
**Annual Board Meeting
November 18, 2024 – 3:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

(In person)

Present:

Trustees: Mary Helen Van Loon, Tina Doherty, Amy Cronin, and Jim McDade

Student Trustees: Sam Cronin, St. Anne's CSS, Clinton

Senior Administration: Director of Education Chris N. Roehrig; Superintendents of Education Tara Boreham, Karen Tigani; Superintendent of Business Mary-Ellen Ducharme

Chaplain: Father David Butler

Absent: Trustee Sue Muller (absent with approval from Chair for medical reasons), Levi Nyenhuis, Student Trustee (illness)

1. Opening Business

- 1.1. Opening Prayer - Father David Butler
- 1.2. O Canada - all
- 1.3. Land Acknowledgement - Director Chris N. Roehrig
- 1.4. **Attendance and Welcome** - Noted above

Director of Education Chris N. Roehrig welcomed all of the attendees gathered for the Annual Board Meeting.

1.5. Approval of the Annual Board Meeting Agenda of November 18, 2024

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Tina Doherty

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the November 18, 2024, Annual Board Meeting.

Carried

1.6. Introduction of the Board of Trustees, Student Trustees, and Board Chaplain

Director Roehrig introduced the Board of Trustees and the Student Trustee present.

2. Appointment of Scrutineer

Director Roehrig appointed Superintendent Ducharme to be the scrutineer.

3. Election of Officers

- 3.1. Nomination and Election of Chair

Moved by: Tina Doherty

Seconded by: Jim McDade

THAT Mary Helen Van Loon be nominated to the position of Chair of the Board.

Carried

Mary Helen Van Loon was re-acclaimed Chair of the Board.

3.2. Nomination and Election of Vice-Chair

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Jim McDade

THAT Tina Doherty be nominated to the position of Vice-Chair of the Board.

Carried

Tina Doherty was acclaimed Vice-Chair of the Board.

4. Committee Appointments

- 4.1.** Catholic Education Team (1)
Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism Committee (1)
Special Education Advisory Committee (1)
Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (1)
Supervised Alternative Learning Committee (1)
Student Discipline Committee (Expulsion/Suspension Appeals) (3)
Audit Committee (2)
Transportation Committee (2)

Moved by: Jim McDade

Seconded by: Amy Cronin

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approves the following statutory and standing committee appointments as follows:

Sue Muller be appointed as a member of the Catholic Education Team.

Jim McDade be appointed as a member of the Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Anti-Racism Committee.

Mary Helen Van Loon be appointed as a member of the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Sue Muller be appointed as a member of the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee.

Mary Helen Van Loon be appointed as a member of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee.

Tina Doherty be appointed as a member of the Student Discipline Committee (Expulsion/Suspension Appeals).

Amy Cronin be appointed as a member of the Student Discipline Committee (Expulsion/Suspension Appeals).

Mary Helen Van Loon be appointed as a member of the Student Discipline Committee (Expulsion/Suspension Appeals).

Amy Cronin be appointed as a member of the Audit Committee.

Tina Doherty be appointed as a member of the Audit Committee.

Jim McDade be appointed as a member of the Transportation Committee.

Tina Doherty be appointed as a member of the Transportation Committee.

Carried

5. Borrowing By-Law 1-2024

Moved by: Tina Doherty

Seconded by: Amy Cronin

THAT the Chair or Vice-Chair and one of the Director of Education or the Superintendent of Business

and Treasurer are authorized on behalf of the Board to borrow from time to time from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (“CIBC”) a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) to meet the current expenditures of the Board until the current revenue has been received, for the year (including the amounts required for the purposes mentioned in subsection 243 (1) and 243 (2) of the Act plus interest at a rate to be agreed upon from time to time with CIBC.

Carried

6. Appointment of Board Auditor

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Tina Doherty

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board appoints BDO Canada LLP as the Board’s external auditor for 2024/2025.

Carried

7. Appointment of Board Solicitor

Moved by: Jim McDade

Seconded by: Amy Cronin

THAT Donnelly & Murphy Lawyers (Professional Corporation) be appointed as Board Solicitors, effective January 1, 2025 until December 31, 2025.

Carried

8. Director’s Annual Report 2023-2024

Moved by: Tina Doherty

Seconded by: Amy Cronin

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Director’s Annual Report 2023-2024 for information.

Carried

9. Annual Address by the Chair of the Board

I would like to thank my fellow trustees for the opportunity to serve once again as Chair of the Board. We look forward to supporting our system as we work to implement our new strategic plan “on Fire with the Spirit” and to begin to witness and experience the fruits of this important work. It will be a year of transition as we say goodbye to Chris and welcome Karen to her new role as Director of Education. It is a time of great excitement and anticipation.

These past few years have been challenging and unprecedented....they have taught us much about faith and perseverance. Upon reflection, it is evident that during the times of fear and uncertainty; God instilled in us His hope and His faithfulness. During times of isolation and anxiety; He called us to model His kindness and compassion. During the times of controversy and division; He has shown us His path to peace. This knowledge fills our hearts and allows us to rejoice in a trust that radiates the light of God’s presence.

As we step into this new term, we do so in joy and hope. We have set lofty goals in math, literacy, and faith formation and each of us is called to do our part. We will rise to this challenge, because we know that when we are on fire with the spirit, we can do hard things! And so we ask for the continued protection and guidance of Our Blessed Mother, and the intercession of St. Brother Andre, as we go forth to fill the hearts and the minds of those entrusted to our care. Thank you!

10. Closing Prayer - Father David Butler

11. Adjournment

Moved by: Jim McDade

Seconded by: Tina Doherty

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board adjourns the November 18, 2024 Annual Board Meeting.

Carried

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY