



Minutes of the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board regular meeting held on September 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Office Boardroom and via *Microsoft Teams*.

PRESENT	In-Person	Virtual
Vice-Chair:	Barbara McCool	
Trustee:	Jacques Bégin Leo de Jourdan Shelly Warren John Willemsen	
Director of Education:	Paula Mann	
Exec. Supt. of Corporate Services:	Grace Barnhardt	
Superintendent of Education:	Derek Belanger (Asst.) Audrey Gribbons Jody Weller	
Communications Officer:	Christopher Piekarski	
Recording Secretary:	Victoria Johnson	
Student Trustee:	Cheyney Chevrier	

ABSENT (with regrets):	
Trustees:	Shawn Fitzsimmons, Mike Sawyer
Student Trustee:	Lauren Hards

1. CALL TO ORDER

B. McCool called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

1.1 Prayer and Land Acknowledgment

S. Warren led the group in prayer and L. de Jourdan acknowledged the Traditional Territory on which the board meeting occurred.

1.2 Roll Call

Roll call completed by V. Johnson.

1.3 Welcome Student Trustees

B. McCool welcomed C. Chevrier to the meeting. Cheyney will be serving as the Indigenous Student Trustee for 2023-2025 school years.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Res. NPS 76-23

Moved by trustees L. de Jourdan and J. Willemsen that the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board approve the following:

- 2.1. Regular Meeting **Agenda** of September 26, 2023
- 2.2. Regular Meeting **Minutes** of June 27, 2023

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4. MEETING MONITOR AND REVIEW

4.1 Meeting Monitor (J. Bégin) and Review from June Meeting (J. Willemsen)

The Meeting Monitor's Report from the June 27, 2023 Board meeting prepared by J. Willemsen was reviewed.

5. OWNERSHIP LINKAGE

5.1 Ownership Linkage Year 2 Planning Meeting

An Ownership Linkage planning meeting for the Board will be scheduled for either Wednesday October 11 or Wednesday October 18 from 5:00-6:30 p.m to review format, date and plan questions for engagement. The date will be confirmed shortly.

6. BOARD EDUCATION

6.1 Coaching Report – June 2023

P. Mann highlighted:

- Positive feedback received for the Board's continuous engagement of board planning.
- A suggestion to format Policy GP11 to merge Appendix A into the policy directly. P. Mann noted that the same suggestion was considered in March 2022 during the Board's review of their Governance policies, at which time the Board agreed to keep the policy format as it was. This will remain a suggestion for future consideration.
- Feedback was provided for how the EL4 Monitoring Report is presented.
- Positive comments were received on the analysis guide from the Board's education session on Indigenous education, showing that the Board is striving to look at the information in light of future Ends.

6.2 2023-2024 Schedule of Board Education and Professional Development

A summary of topics for *Governance & Professional Development* from the September 6 Agenda Planning meeting were agreed to by the Board for their education:

- Contemporary Issues in Catholic Education – Fall 2023
- Future Labour Market – Fall 2023
- A presentation to inform strategic long-term capital planning and projections (demographic data) – TBD

These sessions will be scheduled on dates in collaboration with the Board and guest presenters.

Topics for *presentations on Student Achievement and program initiatives* were agreed to by the Board for their education, and will be added to the Board agenda cycle:

- Skilled Trades – November 2023
- Mathematics – January 2024
- Literacy: Early Years – March 2024
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion: R.I.S.E student group / Mental Health – Spring 2024

For the presentations related to contemporary issues in Catholic Education and Future Labour Market group, the Board enquired if there would be opportunity to provide input into the planning of the session. P. Mann will work with the Board and presenters to incorporate feedback in the planning.

These presentations will occur on the day preceding the Committee of the Whole and Regular Board meeting for that month. School visits may be scheduled to coincide with the presentation to witness student learning in these program areas and interact with students and staff.

7. ITEMS FOR DECISION

7.1 Ends

7.2 Governance Process

a) Upcoming and Attended Events by Trustees

- **September 23:** J. Bégin, L. de Jourdan and B. McCool attended the OCSTA Fall Regional meeting in Sudbury.

b) Minutes of the September 16, 2023 Agenda Planning Meeting

Res. NPS 77-23

Moved by trustees J. Willemsen and S. Warren that the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board approve as presented the minutes of its annual agenda planning meeting held on September 6, 2023.

