and believes in Catholic education but there are those who would like to see systems consolidated. He expressed that the Catholic system has proven itself in terms of results and choice of programs. He thanked all boards for stepping up to do their best with the re-opening of schools and that we will get through this by collaborating. The Minister thanked President Pat Daly for his consistent cooperation, keeping lines of communication open to collaborate while bringing issues to the table which are important to Catholic boards. He believes that we are going to get there in terms of dealing with COVID.

Half a billion dollars in capital has been expended to build new schools. The next capital intake will be in early 2021. The Ministry of Education is going to reopen discussions early to get the funding out the door.

The Minster responded that the Ministry is open to discussions regarding changes to the *Education Act* for system principals who require special skills.

In response to Chair Sharon Hobin's query, the Minister advised that he is open to discussions regarding old schools and the possibility that it may be more efficient to build new schools instead of trying to deal with the billions of dollars needed for the ongoing replacements and repairs.

In response to questions raised regarding challenges faced by the Student Transportation Committee,

shortages and acknowledged that unity around the province is a priority. President Daly thanked Minster Lecce for attending.

Items from the meeting:

Ongoing discussion with various MPPs.

Ongoing discussions with Minister Cho, Parliamentary Assistant to the Finance Minister, regarding default to public taxes. There are technical issues to changing the default but OCSTA continues these discussions.

Staff from OCSTA have raised and continue to raise issues with Bill 197.

Mark McGowan will present a seminar for all trustees on September 30 at 7:00 p.m. Information has been circulated. Please register.

Bishop Boissonneau reports that Institute for Catholic Education (ICE) is responding to the updates on the Health Education curriculum with re-editing *Fully Alive*. On June 25, 2020 the Directory of Catechesis was updated which involves education systems from all levels and the entire Catholic church as part of the new evangelization of the Church.

The Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association (CCSTA) will have their board meeting in October virtually.

OCSTA continues to dialogue with the Ministry on items of concern to boards. President Daly hosted a call on September 24, with Chair Sharon Hobin and Director Mazzorato, to discuss issues important to DPCDSB. President Daly offered his help to champion any issues that we feel he could help with in talks with the Minister.

The OCSTA regional meeting took place this week. Trustee Hobin, Trustee Corbet, Trustee del Rosario, Student Trustee Fernandes, Student Trustee Garcia Polo and Director Mazzorato attended remotely.

Reports were received and each board shared their concerns and issues. Chair Sharon Hobin presented our report to the other boards in attendance. The report has been circulated to our trustees. Issues included: parental choice of modalities, technology deployment, investment in technology, developing virtual schools, managing workplace accommodation, PPE, transportation planning, school reorganization, use of accumulated funds, heating, ventilation and air conditioning, E- Learning, cost of LTD benefits, long term concerns with enrolment vis a vis funding.

We continue to share the information, daily prayers and notices of events offered from OCSTA.

Brea Corbet Bruno Iannicca

- 2. Student Voice Nil
- 3. Good News Items

Trustee Brea Corbet commented that she is pleased our opening school masses have been offered virtually this year. In spite of the pandemic, our parishes are extending this time of unity in prayer by including our students, families and staff who are in our physical schools and aiming to reach those who are learning from home. Thank you to our Catholic churches for their partnership in student faith development. At a time that has been difficult for many, we appreciate the support of our parishes in *Nurturing Hope* for the upcoming school year.

Chair Sharon Hobin passed the Chair to Vice Chair Thomas Thomas.

Trustee Sharon Hobin advised that the Mississauga Library Board has provided 50 gently used computers to DPCDSB. On behalf of the Board of Trustees a letter of appreciation has been sent to the Mississauga Library Board.

Chair Sharon Hobin resumed the Chair.

## 1. Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting, June 2, 2020

Brea Corbet Saawn Xaviour

2. Minutes of the Faith and Program Committee Meeting, June 9, 2020

Stefano Pascucci Mario Pascucci

3. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, June 10, 2020

Bruno Iannicca Anna da SIva 5. Minutes of the Audit Committee, May 12, 2020

Anna da SIva Frank Di Cosola

## 1. Letter of Retirement - R. Borg, Principal

Director Mazzorato shared a tribute to Principal Rita Borg. Rita joined Dufferin-Peel in 1992 as a teacher at Loyola Catholic Secondary School. She was appointed Vice-Principal at Father Michael Goetz, then served as Vice-Principal at both Holy Name of Mary and St. Francis Xavier secondary communities before being appointed Principal of the International Student Program in 2013. Rita was appointed as Principal of Holy Name of Mary Secondary School in 2016.

