



Minutes of the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board regular meeting held on February 27, 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 David Dunkley 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 7:21 p.m., due to the preceding Committee of the Whole meeting extending past 7:00 p.m.

1.1 Prayer

J. Bégin led the group in prayer.

1.2 Land Acknowledgment

L. de Jourdan provided a Land Acknowledgement.

1.3 Roll Call

Roll call completed by V. Johnson.

1.4 Welcome Trustee David Dunkley

S. Fitzsimmons welcomed newly appointed Trustee (North Bay), David Dunkley, to the meeting.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Res. NPS 24-24

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

- 2.1. Regular Meeting **Agenda** of February 27, 2024
- 2.2. Regular Meeting **Minutes** of January 30, 2024
- 2.3. Special Meeting **Minutes** of January 31, 2024

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4. MEETING MONITOR'S REVIEW

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

The Meeting Monitor's Report from the January 30, 2024 Board meeting prepared by J. Bégin was reviewed.

5. OWNERSHIP LINKAGE

5.1 Ownership Linkage Session - CSAC April 11 Session Planning Update

As a follow up to the update provided at the December 19, 2023 Board meeting, a summary of attending participants to date, draft agenda, draft facilitator's guide, and dialogue questions were provided in preparation for the April 11 Ownership Linkage session.

A meeting was set for Thursday, March 21 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. to address two items: review planning for the Ownership Linkage Session, and for the Retirement Dedication ad-hoc meeting.

A reminder that a debrief meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 22 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. was also provided.

6. BOARD EDUCATION

6.1 Completed: Information for Ends Development Analysis Guide for *Mathematics 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

- **February 20:** S. Fitzsimmons attended the Mother St. Bride “Heart Puzzle” celebration.
- **February 26:** S. Fitzsimmons attended the St. Luke “Heart Puzzle” celebration.
- **March 5:** J. Bégin and S. Warren will be attending the St. Luke SEAC school visit.
- **May 2-4:** L. de Jourdan, D. Dunkley, S. Fitzsimmons and S. Warren will be attending the OCSTA AGM.

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 Memos

a. Jan 24/24: Pastoral Letter on the Use of Social Media

A Pastoral Letter on the use of social media titled: “Let Your Speech Always Be Gracious”, which acknowledges the prominent role social media has come to play at an individual and societal level, was shared as information. This timely Pastoral Letter considers the benefits and dangers of social media from the perspective of Catholic Social Teaching and provides tools for moral reflection and self-examination.

b. Feb 7/24: Catholic Teachers for Remote Indigenous Communities

A presentation providing a detailed overview of the situation regarding the teacher shortage in remote First Nations communities as well as the structure of the organization and its teacher recruitment, support and retention strategies was shared.

9. REQUIRED APPROVALS AGENDA

9.1 School Year Calendar 2024-2025

NPSC parents, school councils, local branch affiliates of teacher federations, unions, ratepayers and other members of the community were invited to provide feedback for the 2024-2025 school year calendar from January 22-29, 2024, as per the annual consultation process. Through the consultation process, a recommendation to move forward with Option 1 as a modified school year calendar was approved.

Res. NPS 25-24

Moved by trustees J. Bégin and M. Sawyer that the Board approve the item on the required approvals agenda as per the recommendation presented in the attached report:

- 9.1 That the Board approve the attached proposed 2024-2025 elementary (modified) and secondary (modified) school year calendar, subject to the approval by the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

10. MONITORING REPORTS

10.1 Policy EL2 - Treatment of Students and Parents Monitoring Report

Res. NPS 23-24

Moved by trustees J. Bégin and M. Sawyer that the Board has assessed the monitoring report for policy **EL2 - Treatment of Students and Parents** and finds that it provides evidence of compliance with a reasonable interpretation of the policy.

CARRIED

10.2 Policy EL3 - Treatment of Staff, Candidates for Employment, and Volunteers Monitoring Report

Res. NPS 27-24

Moved by trustees L. de Jourdan and S. Warren that the Board has assessed the monitoring report for policy **EL3 - Treatment of Staff, Candidates for Employment, and Volunteers** and finds that it provides evidence of compliance with a reasonable interpretation of the policy.

