

OUR MISSION

*The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.
We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.*

OUR VISION

*At Toronto Catholic we transform the world
through witness, faith, innovation and action.*



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC SESSION

HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022

PRESENT:

Trustees:

A. Kennedy, Chair, In-Person
F. D'Amico, Vice-Chair, In-Person and Virtual
N. Crawford - Virtual
M. de Domenico - Virtual
M. Del Grande - Virtual
D. Di Giorgio - Virtual
N. Di Pasquale - Virtual
I. Li Preti - Virtual
T. Lubinski - Virtual
J. Martino - Virtual
M. Rizzo - Virtual
G. Tanuan - Virtual

Student Trustees:

K. Baybayon - Virtual
S. De Castro – Virtual

Staff:

B. Browne
D. Boyce
A. Della Mora
R. Putnam
S. Camacho
S. Campbell
L. Coulter

C. Fernandes
P. Aguiar
A. Bria
M. Caccamo
D. Chen
F. Cifelli
G. Danfulani
L. DiMarco
K. Dixon
M. Farrell
L. Latham
M. Loberto
M. Meehan
R. Peterson
S. Vlahos
J. Wujek
M. Zlomislic

S. Harris, Recording Secretary
S. Pellegrini, Assistant Recording Secretary

External Guest: A. Robertson, Parliamentarian
E. Roher, External Legal Counsel, Borden, Ladner and
Gervais

1. Call to Order

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Trustee Di Pasquale acknowledged International Holocaust Remembrance Day when more than six million Jews and millions of other victims of Nazi atrocities were systematically persecuted and murdered by the Nazis during the Holocaust.

Trustee Lubinski read the Ukrainian prayer.

6. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Trustee Lubinski, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that the Agenda, as amended to include the Addendum, and Item 23a) Inquiry from Trustee Lubinski regarding Every Child Matters Flags, be approved.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

7. Reports from Private Session

MOVED by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that the following reports from Trustee Di Pasquale be received:

In PRIVATE Session:

- a) Approved Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held December 9, 2021;
and
- b) Discussed two labour matters.

Trustee Kennedy had declared a conflict of interest in one of the labour matters as indicated in Item 9) Declaration of Interest below.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Del Grande

Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Baybayon and De Castro wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

8. Notices of Motion

MOVED by Trustee de Domenico, seconded by Trustee Li Preti, that Item 8a) be adopted as follows:

- 8a) From Trustee de Domenico regarding Request to Minister of Education to Pause EQAO Testing at all Elementary and Secondary Schools until the 2022-23 School Year** that the following be considered at the February 17, 2022 Regular Board Public Meeting:

WHEREAS: Students have experienced unprecedented levels of anxiety and stress due to the worldwide pandemic;

WHEREAS: Elementary Students have had to shift to a variety of delivery models from in-person to asynchronous learning in Elementary and to hybrid at the Secondary level;

WHEREAS: Despite the best efforts of Staff and families, students have experienced learning opportunity loss during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS: EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office) is a testing method to evaluate student learning and requires many hours of preparation and many hours to complete the test. This is scarce and valuable time that students cannot afford to lose from their regular curriculum needs.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: A letter be sent to the Minister of Education requesting that he immediately consider pausing all EQAO testing at all levels, both Elementary and Secondary until the 2022-23 school year in order to allow students to close any learning opportunity loss and return to a normal schedule at schools when COVID-19 is no longer dangerously present in our school communities.

9. Declarations of Interest

In PRIVATE Session, Trustee Kennedy declared an interest in Items 14a) Toronto Elementary Catholic Teachers (TECT) and Toronto Occasional Teachers' Unit (TOTL) Bargaining - Verbal Update - Lynda Coulter, Executive Superintendent of Human Resources, Leadership and Equity and Casey Caldwell, Legal Counsel; and 17b) Communication from the Labour Relations Ad Hoc Committee: Approved Minutes of Meeting Held November 30, 2021, as she has family members who are employees of the Board.

Trustee Rizzo declared an interest in Item 22f) Communication from Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) and Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) regarding Current Negotiation Issues as she has a family member who is an employee of the Board. Trustee Rizzo indicated that she would not vote nor participate in discussions regarding that Item.