CARRIED

c) Faith and Spiritual Development Committee Update

The minutes of the September 20, 2023 Faith and Spiritual Development Committee meeting, focused on the October 16 retreat, was provided as information.

7.3 **Executive Limitations**

a) Borrowing Resolution 2023-2024

Res. NPS 78-23

Moved by trustees L. de Jourdan and J. Bégin that the Board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board (hereinafter called “the Board”) finds it necessary to borrow the sum of \$4,000,000 to meet the current expenditures of the Board until the current revenue has been received:

AND WHEREAS the unreceived or uncollected balance of the estimated current revenues of the Board for the year 2023-2024 is \$30,000,000 and the total of any similar borrowings that have not been repaid is nil:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Chair and Treasurer of the Board are hereby authorized on behalf of the Board to borrow from time to time by way of promissory note a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate \$30,000,000 to meet the current expenditures of the Board until the current revenue has been received and to give on behalf of the Board to the lenders a promissory note or notes under the corporate seal of the Board signed by the Chair and the Treasurer for the moneys borrowed hereunder with interest at such rate as may be agreed upon from time to time with the lenders.
2. The Treasurer of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to apply in payment of all sums borrowed as aforesaid, together with the interest thereon, all of the moneys comprising the current revenue of the Board hereafter received.

CARRIED

7.4 **Board of Trustees – Staff Linkage**

8. **LINKAGE WITH CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUPPORTERS**

8.1 OCSTA/CCSTA Resolutions and Information Items

8.2 OCSTA Memos

a. Sept 20/23: Draft Regulations Under Bill 98 The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023

A memo regarding two new draft regulations under the *The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023* or Bill 98, which are available through Ontario's regulatory registry, was presented. The draft regulations relate to:

- 1) Changes to Ontario Regulation 444/98 Disposition of Surplus Property
- 2) New Regulation under The Education Act: Schools on a Shared Site.

OCSTA will submit a submission on behalf of all school boards.

8.3 Follow-up: OCSTA Fall Regional Meeting – September 23, 2023

Trustees shared highlights of the regional meeting. The meeting presentations are available on the Trustee's Secure Portal for future reference.

9. **REQUIRED APPROVALS AGENDA**

10. **MONITORING REPORTS**

10.1 Policy EL5 (Q4) – Financial Condition and Activities Monitoring Report

Res. NPS 79-23

Moved by trustees J. Bégin and J. Willemsen that the Board has assessed the monitoring report for policy **EL5 (Q4) – Financial Condition and Activities** and finds that it provides evidence of compliance with a reasonable interpretation of the policy.

CARRIED

10.2 Policy EL9 – Accommodations Monitoring Report

Res. NPS 80-23

Moved by trustees J. Bégin and L. de Jourdan that the Board has assessed the monitoring report for policy **EL9 – Accommodations** and finds that it provides evidence of compliance with a reasonable interpretation of the policy.

CARRIED

11. **BOARD SELF-EVALUATION**

11.1 GP3 - Board of Trustees' Job Description

The self-evaluation for policy *GP3 - Board of Trustees' Job Description* was completed.

11.2 Meeting Monitor's Report

The meeting monitor's report was completed by J. Bégin.

12. **INCIDENTAL INFORMATION**

12.1 **Director's Report on Information Requested in EL-10**

a. Ministry Student Achievement Plan Update

The Ministry has released a Student Achievement Plan, which now replaces the former Board Improvement Plan, and contains measurable system-wide performance indicators under each of the prescribed Student Achievement priorities:

1. Achievement of Learning Outcomes in Core Academic Skills
2. Preparation of Students for Future Success
3. Student Engagement & Well-Being

NPSC's Senior team is currently working collaboratively with our system and school leadership teams to identify student needs in the identified achievement provincial priorities, and gathering and reviewing specified data measures in order to inform the Board's renewed student achievement plan.

b. NPSC Mathematics Achievement Action Plan

The Ministry of Education launched Ontario's new Math Achievement Action Plan for the 2023-2024 school year which aims to support improved student achievement and results in mathematics across the province and is now supported by a funded Board Math Lead.

