



Minutes of the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board regular meeting held on December 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Office Boardroom and via *Microsoft Teams*.

PRESENT	In-Person	Virtual
Chair:	Shawn Fitzsimmons	
Vice-Chair:	Jacques Bégin	
Trustee:	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	

ABSENT (with regrets):	
Trustees:	Mike Sawyer
Student Trustee:	Cheyney Chevrier Lauren Hards

1. CALL TO ORDER

S. Fitzsimmons called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m.

1.1 Prayer and Land Acknowledgment

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

1.2 Roll Call

Roll call completed by V. Johnson.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Res. NPS 121-23

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

- 2.1. Regular Meeting **Agenda** of December 19, 2023
- 2.2. Organizational Meeting **Minutes** of November 28, 2023
- 2.3. Regular Meeting **Minutes** of November 28, 2023
- 2.4. Regular (in-camera) Session **Minutes** of November 28, 2023
- 2.5. Special Meeting **Minutes** of December 5, 2023

CARRIED

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4. **MEETING MONITOR AND REVIEW**

4.1 Meeting Monitor (S. Warren) and Review from November Meeting (L. de Jourdan)

The Meeting Monitor's Report from the November 28, 2023 Board meeting prepared by M. Sawyer was reviewed.

5. **OWNERSHIP LINKAGE**

5.1 Ownership Linkage Year 2 Plan Update

The Year 2 Plan was included as information. The Board is on track to meet all the target dates.

6. **BOARD EDUCATION**

6.1 Follow-up: Information for Ends Development Analysis Guide for *The Labour Market Group* session with Stacie Fiddler

The Board discussed and completed a draft of the Analysis Guide for *The Labour Market Group* session with Stacie Fiddler presentation, which occurred on December 5, 2023.

6.2 Completed: Information for Ends Development Analysis Guide for the *Skilled Trades at NPSC* presentation

The final draft of the analysis guide was presented and reviewed.

7. **ITEMS FOR DECISION**

7.1 **Ends**

7.2 **Governance Process**

a) Upcoming and Attended Events by Trustees

- **December 5 & 6:** S. Warren attended Haleyst, where several NPSC schools performed.
- **December 9:** J. Bégin and S. Fitzsimmons attended the St. Victor Christmas tea with P. Mann.
- **December 20:** J. Bégin will be attending the St. Theresa Christmas Mass.

7.3 **Executive Limitations**

7.4 **Board of Trustees – Staff Linkage**

8. LINKAGE WITH CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUPPORTERS

8.1 OCSTA/CCSTA Resolutions and Information Items

The 2024 AGM Resolutions package was provided as information, and will be discussed at the January Committee of the Whole meeting.

8.2 OCSTA Memos

The December 12, 2023 OCSTA memo *Systemic Gaps Project: Student Outcomes* was provided as information:

8.3 2024 OCSTA AGM – May 2-4, 2024

The AGM package was provided as information.

9. REQUIRED APPROVALS AGENDA

10. MONITORING REPORTS

10.1 Policy EL4 (revised estimates) – Planning Monitoring Report

Res. NPS 122-23

Moved by trustees J. Bégin and L. de Jourdan that the Board has assessed the monitoring report for policy **EL4 (revised estimates) – Planning** and finds that it provides evidence of compliance with a reasonable interpretation of the policy.

CARRIED

11. BOARD SELF-EVALUATION

11.1 GP2 – Governing Style

The self-evaluation for policy **GP2 – Governing Style** was completed by S. Warren.

11.2 Meeting Monitor's Report

The meeting monitor's report was completed by S. Warren.

12. INCIDENTAL INFORMATION

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

a. Draft Outline – Director's Annual Report 2022-2023

The draft outline for the 2022-2023 Annual Director's Report was shared.

b. Annual Director of Education Award of Excellence in Catholic Education

Nominations for the 2nd annual *Director of Education Award of Excellence in Catholic Education* will open to NPSC staff on January 15.

c. NPSC Literacy Plan and Program Update

With the release of the revised Language Curriculum, 2023, recommendations of the Ontario Human Rights Commission's Right to Read Inquiry Report and recent EQAO results, NPSC is in the process of revising its Literacy Action Plan which will support the Student Achievement Plan, focusing on improving reading and writing outcomes for our students. A number of resources to support a structured Literacy approach have been provided to educators with corresponding professional learning support. For example: Open Court, The Phonics Companion, Morphology resource, Alphagraphe and a variety of decodable books.

NPSC is in the process of acquiring a ministry-approved, evidence-based early reading screening tool. Following the purchase of the screening tool, training will be provided to educators to support the implementation of the early reading screening requirements which take effect in September 2024.

d. NPSC French as a Second Language (FSL) Program Update

NPSC French as a Second Language Educators have multiple opportunities for professional development projects to support priorities focused on deepening learning and understanding of French as a second language pedagogy and classroom instructional strategies to improve student achievement and to support retention and recruitment of French as a Second Language educators.

In collaboration with Nipissing University, we are engaged in the following projects:

- Principal Leadership Development Project
- Additional Qualification Course Reading Part 1, FSL
- Junior Reading Professional Development Project

FSL educators and students are also participating in Common European Framework of Reference of Languages (CEFR) related activities. The DELF exam, an assessment tool to evaluate second language competencies, is being offered to both first and second term students enrolled in a Grade 12 FSL course (Core or Immersion). Qualified NPSC teachers mark and evaluate the students' second language skills in oral comprehension, written comprehension, oral production, and written production tasks.

e. Ministry Memos:

i. Dec 5/23: Curriculum Updates for Implementation in September 2024

The ministry is revising the secondary Technological Education curriculum, beginning with revised Grade 9 and Grade 10 courses. This will include a new Grade 10 course. Students pursuing the Grade 10 course will not need a prerequisite. Students taking the Grade 9 or Grade 10 course will satisfy the new graduation requirement that is set to begin with the Grade 9 cohort in September 2024.

12.2 **Student Trustee Report**

12.3 **Other Information Items**

a) Committee Reports

i. Minutes of the December 12, 2023 SEAC Meeting

J. Weller highlighted the following updates:

- *Inclusion Support Program* presentation by April Porter (Community Living)
- Carousel 2024 planning
- Retirement of SEAC member and Trustee Barbara McCool
- Our Lady of Sorrows school visit
- Curriculum updates
- Special Olympics
- Upcoming exams
- OSSLT
- Christmas retreat

b) Media Monitoring

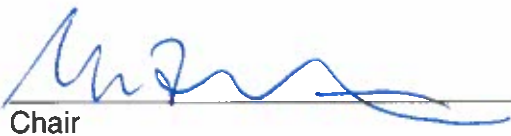
Several media articles highlighting the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board were included in the board package, for information only.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

On behalf of the Trustees, L. de Jourdan thanked P. Mann and her team for preparing the Christmas dinner and meeting. P. Mann wished everyone a Merry Christmas, and thanked the team for all their hard work in the Fall.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Moved and adopted this 30th day of January 2024.


Chair


Secretary