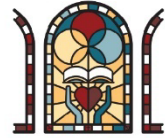


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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC SESSION**

HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

PRESENT:

Trustees:

N. Crawford – Chair
M. de Domenico – Vice Chair
F. D’Amico
M. Del Grande
D. Di Giorgio - Virtual
A. Kennedy - Virtual
I. Li Preti
T. Lubinski - Virtual
J. Martino
K. Morrison
M. Rizzo
G. Tanuan

Student Trustees:

D. Beshai
J. Goodluck

Staff:

B. Browne
D. Boyce
A. Della Mora
R. Putnam
S. Campbell
A. Ceddia

L. Coulter
M. Damad
C. Fernandes
A. Bria
P. Aguiar
M. Caccamo
F. Cifelli
R. D'Addario
G. Danfulani
K. Dixon
B. Doan
M. Farrell
R. Fernandes
M. Loberto
M. Meehan
R. Peterson
R. Walo
S. Vlahos
M. Zlomislic

S. Hinds-Barnett, Acting Recording Secretary
M. Kennedy, Temporary Assistant

External Guest: A. Robertson, Parliamentarian

6. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that the Agenda, as amended to include the following Inquiries, be approved.

23a) From Trustee Rizzo regarding Playgrounds and Outdoor Space;

23b) From Trustee Martino regarding Playgrounds and Outdoor Space;

23c) From Trustee Li Preti regarding Playgrounds and Outdoor Space;

- 23d) From Trustee Lubinski regarding International Students;
- 23e) From Trustee de Domenico regarding Building Gymnasiums Specifically in Ward 2 – Fr Serra Catholic School;
- 23f) From Trustee Morrison regarding Playground Projects;
- 23g) From Trustee Del Grande regarding Playgrounds and Gymnasiums;
- 23h) From Trustee Tanuan regarding International Students and Playgrounds;
- 23i) From Trustee Di Giorgio regarding the Board’s Deficit Position;
- 23j) From Trustee Di Giorgio regarding Procurement on External Legal Services, Parliamentary Services and RFP; and
- 23k) From Trustee Di Giorgio regarding Budgetary Protocols.

MOVED by Trustee Di Giorgio, that Item 11e) Annual Chief Financial Officer Overview – R. Putnam, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, be moved to Item 20c) Annual Chief Financial Officer Overview (Verbal) - R. Putnam, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

MOVED by Trustee Di Giorgio, that a new Item - 20c) Annual Financial Update, be placed on the agenda.

The Chair ruled the Motion Out of Order.

Trustee Di Giorgio challenged the Chair.

Results of the Vote taken on the Ruling of the Chair, as follows:

In Favour

Trustees Crawford
D’Amico
de Domenico

Opposed

Del Grande
Di Giorgio
Lubinski

Kennedy
Li Preti
Morrison

Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Chair's Ruling was upheld.

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Del Grande, that Approval of the Agenda be tabled in order to proceed to Item 11a) Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Student Short Video Awards - Nancy Crawford, Chair of the Board and Trustee Ward 12, Teresa Lubinski, Trustee Ward 4, Garry Tanuan, Trustee Ward 8 and Maria Rizzo, Trustee Ward 5.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

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

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Kennedy did not vote/respond.

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

Trustee Crawford relinquished the Chair to Trustee de Domenico.

11. Presentations

MOVED by Trustee Tanuan, seconded by Trustee Lubinski, that Item 11a) be adopted as follows:

- 11a) **Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Student Short Video Awards - Nancy Crawford, Chair of the Board and Trustee Ward 12, Teresa Lubinski, Trustee Ward 4, Garry Tanuan, Trustee Ward 8 and Maria Rizzo, Trustee Ward 5** received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Crawford reassumed the Chair.

6. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Trustee de Domenico, seconded by Trustee Lubinski, that the Agenda be lifted from the table.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico

de Domenico
Del Grande
Di Giorgio
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Kennedy did not vote/respond.

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

Trustee Tanuan left the horseshoe at 8:14 p.m.

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Del Grande, that the By-law 175, Article 10.7 be waived to allow Trustee Di Giorgio to place a new item on the Agenda.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Trustees D'Amico
de Domenico
Del Grande
Di Giorgio
Lubinski
Martino
Morrison

Opposed

Crawford
Li Preti

Rizzo

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Kennedy did not vote/respond.

