



Minutes of the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board regular meeting held on January 30, 2024 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 Mike Sawyer 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):		
Student Trustee:	Cheyney Chevrier Lauren Hards	

1. CALL TO ORDER

S. Fitzsimmons called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., due to the preceding Committee of the Whole meeting extending past 7:00 p.m.

1.1 Prayer and Land Acknowledgment

L. de Jourdan led the group in prayer and M. Sawyer 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 11-24

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

- 2.1. Regular Meeting **Agenda** of January 30, 2024
- 2.2. Regular Meeting **Minutes** of December 19, 2023

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4. MEETING MONITOR'S REVIEW

4.1 Meeting Monitor (J. Bégin) and Review from December Meeting (S. Warren)

The Meeting Monitor's Report from the December 19, 2023 Board meeting prepared by S. Warren was reviewed.

5. OWNERSHIP LINKAGE

5.1 Ownership Linkage Session April 2024 - Update

The invitation for the April 11, 2024 Ownership Linkage session, which was issued on January 30, and list of invitees was shared with the Board.

6. BOARD EDUCATION

6.1 Follow-up: Information for Ends Development Analysis Guide for *Mathematics at NPSC* Presentation

The Board discussed and completed a draft of the Analysis Guide for the *Mathematics at NPSC* presentation, which occurred at the January 29, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting.

6.2 Completed: Information for Ends Development Analysis Guide for *The Labour Market Group* Session

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

- **January 19-20:** J. Bégin attended the OCSTA Trustees' Seminar and shared his experience with Board members.
- **January 18-20:** S. Fitzsimmons and S. Warren attended SJSH's *Legally Blonde: The Musical* performance.

b) OCSTA AGM 2024: May 2-4, 2024, Niagara Falls

Res. NPS 12-24

Moved by trustees L. de Jourdan and J. Bégin that the following trustees be delegated to represent the Board at the 2024 OCSTA AGM and Conference in Niagara Falls from May 2-4, 2024:

1. L. de Jourdan
2. J. Willemsen
3. M. Sawyer
4. S. Warren
5. S. Fitzsimmons

CARRIED

c) CCSTA AGM 2024: May 30-June 1, 2024, Calgary, AB

Res. NPS 13-24

Moved by trustees M. Sawyer and J. Willemsen that the following trustees be delegated to represent the Board at the 2024 CCSTA AGM and Conference in Calgary, Alberta from May 30-June 1, 2024:

1. S. Warren
2. J. Bégin

CARRIED

d) SEAC Appointment: One Kids Place

Res. NPS 14-24

Moved by trustees S. Warren and M. Sawyer that Kaelan Marshall from One Kids Place be appointed as a Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) representative for the remainder of the current Board term.

CARRIED

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.

8.2 OCSTA 2024 Pre-Budget Submission

P. Mann highlighted the “Summary of Recommendations” of the submission.

8.3 OCSTA Memos

The following memos were shared as information:

- a) Jan 8/24: Archbishop Francis Leo's Pastoral Letter
- b) Jan 15/24: Submission Letter to MOE re: Director Performance Regulations Bill 98
- c) Jan 16/24: June 5–6 Seminar for CDSB Indigenous Leads

9. REQUIRED APPROVALS AGENDA

10. MONITORING REPORTS

10.1 Policy EL5(Q1) - Financial Condition and Activities Monitoring Report

Res. NPS 15-24

Moved by trustees L. de Jourdan and M. Sawyer that the Board has assessed the monitoring report for policy **EL5(Q1) - Financial Condition and Activities** and finds that it provides evidence of compliance with a reasonable interpretation of the policy.

CARRIED

10.2 Policy EL7 – Asset Protection Monitoring Report

Res. NPS 16-24

Moved by trustees L. de Jourdan and S. Warren that the Board has assessed the monitoring report for policy **EL7 – Asset Protection** and finds that it provides evidence of compliance with a reasonable interpretation of the policy.

CARRIED

11. BOARD SELF-EVALUATION

11.1 GP6 – Chair’s Role

The self-evaluation for policy **GP6 – Chair’s Role** was completed by J. Bégin.

11.2 Meeting Monitor’s Report

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

12. INCIDENTAL INFORMATION

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

a. Black History Month: School Activities

A summary of each school’s *Black History Month* activities was included as documentation.

b. NPSC Catholic Student Leadership Team

Each year, our Catholic School Leadership Teams, with representation from each of our schools, engage in a series of sessions to build key leadership competencies which are aligned to our NPSC ENDS reflecting our priorities in Faith, Well-Being, Equity, Indigenous Education, and Innovation.

This year, a series of engaging sessions are planned that focus on rebuilding school community in service to others, as we have emerged from the pandemic and the need to re-establish school communities has become even more important. For each session, all NPSC students in grades 7 & 8 gather together to spend time collaborating and learning from various NPSC staff and secondary students on topics such as:

- Servant Leadership
- Keeping Well
- Resilient Leaders
- Building School Communities

These sessions have also allowed students in grades 7 & 8 to make friendships outside of their own school community which supports a smoother transition to secondary. Given the success of the NPSC Catholic Student Leadership Team sessions, we look forward to continuing in future years.

c. NPSC Charity Volleyball Tournament

NPSC will be hosting a community Charity Volleyball Tournament in March, supporting The North Bay Gathering Place.

d. Ministry Memos:

i. Jan 23/24 – Future Update to Kindergarten Curriculum

To ensure students are fully prepared for a strong start to their educational journey and to make a seamless transition into Grade 1, the ministry is updating the learning in *The Kindergarten Program (2016)* for implementation in September 2025. The new mandatory kindergarten learning will focus on early literacy skills, and the foundations for math and STEM education to align with learning in the recently revised Grade 1 language, math and science and technology curriculum.

12.2 Student Trustee Report

The student trustee report that was included in the package as information.

12.3 Other Information Items

a) Committee Reports

i. Minutes of the January 16, 2024 SEAC Meeting

The SEAC minutes were included in the package as information.

b) Media Monitoring

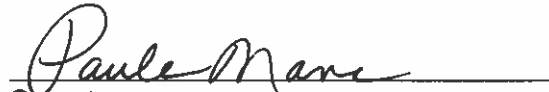
Several media articles highlighting the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board were included in the board package, for information only.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Moved and adopted this 27th day of February, 2024.


Chair


Secretary