Based on an analysis of 2021-2022 EQAO data, the Ministry of Education has identified three elementary schools for Grade 3, six elementary schools for Grade 6 and our secondary school for Grade 9 for NPSC as priority schools for the 2023-2024 school year. Priority schools will receive additional enhanced supports to improve student outcomes in mathematics by the NPSC Math Facilitator team.

c. National Day for Truth & Reconciliation and NPSC Indigenous Education Updates

A summary of each school's *National Day for Truth & Reconciliation* activities was included as documentation.

d. NPSC Pastoral Plan Update

P. Mann and Father J. de Viveiros shared the launch of the NPSC Pastoral Plan, which is based on the three theological virtues of Love (Charity), Hope and Faith. The plan will guide NPSC's faith journey in this beautiful and inspiring tradition of the Church for the next three school years. A plan of faith formation activities for each year of the pastoral plan will be developed to assist NPSC's Catholic education community to animate the

spiritual theme for the year. The 2023-2024 Year of Love Pastoral Plan summary of activities was provided as information.

e. Professional Development Days Update: August & September 2023

A. Gibbons provided an update on the four August and September 2023 Professional Development Days, for the Board's information.

f. School Accommodations 2023 Report

The School Accommodations report was shared by G. Barnhardt. The annual report is provided as information to inform future decision making and monitoring. The purpose of the report is to identify any elementary schools that are currently at 50% or less of the Ministry Rated Capacity. Based on enrolment as of September 22, 2023 three schools were identified: St. Alexander, St. Francis and St. Victor. Although the Ministry Rated Capacity respecting occupancy is below 50% the actual physical use of the schools is much greater.

School	Occupancy Rate	Actual Physical Use
St. Alexander	35%	92%
St. Francis	48%	83%
St. Victor	38%	100%

Based on current enrolment patterns, St. Hubert School is projected to fall at or below the 50% Ministry Rated Capacity by 2027-2028.

g. Ontario Human Rights Commission Right to Read Inquiry

The Ontario Human Rights Commission will be engaging with school boards regarding implementation of the Right to Read recommendations throughout the school year.

12.2 Director's Report

a. Ministry Memos

The following memos were provided as information, many of which were touched upon through various reports at this board meeting:

- i. Jul 28/23: Implementation of Priority Reforms to support The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023
- ii. Aug 1/23: Revisions to the Social Studies, Grades 1 to 3 Curriculum
- iii. Aug 2/23: Important Update Regarding the Canadian GED
- iv. Aug 31/23: Math Achievement Action Plan – Strategic Planning Update
- v. Sep 5/23: School Ventilation 2023-24

- vi. Sep 8/23: Update: PPM 169: Policy/Program Memorandum on Student Mental Health Implementation for the 2023-24 School Year and Grades 7 and 8 Mental Health Literacy Modules
- vii. Sep 14/23: Communication of Serious Incidents
- viii. Aug 21/23: 2023-24 Grants for Student Needs (GSN) and Related Regulations

12.3 Student Trustee Report

C. Chevrier provided a verbal update to the student trustee report that was included in the package as information.

12.4 Other Information Items

a) Committee Reports

i. Minutes of the June 22, 2023 Parent Involvement Committee Meeting

The minutes were provided as information.

ii. Minutes of the September 12, 2023 SEAC Meeting

J. Weller highlighted the presentations received on two summer programs: 1) Elementary Learning Program for Students with Complex Needs and 2) Secondary Transition Program. SEAC also began discussing their Action Plan for the 2023-2024 school year.

b) Media Monitoring

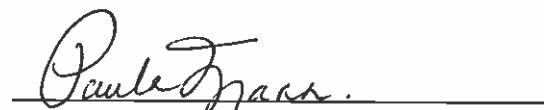
Several media articles highlighting the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board were included in the board package, for information only.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Moved and adopted this 31st day of October, 2023.


Chair


Secretary