

**Regular Board Meeting**  
**April 27, 2026 - 3:00 pm**

## **MINUTES**

**Present:**

**Trustees:** Chair Mary Helen Van Loon; Vice-chair Amy Cronin; Trustees Tina Doherty; Sue Muller, and Jim McDade

**Board Chaplain:** Deacon Daniel McPhee

**Student Trustee:** Addison Thuss, St. Anne's CSS, Clinton

**Senior Administration:** Director of Education & Secretary Karen Tigani; Superintendents of Education Tara Boreham, Sean McDade; and Superintendent of Business & Treasurer Sarah Devereaux

**Absent:** Dean DeLuca, Student Trustee, St. Michael CSS, Stratford

### **1. Opening Business**

#### **1.1. Opening Prayer & Condolences - Trustees**

#### **1.2. Attendance - Noted above at start of meeting**

#### **1.3. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Agenda**

#### **1.4.**

Moved by: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Amy Cronin

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of April 27, 2026.

**Carried**

#### **1.5. Declaration of Interest**

#### **1.6. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Tina Doherty

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board amends the March 23, 2026 minutes for Item 5.2.3. Literacy Update to read "Trustees request that disaggregated data be provided for future reports prior to the board meetings".

**Carried**

Moved by: Jim McDade

Seconded by: Amy Cronin

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 23, 2026 as amended.

**Carried**

**1.7. Business Arising from the Minutes**

**2. Presentations**

**3. Delegations**

**4. Consent Agenda**

- 4.1. March Board Highlights
- 4.2. Approved Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting minutes of March 9, 2026
- 4.3. Approved Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Anti-racism (EDIAR) meeting minutes of November 11, 2025
- 4.4. Approved Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) meeting minutes of October 21, 2025
- 4.5. Approved Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) meeting minutes of January, 21, 2026
- 4.6. Facility Project Approvals
- 4.7. Annual Drinking Water Report

Trustees inquired about school mass schedules. Director Tigani responded that this is available and can be provided to trustees and will consider the best way to share this information.

Trustees inquired about the secondary professional development sessions that were offered on the April 24 PD day. Staff can provide a list to trustees.

Moved by: Tina Doherty

Seconded by: Jim McDade

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives all reports, committee minutes, and approves all motions under the consent agenda, which are:

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Board Highlights for April for information.

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the approved Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2026

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Approved Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-racism (EDIAR) Meeting Minutes of November 11, 2025

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Approved Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2025

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Approved Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2026

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board awards the Precious Blood School roof replacement project to Keller Roofing & Sheet Metal Inc. for a total amount of \$549,180.00 including HST.

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board awards the Our Lady of Mount Carmel School roof replacement project to Smith-Peat Roofing & Sheet Metal Ltd. for a total amount of \$203,225.98 including HST.

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board awards the St. Anne Secondary School roof replacement project to Smith-Peat Roofing & Sheet Metal Ltd. for a total amount of \$462,273.96 including HST.

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board awards the Jeanne Sauve School roof replacement project to Atlas-Apex Roofing (London) Inc. for a total amount of \$204,810.24 including HST.

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board awards the St. Joseph School, Stratford roof replacement project to Keller Roofing & Sheet Metal Inc. for a total amount of \$491,550.00 including HST.

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board awards the Jeanne Sauvé School lighting replacement project to Feltz Design Build Limited for a total amount of \$312,097.75 including HST.

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Annual Drinking Water Report for the Period April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026.

**Carried**

## **5. Committee and Staff Reports**

### **5.1. Policy**

#### **5.1.1. Board Policies for Review:**

- a) Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting (P2.2.8.)

Trustees requested clarification on the terminology used in the report relating to the connection between assessment and evaluation and equity, expressing a preference for the terms "fair, transparent, and equitable" over "equity and inclusion." Director Tigani responded that much of the language is pulled from Ministry policy documents. Trustees requested that staff look at the language, ensuring it is reflective of the Ministry Growing Success document and the Board's equity policy. Director Tigani invited Trustees to submit any additional suggestions to the Director's Office prior to the next meeting, noting that staff will review all feedback for further consideration.

Moved by: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Tina Doherty

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the following policy for review: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting (P2.2.8.)

**Carried**

#### **5.1.2. Board Policies Recommended for Approval/Rescinding:**

- b) Modified Day (P2.2.4.)

Moved by: Tina Doherty

Seconded by: Jim McDade

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board amend the first sentence of the policy statement to read: "Guided by our responsibility to oversee equitable and safe education in Ontario, it is the policy of the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board to provide individualized accommodations and support to students".

**Carried**

Moved by: Jim McDade

Seconded by: Sue Muller

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approves the following policy: Modified Day (P2.2.4.) as amended.

**Carried**

## **5.2. Student Achievement and Catholicity**

### **5.2.1. Catholic Education Week Report**

Moved by: Tina Doherty

Seconded by: Amy Cronin

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Catholic Education Week report for information.

**Carried**

### **5.2.2. Student Attendance Report**

Moved by: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Amy Cronin

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Student Attendance report for information.

**Carried**

### **5.2.3. STEM Report and Skills Update**

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Tina Doherty

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the STEM Report and Skills Update for information.

