
Regular Board Meeting
October 28, 2024 - 3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present:

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

Student Trustee: Sam Cronin, St. Anne's CSS, Clinton; Levi Nyenhuis, St. Michael CSS, Stratford

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

Board Chaplain: Fr. David Butler

Absent: N/A

1. Opening Business

1.1. Opening Prayer & Condolences - All

1.2. Attendance - Noted above at start of meeting

1.3. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Agenda

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Sue Muller

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of October 28, 2024.

Carried

1.4. Declaration of Interest - none

1.5. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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 September 23, 2024.

Carried

1.6. Business Arising from the Minutes

2. Presentations

- 2.1. Catholic Education Foundation of Ontario Outstanding Catholic Student Award recipients, Keirsten R., St. Anne's Catholic SS and Brody H., St. Michael Catholic SS. Superintendent Tigani provided a background summary of the two student recipients.

3. Delegations

4. Consent Agenda

- 4.1. October Board Highlights
- 4.2. Approved Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2024.
- 4.3. Approved Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2024.
- 4.4. Approved HPSTS Steering Committee Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2024.
- 4.5. District Code of Conduct Changes- PPM 128.

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 October for information

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the approved Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2024

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the approved Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2024

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the approved HPSTS Steering Committee Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2024

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the District Code of Conduct Changes - PPM 128 report for information.

Carried

5. Committee and Staff Reports

5.1. Policy

5.1.1. Board Policies for Review:

- N/A

5.1.2. Board Policies Recommended for Approval/Rescinding:

- Catholic Leadership, Succession Planning & Talent Development

Moved by: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Amy Cronin

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approves the policy Catholic Leadership, Succession Planning & Talent Development.

Carried

5.2. Student Achievement and Catholicity

5.2.1. EQAO Results

Trustees inquired about receiving granular results by school. Director Roehrig responded that staff will prepare a full report for the December 2024 meeting.

Moved by: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Tina Doherty

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the EQAO Results report for information.

Carried

5.2.2. Math Achievement Action Plan

Moved by: Jim McDade

Seconded by: Tina Doherty

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Math Achievement Action Plan Update report for information.

Carried

5.2.3. Land Acknowledgement at Board Meetings report

Trustees inquired about which meetings the Land Acknowledgement would be honoured. Trustees determined that the land acknowledgement would be said at the annual meeting of the Board on November 18.

Moved by: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Tina Doherty

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Land Acknowledgement at Board Meetings report for information.

Carried

5.2.4. Student Trustees' Report

Trustees inquired about the process for resolving event conflicts between the parishes and the school.

Moved by: Tina Doherty

Seconded by: Amy Cronin

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. 2024-25 Enrolment Update October 2024

Trustees inquired about the reason for students leaving Catholic education. Superintendent

Ducharme offered to prepare a retention report for the December 2024 Board meeting. Superintendent Ducharme shared that the Grade 8 graduating classes were smaller than the Grade 12 graduating classes, so there were less students coming in versus those leaving. There are also less fifth year students this year compared to previous years.

Moved by: Jim McDade

Seconded by: Tina Doherty

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the 2024-25 October 2024 Enrolment Update Report.

Carried

5.3.2. Honoraria for Board Members November 15, 2024 to November 14, 2025

Trustees inquired about the increase as it does not typically increase. Superintendent Ducharme explained that the increase was tied to enrolment numbers; it was not a new benchmark.

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Tina Doherty

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board sets the Trustee Honorariums for the period November 15, 2024 to November 14, 2025 at the maximum rates as allowed per Regulation 357/06.

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board sets the meeting allowance for the period November 15, 2024 to November 14, 2025 at the maximum rates as allowed per Regulation 357/06.

Carried

5.3.3. Non-Resident and International Student Tuition Fees

Trustees inquired if the students enrolled will cover the expense of the international student portfolio. Director Roehrig explained this is the goal of the program. Staff will bring a report in the spring with the financials to provide an overview of expenses and revenue of the program.

Moved by: Tina Doherty

Seconded by: Sue Muller

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board sets the tuition fee for non-resident and international students for the 2025-26 school year at \$14,500 (Elementary) and \$14,900 (Secondary).

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board sets the tuition fee for non-resident and international students during the spring budget process and reports annually to the Board of Trustees tuition fee amounts.

Carried

5.3.4. Student Transportation Update Report

Trustees inquired about out of boundary students and transportation. Trustee responded that every student who is eligible for transportation will receive transportation to the designated home school. Director Roehrig responded each application is considered on a case by case basis. Transportation is not provided for out-of-boundary students.

Moved by: Jim McDade

Seconded by: Tina Doherty

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the 2024-25 October 2024 Enrolment Update Report. THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Student Transportation Update Report for information.

Carried

6. Information and Correspondence

6.1. Letter from Indigenous Education Council of the Board

Trustees inquired about the meaning behind the symbols included in the artwork. Trustees will send a thank you letter inviting the artist and Knowledge Carrier, Christin Dennis to a board meeting to share the artwork with the opportunity to explain the meaning behind it. Trustees would like the artwork to be framed and displayed at the CEC. Trustees inquired about the Medicine Wheels mosaics in each school, and requested that a plaque explaining the Medicine Wheel be posted with each piece if there is not already one posted.

7. Notices of Motion

8. Notices of Motion Being Considered for Adoption

9. Trustee Inquiries

9.1. Trustee Christmas gathering

9.2. COR November 8-10 for students aged 16-21; promote in your parish and school communities; share communication with secondary schools to avoid scheduling conflicts.

10. In-Camera Session of the Regular Board Meeting

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Tina Doherty

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: Jim McDade

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:

- Catherine Sinnamon, Educational Assistant, St. Michael Catholic Secondary School, effective October 25, 2024

12. Future Meetings and Events

- Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) meeting- Tuesday, October 29, 2024

- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-racism (EDIAR) Committee meeting- Wednesday, October 30, 2024
- Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting- Monday, November 11, 2024
- Annual Board Meeting- Monday, November 18, 2024
- Regular Board Meeting- Monday, December 9, 2024
- OCSTA Catholic Trustees Seminar- “Leading with Hope”- January 17 & 18, 2025
- Director Roehrig’s Retirement Celebration - December 10, 2024 - Mitchell Golf and Country Club

13. Closing Prayer - Father David Butler

14. Adjournment

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Sue Muller

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board adjourns the Regular Board Meeting of October 28, 2024.

Carried