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

Item 20c) Annual Chief Financial Officer Overview was added to the Agenda.

Results of the Vote taken on Approval of the Agenda, as amended, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

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

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

Trustee Del Grande left the horseshoe at 8:19 p.m.

Trustee Tanuan returned to the horseshoe at 8:20 p.m.

7. **Reports from Private Session**

MOVED by Trustee de Domenico, seconded by Trustee Martino, that the following reports from Trustee de Domenico be received:

In PRIVATE Session:

1. Discussed Security of the Board's Property; and
2. Approved Minutes of the previous Meeting held December 14, 2023.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

Trustee Del Grande returned to the horseshoe at 8:22 p.m.

8. Notices of Motion

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

- 8a) From Trustee de Domenico regarding Engagement Process on the Use of Cell Phones in the Classroom** that the By-law 175, Article 10.8, 30-day notice period be waived and that the Notice of Motion be considered at tonight's Regular Board Meeting, January 30, 2024 - Refer Item 13a).

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Kennedy
Li Preti
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

Opposed

Del Grande
Lubinski

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

9. Declarations of Interest

Trustees Kennedy and Lubinski declared a conflict of Interest in the following Items as they have family members who are employees of the Board:

- 11e) Annual Chief Financial Officer Overview - R. Putnam, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; and
- 20c) Annual Chief Financial Officer Overview

Trustees Kennedy and Lubinski indicated that they would not participate in discussions regarding the respective Items nor vote.

Trustee Morrison left the horseshoe at 8:31 p.m.

10. Approval and Signing of Minutes of the Previous Meetings

MOVED by Trustee Del Grande, seconded by Trustee Rizzo, that Items 10a), 10b) and 10d) be adopted as follows:

- 10a) Caucus Held November 27, 2023**, approved;
- 10b) Special Board (Student Achievement) Held December 7, 2023**, approved; and
- 10d) Board Held December 14, 2023**, approved.

Trustee Di Giorgio questioned the Chair regarding the contents of Item 10a) Caucus Held November 27, 2023, specifically the dissolving of the Executive Compensation Committee.

The Chair ruled the question as inappropriate during the time for approval of the minutes.

Trustee Di Giorgio challenged the Chair.

Results of the Vote taken on the Ruling of the Chair, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

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

Di Giorgio
Lubinski

The Chair's Ruling was upheld.

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

Trustee Martino left the horseshoe at 8:35 p.m. and returned at 8:36 p.m.

Results of the Vote taken on Approval of the Minutes, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

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

Di Giorgio
Lubinski

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

MOVED by Trustee Di Giorgio, seconded by Trustee D'Amico, that the Agenda be reopened to add an Inquiry regarding Response from Staff about Dissolving the Executive Compensation Committee.

Results of the Vote, as follows:

In Favour

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
Del Grande
Di Giorgio
Lubinski
Martino
Tanuan

Opposed

de Domenico
Kennedy
Li Preti
Rizzo

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

Trustee Morrison returned to the horseshoe 8:40 p.m.

Results of the Vote taken on Adding the Inquiry, as follows:

In Favour

Trustees Del Grande
Di Giorgio
Lubinski
Martino
Morrison
Tanuan

Opposed

Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Kennedy
Li Preti
Rizzo

The Motion was declared

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Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

11. Presentations

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

11b) From the Chair of the Board received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Li Preti, seconded by Trustee de Domenico, that Item 11c) be adopted as follows:

11c) From the Director of Education received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Martino left the horseshoe at 8:44 p.m.

MOVED by Trustee de Domenico, seconded by Trustee Martino, that Item 11d) be adopted as follows:

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

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Martino returned to the horseshoe at 8:54 p.m.

Trustees Kennedy and Lubinski recused themselves from the virtual room at 9:00 p.m. due to a Declaration of Interest in Item 11e) below, as earlier indicated.

Trustee D'Amico left the horseshoe at 9:00 p.m. and joined the virtual room at 9:02 p.m.

MOVED by Trustee Del Grande, seconded by Trustee Li Preti, that Item 11e) be adopted as follows:

11e) Annual Chief Financial Officer Overview - R. Putnam, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustees Kennedy and Lubinski returned to the virtual room at 9:21p.m.