CARRIED

11. **BOARD SELF-EVALUATION**

11.1 BMD 2 - Unity of Control

The self-evaluation for policy **BMD 2 - Unity of Control** was completed by J. Willemsen.

11.2 Meeting Monitor's Report

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

12. **INCIDENTAL INFORMATION**

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

a. NPSC Director's Annual Report 2023

As a follow-up to the December 19, 2023 meeting, a copy of the published *2023 Director's Annual Report* was distributed to Board members. P. Mann expressed appreciation to the Senior Team and Communications Team for their contributions to this year's Director's Annual Report highlighting the many achievements of our NPSC students and staff, reflecting great progress on the ENDS.

b. NPSC Student Demographic Data Highlights and Update

An update regarding the NPSC student demographic data project was provided. Ontario school boards are required to gather and report identity-based data to address systemic barriers and discrimination. This demographic data will be used to further enhance evidence-based programming so that the learning needs of all students are equitably served.

In May & June 2023, our survey was shared with parents/guardians for elementary students while secondary students had time in class to complete the survey. Results and information gleaned from the survey was shared with the Board.

c. Upcoming School & Parent Community Engagement Events

i. PIC Parent Engagement Update

A parent engagement event is being planned for April 16, 2024. Further updates and registration information will be announced shortly.

ii. SEAC/PIC Annual Carousel Event

The 2024 Carousel event will be taking place in the Fall this year. The Board will be updated as further updates and specific details are known.

iii. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Nominated students from St. Hubert, Our Lady of Sorrows, and St. Joseph-Scollard Hall schools will be highlighted as “Students Who Make A Difference” at the virtual *Recognition of Nominees Day*, live on the North Bay & District Multicultural Center YouTube Channel on Wednesday, March 21, as part of the annual community event to commemorate the *International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination*.

Students have also been invited to participate in a book reflection activity and an Anti-Racism Digital Poster Contest, as part of the community event.

d. NPSC Grade 7/8 Hockey Canada Skills Academy Hockey Elective

In it's second year at SJSH, enrolment in the Hockey Canada Skills Academy program doubled for 2023-2024. The Board was informed that NPSC will be proceeding with a Grade 7 and 8 pilot winter elective program with the HCSA. Any barriers to student participation (fees, access to hockey equipment) will be addressed so that all students can take part in this program. Additional information will be shared at the conclusion of this pilot program to inform our next steps for the 2024-2025 school year.

e. NPSSTS AGM – February 8, 2024:

The Financial Statements from the February 8 NPSSTS AGM were provided as information.

f. Ministry Memos:

Two Ministry memos were highlighted and provided as information.

- i. Feb 8/24: Future Updates to the Ontario Curriculum
- ii. Feb 8/24: Ontario Introducing Mandatory Black History Learning

12.2 **Student Trustees' Report**

The student trustees' report, which is now structured to highlight activities/events reflecting the Board's ENDS, was included in the package as information.

12.3 **Other Information Items**

a) Committee Reports

i. Minutes of the February 13, 2024 SEAC Meeting

J. Weller provided the following highlights:

- Welcomed new member from OKP
- Carousel Planning for Fall 2024
- Special Olympics bocce ball tournament on February 28
- Community Living is developing a promotional video for an upcoming campaign "Spread the Word for Inclusion"
- The SJSH Special Education team have begun transition meetings and case conferences to support our incoming students from feeder schools.
- Canadore College has partnered with LAC classrooms to provide a series of presentations geared to promoting personal life skills.
- OKP will be meeting with community partners at the end of March regarding the Preschool Speech New Guidelines.

b) Media Monitoring

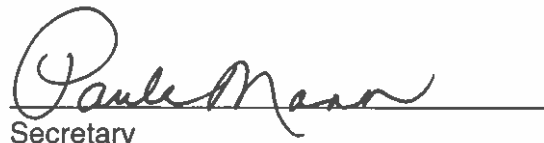
Several media articles highlighting the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board were included in the board package, for information only.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Moved and adopted this 26th day of March, 2024.


Chair


Secretary