

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, MAY 19, 2022

PRESENT:**Trustees:**

F. D'Amico, Interim Chair - In-person
N. Crawford
M. de Domenico – Virtual & In-person
M. Del Grande - Virtual
D. Di Giorgio
N. Di Pasquale
A. Kennedy
T. Lubinski – Virtual
J. Martino
M. Rizzo
G. Tanuan

Student Trustees:

K. Baybayon
S. De Castro

Staff:

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

C. Fernandes
A. Bria
M. Caccamo
C. Caldwell
D. Chen
F. Cifelli
G. Danfulani
L. DiMarco
K. Dixon
M. Farrell
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

1. Call to Order

Trustee Di Giorgio rose and advised that on a point of personal privilege he was awaiting the Toronto Catholic District School Board's (TCDSB) response to his request for guidance on how to proceed with an urgent complaint against another Trustee regarding a Municipal Conflict of Interest.

3. Roll Call and Apologies

Trustee Li Preti was absent.

6. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that the Agenda, as amended to include the Addendum, Item 8a) Notice of Motion from Trustee Rizzo regarding St Jerome French Immersion and Enrolment Pressures and the removal of Item 13a) Consideration of Motion from Trustee de Domenico regarding Review of Trustee Services and Expenditures Policy T.17 - B.5, be approved.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Di Giorgio, seconded by Trustee Martino, that Inquiries from Trustee Di Giorgio regarding updates on: Items 23a) Hiring of Executive General Legal Counsel; 23b) Request for Proposal (RFP) for External Legal Services; and 23c) RFP for Parliamentary Services.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that Item 8a) Notice of Motion from Trustee Rizzo regarding St Jerome French Immersion and Enrolment Pressures be reordered after Item 11) Presentations.

Results of the Vote taken on the AMENDMENT regarding Inquiries, as follows:

In Favour

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Del Grande
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Lubinski
Martino
Tanuan

Opposed

Rizzo

The AMENDMENT was declared

CARRIED

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

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

In Favour

Opposed

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

The Main Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

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

7. Reports from Private Session

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

- a) Approved Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held April 26, 2022;
- b) Received Approved Minutes from the Audit Committee Meeting held January 26, 2022;
- c) Approved Credit Union Policy A.10; and
- d) Received letter of termination of services from the Integrity Commissioner and directed the Director to retain the services of an interim Integrity Commissioner as soon as possible.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

Trustee Rizzo left the horseshoe at 7:23 pm.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Del Grande
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Lubinski
Martino
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

9. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

Trustee Rizzo returned to the horseshoe at 7:24 pm.

10. Approval and Signing of Minutes of the Previous Meetings

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

10a) Caucus held November 25, 2021 approved with the following amendment:

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10b) Special Board (Student Achievement) held April 5, 2022 approved;

10c) Special Board (Corporate Services) held April 20, 2022 approved; and

10d) Regular Board held April 26, 2022 approved.

The Chair declared a 10-minute recess.

The meeting resumed with Trustee D’Amico in the Chair.

PRESENT: (Following Recess)

Trustees:

F. D’Amico, Interim Chair - In-person
N. Crawford
M. de Domenico - Virtual and In-Person
M. Del Grande - Virtual
D. Di Giorgio
N. Di Pasquale
A. Kennedy
T. Lubinski - Virtual
J. Martino

M. Rizzo
G. Tanuan

Student Trustees: K. Baybayon
S. De Castro

10. Approval and Signing of Minutes of the Previous Meetings continued...

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee Di Giorgio, that Item 10a) Minutes of Caucus Meeting held November 25, 2021 be deferred to the June 9, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

With the consent of the Assembly, Trustee Martino withdrew the AMENDMENT.

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

In Favour

Opposed

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

Di Giorgio

The Main Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

11. Presentations

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

11a) From the Interim Chair of the Board received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Tanuan, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 11b) be adopted as follows:

11b) From the Director of Education received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Tanuan, seconded by Trustee Martino, that Item 11c) be adopted as follows:

11c) From the Student Trustee(s) received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

8. Notices of Motions

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that Item 8a) be adopted as follows:

8a) **From Trustee Rizzo regarding St Jerome French Immersion and Enrolment Pressures** that this be considered at the June 9, 2022 Regular Board Meeting:

WHEREAS: St. Jerome presently has 10 portables and many more are projected in the next four years;

WHEREAS: Enrolment is projected to reach more than one thousand students by 2026;

WHEREAS: The school was built in 1962 to house 400 students;

WHEREAS: Several years ago French Immersion was instituted at St. Jerome phased in by one grade per year;

WHEREAS: Like in many other schools it is difficult to obtain and retain French Language educators despite best efforts;

WHEREAS: St. Jerome families enroll their children in French Immersion in Junior Kindergarten/Senior Kindergarten and most students leave the French Immersion to attend the English program in Grades 3 and 4;

WHEREAS: A review has not taken place of the French Immersion Program at St Jerome; and

WHEREAS: The system is financially draining with smaller class sizes for French Immersion and much larger class sizes in the regular program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Staff review programming, enrolment, boundaries in order to address the concerns at St Jerome, as well as a system review and report back within one year.