13. Consideration of Motions For Which Previous Notice Has Been Given

MOVED by Trustee de Domenico, seconded by Trustee Martino, that Item 13a) be adopted as follows:

13a) From Trustee de Domenico regarding Engagement Process on the Use of Cell Phones in the Classroom:

WHEREAS: Cell phones can be tools used by students at the discretion of the teacher and;

WHEREAS: Cell phones can also be a significant distraction to both students and the classroom which can impact learning and student focus and;

WHEREAS: Evidence suggests social media apps are highly addictive and;

WHEREAS: Many teachers enable student cell phone use for research, engagement, and participation in learning and;

WHEREAS: Teachers may not want to “police” the use of cell phones in the classroom, nor be in the position of having to confront, confiscate, and care for a student's cell phone and;

WHEREAS: The TCDSB does have an Acceptable Use of Technology Policy (A-29) intended to protect students, staff, and other TCSDDB community members regarding responsible use of technology services and;

WHEREAS: In the TCDSB Student Internet Agreement Form which all students sign annually, students agree to parameters around the use of personal devices in the classroom;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: That staff engage with impacted stakeholders including all principals, classroom educators, union partners, students, Catholic School Parent Councils (CSPC), Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC), Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE), parents, and families regarding student use of cell phones in the classroom during instructional time, and that staff report back on the findings of the engagement for further consideration of the Board.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

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

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

Student Trustee Goodluck left the horseshoe at 9:45 p.m.

14. Consent and Review

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

- 19b) 2023-2024 Multi-Year Strategic Plan – Trustee Tanuan;
- 20c) Annual Chief Financial Officer Overview – Trustee Di Giorgio;

Inquiries:

- 23a) From Trustee Rizzo regarding Playgrounds and Outdoor Space;
- 23b) From Trustee Martino regarding Playgrounds and Outdoor Space;
- 23c) From Trustee Li Preti regarding Playgrounds and Outdoor Space;
- 23d) From Trustee Lubinski regarding International Students;
- 23e) From Trustee de Domenico regarding Building Gymnasiums Specifically in Ward 2 – Fr Serra Catholic School;
- 23g) From Trustee Del Grande regarding Playgrounds and Gymnasiums – Trustee Rizzo;
- 23h) From Trustee Tanuan regarding International Students and Playgrounds;
- 23i) From Trustee Di Giorgio regarding the Board's Deficit Position;
- 23j) From Trustee Di Giorgio regarding Procurement on External Legal Services, Parliamentary Services and RFP; and
- 23k) From Trustee Di Giorgio regarding Budgetary Protocols.

Trustee Del Grande left the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

Student Trustee Goodluck returned to the horseshoe at 9:49 pm.

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

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

ITEMS NOT HELD AS CAPTURED IN ABOVE MOTION

19a) 2023 Entry and Exit Surveys;

20a) From the Governance and Policy Committee: School Names Policy S.07 that the Governance & Policy Committee recommends that the revised School Names Policy S. 07 provided in Appendix A of the report be adopted;

20b) Impact of Solar Eclipse - Change to Professional Activity Day that the Board of Trustees approve an adjustment to the 2023/2024 school year calendar to allow for a change in the scheduled professional activity

day from Friday April 19, 2024, to Monday April 8, 2024, and that staff communicate this change to all stakeholders, including school communities immediately;

- 22a) From the Political Action Ad Hoc Committee: Approved Minutes of Meeting Held April 3, 2019;**
- 22b) From the Bylaw Review Ad Hoc Committee: Approved Minutes of Meeting Held June 12, 2023;**
- 22c) From the Governance and Policy Committee: Approved Minutes of Meeting Held November 7, 2023;**
- 22d) From the Special Education Advisory Committee: Approved Minutes of Meeting Held December 6, 2023;**
- 22e) From the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee: Approved Minutes of Meeting Held December 11, 2023;**
- 23f) From Trustee Morrison regarding Playground Projects;**
- 24a) Master Pending List and Rolling Calendar; and**
- 24b) Annual Report.**

The Chair declared a 15-minute recess.

The meeting resumed with Trustee Crawford in the Chair.

