

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

PRESENT:

M. Del Grande, Chair
N. Crawford
A. Andrachuk
P. Bottoni
F. D'Amico
J.A. Davis
N. Crawford
A. Kennedy
S. Piccininni
B. Poplawski – by teleconference
M. Rizzo
G. Tanuan

A. Gauthier
G. Poole
A. Sangiorgio
D. Koenig
P. Matthews
J. Yan

L. Fernandes, Recording Secretary

The items dealt with at the Student Achievement and Well Being, Catholic Education and Human Resources Committee in PUBLIC SESSION were deemed presented.

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Andrachuk, that the items dealt with in PUBLIC SESSION be approved.

CARRIED

MATTERS AS CAPTURED IN THE ABOVE MOTION

Minutes of the Regular meeting held March 5, 2015 – approved

Presentation by Carolynna Gabriel, regarding The Sunshine Project - received and referred to staff.

Staff were directed to send out a communication through the Director's Office that her office should be advised about such initiatives.

Presentation by Denise Livotti regarding Healthy Eating via Food Literacy/Education Program - received and referred to staff.

Presentation by Joshua Rossetti, Student of St. Michael Choir School, regarding change in lunch hour at St. Michael's Choir School - received and referred to be dealt with in Private Session.

Pauline Low, parent, regarding cuts to the Arrowsmith Program - received and referred to staff

Debra Gilmore, representing the Arrowsmith Program, addressed the Committee regarding the benefits of the Arrowsmith Program for students - received and referred to staff

Agnes Mader, regarding the Arrowsmith Program - received and referred to staff

Pam Haines, regarding the future of the Arrowsmith Program - received and referred to staff

Communications Plan for Mental Health and Well Being Report 2013-2014 that the following Strategic Communications Plan, be approved for implementation:

1. In the 2015-18 Revision of the TCDSB Student Mental Health and Well-Being Strategy, more explicit links will be made to Our Catholic Values , and Living our Catholic Faith . The TCDSB Mental Health Steering Committee will continue to consult with the Religious Education Resource Department regarding the revision of the Mental Health and Well-Being Strategy, as well as any future revisions of protocols or policy.
2. Where appropriate, evidence linking strong spiritual/faith values to positive mental health will be shared and explained.
3. The TCDSB Student Mental Health resource page includes student mental health resources which support Ontario curriculum in many areas. Each of the resources has been vetted by the TCDSB Mental Health Steering Committee for its evidence base as well as its alignment to our Catholic Values. The list includes resources from The Eastern Ontario Catholic Curriculum www.eocc.org. Maintenance of these key online resources will continue to be a priority.
4. TCDSB Protocol for Third Party Providers as well as the Mental Health Partnership agreement process asks any outside service provider to become familiar with our Catholic Values and “operate within the context of our Catholic Mission”. This will be made clear to our public when the Board shares partnership information on our board portal or communicating to external or internal audiences.
5. Collaboration with the Catholic Register to feature a special Mental Health column or regular Op-Ed opportunities to highlight important mental health issues from the Catholic values perspective.
6. The Communications Plan will continue to support the Mental Health Strategy through ongoing updates and notices in the Director’s Bulletin Board , Weekly Wrap Up, web (TCDSB’s external and internal portal), social media (i.e. Twitter) and E-news, posters to engage and inform internal and external audiences and stakeholders when applicable, and formal news release for major mental health-related student/staff activities.

7. Continue to set the communications bar high by through the “leading edge” approach used in already completed videos like *TCDSB: Journey to Wellness*, to tell the mental health story through instructional and feature videos that highlight the Catholic lens component.
8. This will be further sustained through sharing best practice stories with school newsletters and parish bulletins.
9. A proactive effort will be made to contact volunteer web administrators of Toronto Archdiocese parishes as well as the Archdiocese of Toronto to inform them of the unique Catholic lens applied to mental health in our Board to facilitate a direct link to Mental Health Strategy resources on the TCDSB website.

Secondary School Year Calendar 2015-2016

1. That the attached secondary school year calendar (Appendix A) for the 2015-2016 school year be adopted.
2. The communication plan outlined in this report be implemented immediately.
3. Principals share plans for professional activity days and the school year calendar with their CSACs and school communities in a timely manner.

Mary Ward – consideration of a Specialty school designation

1. That Mary Ward not receive a specialty school designation at this time, while recognizing that Mary Ward is a unique school delivering a unique self-directed program.
2. That the question of specialty school designation for Mary Ward be revisited in conjunction with the consideration of a revised secondary school admissions policy.

Summer School Locations 2015 that the Secondary Summer School Program, scheduled to run from Wednesday, July 2, to Friday July 25th be approved to be held at the sites listed in the report with the exception of the four week Transition Program to be held at the Beatrice Campus of Dante Alighieri.

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that items dealt with in PRIVATE SESSION regarding appointments of community representatives to the Filipino and Portuguese Advisory Committees be approved.

CARRIED

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MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Rizzo, that the meeting resolve back into PRIVATE SESSION to complete the agenda.

CARRIED

SECRETARY

CHAIR