10. Approval and Signing of Minutes of the Previous Meetings

MOVED by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee D'Amico, that Items 10a), 10b), 10c) and 10d) be adopted as follows:

- 10a) Special Board (Corporate Services) held November 11, 2021 (Revised)** approved;
- 10b) Special Board (Student Achievement) held December 2, 2021** approved.
- 10c) Special Board (Corporate Services) held December 8, 2021** approved;
and
- 10d) Regular Board Held December 9, 2021** approved.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

11. Presentations

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that Item 11a) be adopted as follows:

- 11a) From the Chair of the Board** received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Martino, that Item 11b) be adopted as follows:

11b) From the Director of Education received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee Lubinski, that Item 11c) be adopted as follows:

11c) From the Student Trustees received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

14. Consent and Review

The Chair reviewed the Order Page and the following Items were held:

- 17a) Recommendation to Board from the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC): Consideration of Motion from Deborah Nightingale, representative of Association for Bright Children Ontario Special Education regarding One Size Doesn't Fit All – Trustee Crawford;
- 18a) From the Governance and Policy Committee: Advocacy Policy A.06 – Trustee Di Pasquale;

- 19a) 2022 Annual Reports and Policy Metrics – Trustee Rizzo;
- 19b) Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) Resolutions for the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) 2022 Annual General Meeting (Previously listed as Item 20a) – Trustee Di Pasquale;
- 22e) Communication from Trustee Kennedy, Chair regarding Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association (OCSTA): Helping Canadian Families to Access Catholic Education Through the Toonies for Tuition Fund Raising Campaign (Verbal) – Trustee Kennedy;
- 22f) Communication From Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) and Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) regarding Current Negotiation Issues – Trustee Rizzo; and
- 23a) Inquiry from Trustee Lubinski regarding Every Child Matters Flags – Trustee Lubinski

MOVED by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee Li Preti, that the Items not held be received and the Staff recommendation be approved.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Del Grande
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Di Giorgio did not vote/respond.

Student Trustees Baybayon and De Castro wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

ITEMS NOT HELD AS CAPTURED IN ABOVE MOTION

- 18b) From the Governance and Policy Committee: Approved Minutes of the Governance and Policy Committee Held October 5, 2021;**
- 18c) From the Special Education Advisory Committee: Approved Minutes of Meeting Held November 17, 2021;**
- 20a) From the Governance and Policy Committee: Update to Access Control Policy B.B.05 (Revised) that the revised Access Control Policy (B.B.05) provided in Appendix A of the report be adopted;**
Listing of Communications - 22a) – 22d):
- 22a) From the Audit Committee: Approved Minutes of Meeting Held November 16, 2021;**
- 22b) From the Special Education Advisory Committee: Approved Minutes of Meeting Held December 1, 2021;**
- 22c) From the Governance and Policy Committee: Approved Minutes of the Governance and Policy Committee Held December 7, 2021;**
- 22d) From Rayna Lerner regarding Our Kids Need to Stay in School; and**
- 24a) Master Pending List and Rolling Calendar**

17. Matters Recommended by Statutory Committees of the Board

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that Item 17a) be adopted as follows:

17a) Recommendation to Board from the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC): Consideration of Motion from Deborah Nightingale, representative of Association for Bright Children Ontario Special Education regarding One Size Doesn't Fit All received and referred to Staff the following recommendation:

That the TCDSB deliver a variety of appropriate education options to meet diverse Special Education needs based on: education research; feedback from educators, parents and students on all relevant options; and advocacy by those with specific involvement and experience with students with special education needs and receiving special education programs and services.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Rizzo that the recommendation be approved and referred to Staff.

There was no seconder.

Results of the Vote taken on the Main Motion, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Del Grande
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Tanan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustees Di Giorgio and Rizzo did not vote/respond.

Student Trustees Baybayon and De Castro wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

18. Matters Referred/Deferred from Committees/Board

MOVED by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that Item 18a) be adopted as follows:

- 18a) From the Governance and Policy Committee: Advocacy Policy A.06** that the revised Advocacy Policy A.06, provided in Report Appendix A, be adopted.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Del Grande
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino

Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Di Giorgio did not vote/respond.