13. Consideration of Motion

- 13a) From Trustee de Domenico regarding Review of Trustee Services and Expenditures Policy T.17 - B.5** withdrawn by Trustee de Domenico (refer to Item 6).

14. Consent and Review

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

- 17a) Recommendations to Board from the Special Education Advisory Committee Consideration of Motion: From the Special Education Plan Review Informal Working Group regarding Special Education Plan Review Process: Staff Revisions – Trustee Rizzo;
- 20a) From the Governance and Policy Committee: Rescindment of School Organization Change Policy S.05 – Trustee Rizzo;
- 20c) From the Governance and Policy Committee: Rescindment of Permit Supervisors Policy H.S.06 – Trustee Rizzo;
- 20d) From the Governance and Policy Committee: H.M.06 - Disconnecting from Work Policy – Trustee Rizzo;

Inquiries from Trustee Di Giorgio regarding updates on:

- 23a) Hiring of Executive General Legal Counsel;
- 23b) Request for Proposal (RFP) for External Legal Services; and
- 23c) RFP for Parliamentary Services.

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Martino, that the Items not held be received and the Staff Recommendations be approved.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
Del Grande
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Martino
Rizzo
Tanan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

Trustee de Domenico did not vote/respond.

Trustee de Domenico joined the horseshoe at 8:50 pm and left the horseshoe at 8:53 pm.

17. Matters Recommended by Statutory Committees of the Board

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

- 17a) Recommendations to Board from the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) - Consideration of Motion: From the Special Education Plan Review Informal Working Group regarding Special Education Plan Review Process: Staff Revisions** that the Board of Trustees approve the following:

WHEREAS: The Education Act, Regulation 464/97, requires SEAC to review the Board's Special Education Plan each year and make recommendations to the Board for improvements and updates;

WHEREAS: SEAC formed an informal working group in 2020 to assist SEAC in this review;

WHEREAS: The informal working group did a comprehensive review of the TCDSB Special Education Plan throughout 2020-2021 reporting regularly to SEAC and bringing many recommendations to SEAC which were adopted and recommended to Board and approved by Board for consideration by Special Services Staff;

WHEREAS: Special Services Superintendent and Staff made changes and updates and reported same to the Ministry of Education for the July 31, 2021 deadline; and

WHEREAS: For the 2021-2022 review of the Special Education Plan, the informal working group would be aided by information from Staff on what was changed in the Plan for the July 31, 2021 submission to the Ministry of Education.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: SEAC recommend to the Board of Trustees as follows:

On a go forward basis, Staff provide in writing to SEAC by October of each year, a summary of all revisions made to the Special Education Plan for the previous July submission to the Ministry of Education; and

These revisions be accompanied by feedback that clearly identifies:

- which SEAC recommendations to change the Special Education Plan have been implemented; and

- which SEAC recommendations have not been accepted with a brief description of the reasons why.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
Del Grande
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Martino
Rizzo
Tanan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

20. Reports of Officials Requiring Action of the Board of Trustees

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that Item 20a) be adopted as follows:

- 20a) From the Governance and Policy Committee: Rescindment of School Organization Change Policy S.05** that the School Organization Change Policy - S.05 policy be rescinded.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico

Del Grande
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that Item 20c) be adopted as follows:

- 20c) From the Governance and Policy Committee: Rescindment of Permit Supervisors Policy H.S.06** that the Permit Supervisors Policy H.S.06 be rescinded.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
Del Grande
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

Trustee de Domenico returned to the horseshoe at 8:58 pm.

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that Item 20d) be adopted as follows:

- 20d) **From the Governance and Policy Committee: H.M.06 - Disconnecting from Work Policy** that H.M.06 – Disconnecting from Work Policy provided in Appendix A of the report be adopted.

Trustee Lubinski rejoined the meeting at 9:04 pm.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

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

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

23. Inquiries and Miscellaneous

MOVED by Trustee Di Giorgio, seconded by Trustee Martino, that Items 23a), 23b) and 23c) be adopted as follows:

Inquiries from Trustee Di Giorgio regarding updates on:

- 23a) Hiring Executive General Legal Counsel** received;
- 23b) Request for Proposal (RFP) for External Legal Services** received; and
- 23c) RFP for Parliamentarian Services** received.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Del Grande
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Martino
Rizzo
Tanan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Lubinski did not vote/respond.

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

26. **Adjournment**

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

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Del Grande
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Lubinski did not vote/respond.

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

SECRETARY

CHAIR