I students and families. Rita can be proud of her accomplishments and leaves a legacy of excellence in Catholic Education coupled with a testament to the power of embracing the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations as a framework for ensuring student success.

Trustee Shawn Xaviour expressed appreciation for Rita's hard work during the school relocation and her work on women empowerment. She encouraged and engaged elementary students to promote secondary enrolment at Holy Name of Mary.

Trustee Anna da SIva commented on Rita's quiet demeanor, yet strong performance. She is kind and gentle, and gets the work done, while being an advocate for the young female students and their accomplishments. We will miss her leadership at Dufferin-Peel.

Shawn Xaviour Anna da SIva

1. Revised Policy 6.55: Naming of New and Amalgamated Schools - Superintendent Vecchiarino

Luz del Rosario Thomas Thomas

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# students and staff sense of belonging, clarity in relation to virtual students and their to be identified.

Chair Sharon Hobin resumed the Chair.

Frank Di Cosola Stefano Pascucci Luz del Rosario Thomas Thomas

Luz del Rosario Bruno Iannicca

Anna da SIva Darryl D'Souza

5. Motions Recommended by the Faith and Program Committee Meeting, September 22, 2020

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Luz del Rosario Anna da Slva 1.

Superintendent Thomas advised that Ministry

funding has been allocated for additional custodians for enhanced cleaning. General Manager Moriah confirmed that staff is working with Human Resources to recruit and hire as quickly as possible. Since September 8 we have recruited, hired, trained and deployed 48 custodians. By the end of October, the hope is to hire an additional 40 custodians. Schools should see assistance in the coming weeks.

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advised that the funding does not cover hiring for each school. The additional custodians will come into the system as floaters during the day to assist with enhanced deep cleaning and to cover absences. Oustodial supervisors assign work to floaters. Priority is given to cover absent staff and then to cover specific work requested at schools. At this time all school custodian positions are covered.

## 3.

schools with limited air conditioning have been serviced by having all mechanical equipment filters changed. Staff have sourced portable air filter units with HEPA filters and are testing them before placing them in schools. Thirdly, all air handling units have increased amounts of fresh air coming into the buildings before being occupied.

Associate Director Del Bianco commented that this funding was for ventilation, not air conditioning. Ventilation is the process of having fresh air circulating and does not guarantee that the school will be colder, it is circulating fresh purified air.

## 4.

Ministry has provided term by term matrixes and expectations for the new math curriculum which will ease the transition if students move from one modality to the other. The Program department is working on long range elementary plans to enforce the curriculum content in other subject areas and incorporate the new math curriculum. In secondary, the matrixes ensure the integrity of course credits.

# 5.

review with ICT the possibility of having younger students enter only their password into the Chromebooks. It is difficult for younger students to enter their username as well as their password.

## 6.

Program department has continually offered staff development resources and in-services on SharePoint for online enhanced learning.

## 7.

as of today, only one elementary virtual class did not have an assigned teacher and a couple of secondary sections had no assigned teacher. These should be filled by end of the week.

# 8.

forward staff will study how students are responding to virtual learning. A progress report will be provided to trustees.

## 9.

Health is working on clear messaging around protocols and providing specific examples (i.e.

Who should stay home and self-isolate if one person in the household is symptomatic, but three children attend school?). Once the resource is available we will provide to families, administration and staff.

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that after consultation with public health authorities, schools will be returning to the traditional model of morning SERC and afternoon integration. This transition will be occurring over the coming weeks.

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Director Mazzorato advised that she will speak

29. with Mario Pascucci Sharon Hobin

October 27, 2020 November 24, 2020 December 1, 2020 (Organizational Board Meeting) December 8, 2020 January 26, 2021 February 23, 2021 March 23, 2021 April 27, 2021 May 25, 2021 June 15, 2021

> Stefano Pascucci Shawn Xaviour