Student Trustees Baybayon and De Castro wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

19. Reports of Officials for the Information of the Board of Trustees

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that Item 19a) be adopted as follows:

19a) 2022 Annual Reports and Policy Metrics received.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Del Grande
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Di Giorgio did not vote/respond.

Student Trustees Baybayon and De Castro wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

MOVED by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee de Domenico, that Item 19b) be adopted as follows:

19b) TCDSB Resolutions for the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) 2022 Annual General Meeting (Previously listed as Item 20a):

WHEREAS: OCSTA's mission states "Inspired by the Gospel, OCSTA provides the provincial voice, leadership and service for elected Catholic school Trustees to promote and protect publicly funded Catholic education in Ontario.";

WHEREAS: OCSTA is a key advocacy arm for Publicly Funded Catholic Education Boards in Ontario, and advocacy is a key part of OCSTA's mission and vision;

WHEREAS: It is not clear on OCSTA's website what current advocacy priorities are, and advocacy letters are not clearly delineated from other communications; and

WHEREAS: Advocacy for Education can help all publicly funded school Boards, both Public and Catholic.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: OCSTA publicly post what their advocacy priorities are, as well as post recent examples of advocacy, and consider coordinating advocacy efforts with Ontario Public School Boards Association (OPSBA).

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Del Grande
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Di Giorgio did not vote/respond.

Student Trustees Baybayon and De Castro wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

22. Listing of Communications

MOVED by Trustee Tanuan, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 22e) be adopted as follows:

- 22e) From Trustee Kennedy, Chair regarding OCSTA: Helping Canadian Families to Access Catholic Education Through the Toonies for Tuition Fund Raising Campaign (Verbal) received.**

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Del Grande
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Di Giorgio did not vote/respond.

Student Trustees Baybayon and De Castro wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

Trustee Rizzo released Item 22f) Communication from Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) and Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) regarding Current Negotiation Issues and declared an interest in the Item, as earlier indicated.

Trustee Rizzo recused herself from the virtual room at 8:33 pm.

MOVED by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that Item 22f) be adopted as follows:

- 22f) From Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) and Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) regarding Current Negotiation Issues** received.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
Del Grande
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustees de Domenico and Di Giorgio did not vote/respond.

Student Trustees Baybayon and De Castro wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

Trustee Rizzo returned to the virtual room at 8:34 pm.

23. Inquiries and Miscellaneous

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that Item 23a) be adopted as follows:

23a) From Trustee Lubinski regarding Every Child Matters Flags received.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Del Grande
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Di Giorgio did not vote/respond.

Student Trustees Baybayon and De Castro wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

MOVED by Trustee Del Grande, seconded by Trustee Lubinski, that the meeting resolve back into PRIVATE Session.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Del Grande
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Di Giorgio did not vote/respond.

Student Trustees Baybayon and De Castro wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

PRESENT: (Following PRIVATE Session)

Trustees: F. D’Amico, Acting Chair – In Person and Virtual
N. Crawford - Virtual
M. Del Grande - Virtual
N. Di Pasquale – Virtual
I. Li Preti - Virtual
J. Martino – Virtual
M. Rizzo - Virtual
G. Tanuan - Virtual

Student Trustees: K. Baybayon
S. De Castro

7. Reports from Private Session.

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Martino, that the following report from Trustee Di Pasquale be received:

In PRIVATE Session:

- a) Approved a policy;
- b) Discussed labour matters; and
- c) Received Approved Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting Held November 16, 2021 and the Labour Relations Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting Held November 30, 2021

Trustee Kennedy had declared a conflict of interest in the labour matter and the Approved Minutes of the Labour Relations Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting as earlier indicated in Item 9) Declaration of Interest above.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
Del Grande
Di Pasquale
Li Preti
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Baybayon and De Castro wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

Trustee Kennedy returned to the horseshoe at 9:25 pm.

26. Adjournment

MOVED by Trustee Tanuan, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that the meeting be adjourned.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
Del Grande

Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Li Preti
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Baybayon and De Castro wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

SECRETARY

CHAIR