**Carried**

### **5.2.4. Artificial Intelligence Summit and Parent Information Night**

Moved by: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Tina Doherty

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Artificial Intelligence Summit and Parent Information Night report for information.

**Carried**

### **5.2.5. Student Trustees' Report**

Moved by: Jim McDade

Seconded by: Tina Doherty

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Student Trustees' report for information.

**Carried**

### **5.3. Corporate Services and Operations**

#### **5.3.1. February 28, 2026 Financial Report**

Trustees inquired about the expenses at 40-50, is this in line for this time of year. Superintendent Devereaux responded there is a lag in some expenses due to timing of the report and this is on par for this time of year. Trustees inquired about the surplus amount.

Moved by: Tina Doherty

Seconded by: Sue Muller

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the February 28, 2026 Financial report.

**Carried**

#### **5.3.2. 2026-2027 Budget Community Consultation**

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Sue Muller

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the 2026-2027 Budget Community Consultation Report.

**Carried**

#### **5.3.3. 2026-2027 Budget Report Preliminary Enrolment Projections**

Trustees inquired about the decrease in elementary enrollment, seeking insight into the primary drivers of the decline. Superintendent Devereaux explained that the trend is largely due to a significant Grade 8 cohort transitioning to secondary school and smaller incoming Kindergarten classes. These are preliminary numbers and more registrations are expected, the official cutoff for enrollment data is in May. Additionally, Superintendent Devereaux noted that demographers are currently compiling a new ten-year enrollment report, which will be shared with the Board once it is finalized.

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Sue Muller

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the 2026-2027 Budget Report Preliminary Enrolment Projections Report.

**Carried**

## **6. Information and Correspondence**

### **6.1. Core Ed Funding update**

Director Tigani shared that, in alignment with Ministry recommendations to build in fiscal contingencies, the Board is proceeding with standard budget planning and staffing reviews based on projected enrollment. While formal direction regarding anticipated budget restraints is still pending, all internal planning processes remain on track. The Board is also awaiting final Facility Condition Assessment reports; though the specific release date is unknown, it is noted that the prior year's reports were received on May 23, 2025. Staff continue to monitor these developments to ensure the Board remains prepared for the upcoming fiscal cycle.

**6.2. Parents of Black Children**

Director Tigani shared highlights of a recent meeting with representatives from Parents of Black Children regarding the Dreams Delayed OHRC recommendations. This involved discussing progress toward the implementation of the recommendations and their advocacy with the Ministry of Education for dedicated funding. The group has requested formal support from the HPCDSB for their campaign. While Trustees acknowledged the importance of consistent advocacy, treating this request similarly to those from other groups, such as special education advocates, concerns were raised regarding the possible risks of endorsing external messaging without oversight.

**6.3. EQAO Update**

Director Tigani shared that St. Mary's Catholic Elementary School in Listowel will host an upcoming school visit from the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). This visit serves as a standard monitoring measure, involving "spot checks" to ensure the school is consistently adhering to all provincial assessment protocols and administrative requirements.

**6.4. COR Update**

Trustees expressed their gratitude to the Senior Administrative Team for their vital support of the COR retreat, noting that the event's success was a collaborative achievement. The retreat continues to foster strong community ties, involving a significant number of students, adult volunteers, and community members from across Huron and Perth counties.

**7. Notices of Motion**

**8. Notices of Motion Being Considered for Adoption**

**9. Trustee Inquiries**

**9.1.** Trustees inquired about secondary graduation dates. It was shared that both schools will be holding their ceremonies on Thursday, June 25, 2026. Please let Director Tigani or Chair Van Loon know if you will be able to attend any of the graduation ceremonies.

**10. In-Camera Session of the Regular Board Meeting**

Moved by: Jim McDade

Seconded by: Amy Cronin

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board moves to an In-Camera Session of the Regular Board Meeting

**Carried**

**11. Rise and Report on the In-Camera Session of the Regular Board Meeting and Approval of the Business of the In-Camera Session**

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Tina Doherty

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approves all motions in the In-Camera Session of the Regular Board Meeting.

**Carried**

The following retirements were announced:

- Sophia-Marie Carew, Teacher, Sacred Heart School, Wingham, effective June 30, 2026
- Angela Carter, teacher, St. Joseph's School, Clinton, effective June 30, 2026
- Mary-Ellen Ducharme, Superintendent of Business and Treasurer, Catholic Education Centre, effective May 15, 2026
- Dennis Fetter, Educational Assistant, Sacred Heart School, Wingham, effective June 30, 2026
- Steve Lane, Secondary Teacher, St. Michael CSS, Stratford, effective June 30, 2026

**12. Future Meetings and Events**

- April 28, 2026 - Catholic Education Team meeting 4pm
- April 30 - May 2, 2026 - OCSTA AGM & Conference
- May 4, 2026 - CEW Mass, St. Patrick's, Dublin 5pm
- May 11, 2026 - SEAC meeting
- May 25, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting
- June 11-12, 2026 - SLICE
- Monday, June 15, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting

**13. Closing Prayer** - Deacon Dan McPhee, Board Chaplain

**14. Adjournment**

Moved by: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Amy Cronin

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board adjourns the Regular Board Meeting of April 27, 2026.

**Carried**

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CHAIRPERSON

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SECRETARY