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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 SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION

HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

PRESENT:

Trustees:

F. D'Amico – In Person & Virtual
A. Kennedy
M. Rizzo - Virtual

External Members:

G. Wedge, Chair
G. Feldman, Vice Chair
R. De Belchior
L. Mason – Virtual
L. Mastrogiuseppe - Virtual
D. Nightingale - Virtual
I. Novak – Virtual
A. Pabon - Virtual
M. Seymour - Virtual

Staff:

A. Della Mora
R. Putnam
C. Fernandes
M. Meehan
V. Cocco
A. Coke
O. De Figueiredo
M. Gendron
P. Klim-Conforti
R. Macchia

S. Hinds-Barnett, Acting Recording Secretary
S. Adaikpoh, Assistant Recording Secretary

External Guest:

A. Robertson, Parliamentarian

3. Roll Call and Apologies

An apology was extended on behalf of Jennifer Di Francesco. Michelle Cousins and Tyler Munro were absent.

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Geoffrey Feldman, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that the Agenda be approved.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

5. Declarations of Interest

Trustee Kennedy declared a conflict of interest in Item 8a) Ministry Benchmarking - R. Putnam, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, as she has family members who are employees of the Board. Trustee Kennedy indicated that she would neither participate in discussions regarding the Item nor vote.

6. Approval and Signing of the Minutes

MOVED by Trustee D'Amico, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that the Minutes of the Meeting held February 7, 2024, be approved.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Kennedy recused herself from the horseshoe at 7:14 p.m. due to a Declaration of Interest in Item 8a) below, as earlier indicated.

8. Presentations

MOVED by Geoffrey Feldman, seconded by Richelle de Belchior, that Item 8a) be adopted as follows:

- 8a) Ministry Benchmarking - R. Putnam, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer** received.

Trustee Rizzo left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Kennedy returned at 7:46 p.m.

10. Consent and Review

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

- 11b) Safe Schools Committee Update (Verbal) - G. Wedge, SEAC's Representative on Safe Schools Committee – R. De Belchior; and
- 12a) Special Services Superintendent Update – March 2024 – Trustee Kennedy.

MOVED by Geoffrey Feldman, seconded by Richelle De Belchior, that the Item not held be received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

ITEM NOT HELD AS CAPTURED IN ABOVE MOTION

- 11a) Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Annual Calendar (Draft) as of March 6, 2024.

George Wedge relinquished the Chair to Geoffrey Feldman.

11. Annual Calendar Items

MOVED by Richelle De Belchior, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that Item 11b) be adopted as follows:

- 11b) **Safe Schools Committee Update (Verbal) - G. Wedge, SEAC's Representative on Safe Schools Committee** received.

On the vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Deborah Nightingale joined the virtual room at 8:04 p.m.

George Wedge reassumed the Chair.

12. Reports of Officials for Information by the Board/Other Committees

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Geoffrey Feldman, that Item 12a) be adopted as follows:

12a) **Special Services Superintendent Update – March 2024** received.

Trustee D’Amico left horseshoe and connected virtually at 8:10 p.m.

On the vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

20. Adjournment

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

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

SECRETARY

CHAIR