PRESENT: (following Recess)

Trustees:

- N. Crawford – Chair
- M. de Domenico – Vice Chair
- F. D’Amico – Virtual
- D. Di Giorgio - Virtual
- A. Kennedy – Virtual
- I. Li Preti
- T. Lubinski - Virtual
- J. Martino

K. Morrison - Virtual
M. Rizzo
G. Tanuan

Student Trustees: D. Beshai
J. Goodluck

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

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

19b) 2023-2024 Multi-Year Strategic Plan received.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

Trustees Kennedy and Lubinski recused themselves from the virtual room at 10:26 p.m. due to a Declaration of Interest in Item 20c), as earlier indicated.

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

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

20c) Annual Chief Financial Officer Overview:

WHEREAS: The Board is currently facing a serious operating deficit and accumulated deficit position;

WHEREAS: This position is heavily but not entirely influenced by factors outside of the Board's control;

WHEREAS: The current Board of Trustees has never been required to cut service levels to address a deficit of this magnitude; and

WHEREAS: The Ministry will likely not inject enough funds into the Board to totally address this deficit.

BE IT RESOLVED: That staff bring forward three hypothetical scenarios to the February 15, 2024 Regular Board meeting:

- 1) A list of potential budget reductions amounting to approximately \$5mil
- 2) A list of potential budget reductions amounting to approximately \$10mil
- 3) A list of potential budget reductions amounting to approximately \$15mil

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Trustees Di Giorgio
Martino
Morrison
Tanuan

Opposed

Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Li Preti
Rizzo

The Motion was declared

FAILED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in opposition and in favour respectively.

Trustees Kennedy and Lubinski returned to the virtual room at 10:41p.m.

Urgent Item (s)

The Director was asked to state the urgent items, and advised that the matter in PRIVATE Session was deemed urgent.

MOVED by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee Di Giorgio, that the meeting resolve into PRIVATE Session to deal with the urgent item and return to PUBLIC Session and re-open the Agenda to add a new Item regarding Playgrounds.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico

Opposed

Di Giorgio
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

Trustee Morrison did not vote/respond.

MOVED by Trustee de Domenico, seconded by Trustee Martino, that the meeting resolve into PRIVATE Session.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

Trustee Morrison did not vote/respond.

PRESENT: (following PRIVATE Session)

Trustees:

- N. Crawford – Chair
- M. de Domenico – Vice Chair
- F. D’Amico – Virtual
- D. Di Giorgio - Virtual
- A. Kennedy – Virtual
- T. Lubinski - Virtual
- J. Martino
- K. Morrison - Virtual
- M. Rizzo
- G. Tanuan

7. Reports from Private Session

MOVED by Trustee de Domenico, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that the following reports from Trustee de Domenico be received:

In PRIVATE Session:

- a. Discussed Acquisition of a School Site; and
- b. Approved Minutes from the Political Action Ad Hoc Committee Held April 3, 2019.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Kennedy
Lubinski
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee Lubinski, that the Agenda be re-opened.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Kennedy
Lubinski
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Martino, that Item 20d) Playgrounds be added to the Agenda and that the meeting be extended until discussion on the item is complete.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Kennedy
Lubinski
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee de Domenico left the horseshoe at 11:45 p.m. and returned at 11:58 p.m.

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

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Martino, that Item 20d) be adopted as follows;

20d) Playgrounds that design consultants, landscape architects, students, co-op and contractors be retained, and staff waive the RFP and Board approval process for projects less than \$100,000.00 to:

1. Complete backlogged playground improvements; and
2. Begin the application process for new playground project submissions in April 2024

And Further Be It Resolved: That an updating communication be sent to all school communities and that the new playground application process is anticipated to begin in April 2024.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Kennedy
Lubinski
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee D'Amico did not vote/respond.

MOVED by Trustee de Domenico, seconded by Trustee Rizzo, that the Item in DOUBLE PRIVATE Session be deferred to the February 15, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Kennedy
Lubinski
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee D'Amico did not vote/respond.

26. Adjournment

MOVED by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that the meeting be adjourned.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
de Domenico

Di Giorgio
Kennedy
Lubinski
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee D'Amico did not vote/respond.

SECRETARY

CHAIR