

Trustees:

Sharon Hobin
Luz del Rosario
Brea Corbet
Anna da Silva

Chair
Vice Chair
Trustee
Trustee

Recorder: Theresa Davis General Manager, Human Resources
Christiane Kyte General Manager, Clinical Services and Special Education
Richard Moriah General Manager, Physical Plant Facilities
Cindy Child Board and Committee Information Officer

1. Call to Order and Attendance
Chair Sharon Hobin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Acknowledgement of First Nations Sacred Territory
Chair Sharon Hobin acknowledged the sacred territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.
3. National Anthem
4. Opening Prayer
Chair Sharon Hobin led the Opening Advent Prayer and Hail Mary.
5. Approval of Agenda

Correction of items: E 1 A is H 1 Board Committee Composition Report, H 1 is H 2 OCSTA Resolutions, E 2 is E 1 OCSTA Update, E 3 is E 2 Student Voice and E 4 is E 3 Good News.

Thomas Thomas
Darryl D'Souza

- a. Approval of Calendar Items - Nil
6. Declaration of Interest - Nil
7. Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, November 24, 2020

Shawn Xaviour
Mario Pascucci

- a. Business Arising from the Minutes - Nil

8. Approval of the Minutes, Organizational Meeting, December 1, 2020

Bruno Iannicca
Luz del Rosario

Nil

Nil

Nil

1. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Report

Trustee Luz del Rosario advised that the following reminders are provided to trustees in addition to the OCSTA Board meeting highlights shared yesterday:

1. You can still register for the Advent Evening of Reflection with Cardinal Collins scheduled for Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m.
2. We also want to remind our colleagues to join us for the Catholic Trustees Seminar to be held virtually on Saturday, January 16, 2021. Our Chair, Director and other staff will be presenting two topics at the seminar.
3. Just today an Intensive Human Rights Program for School Board Leaders is being offered by OCSTA for \$379 plus HST.

Anna da Silva
Frank Di Cosola

2. Student Voice

Student Trustees Heather Fernandes and Alejandro Garcia Polo presented the progress within Student Senate and their tenets.

At our last Student Senate meeting we had an Advocate for Lives organization speak about promoting blood donation resources across our board. Members will be sharing these resources with their Student Councils and promoting the opportunity to eligible students. We updated members on the Mental Health Board Meeting that we attended. All Student Senate members submitted monthly reports regarding events and initiatives in their school communities. We shared ideas and initiatives that would promote school morale and a sense of community. Our monthly reports are helping to improve student life during these trying times.

We have three working groups: Mental Health, Equity and Seminars. The Mental Health group met on December 1 and discussed what students' needs are, and how the board can promote resources to students. The Equity group: student senate members and academic consultants discussed shared experiences and members expressed their concerns regarding the use of derogatory words in schools. We had an open conversation about what needs improvement in schools to ensure all students feel safe and supported. By opening this conversation, the Student Senate is working to find more conducive ways of helping every student in DPCDSB.

The Seminar group met on December 7 to discuss future Student Voice Seminars. We hope to begin in January with a variety of topics: Mental Health and Wellness, Equity and Inclusivity, Financial Literacy, Expression through the Arts. We plan to have speakers that provide students opportunities to participate and educate themselves on a variety of topics.

Stefano Pascucci
Bruno Iannicca

3. Good News Items

@K # O # This will allow students to meet new students in different classes. I believe that this is a great program that will allow students to hopefully make new connections in their school community once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and will create a closer school community for years to come. @K # O # implement and oversee this program.

I would like to recognize the many charitable efforts and initiatives of our DPCDSB schools. It is inspiring to hear of the food drives, the toy collections, and the financial donations our schools are collecting. Our faith in action is making a significant difference in our communities to nurture hope, during a time that many need it most. I wish to extend my gratitude to our schools for the extra efforts they are making during a difficult time.

Thomas Thomas
Darryl D'Souza

Nil

1. Retirement Letter - C. Bova, Principal

Director Mazzorato shared a tribute to Principal Cathy Bova. Cathy began her teaching career as a teacher in 1988 as a French teacher. She was hired in 1988 as a French teacher, a role which she embraced. She became an administrator in 2003 as a vice-principal at St Herbert, and then at St. Timothy, St. Albert of Jerusalem, and Queen of Heaven. Cathy was appointed principal in 2006 at St. Philip, and then St. Catherine of Siena, and St. Christopher. Her current role is principal of Sts. Martha and Mary. In all these roles, Cathy has garnered the respect and admiration of the communities she served.

Whether a classroom teacher or an elementary principal, Cathy has worked tirelessly to improve student learning and engagement. Moreover, her work with organizations such as: OECTA, the Dufferin-Peel Elementary Principal/Vice-Principal Association and the Catholic Principals Council of Ontario, has kept her grounded in her commitment to student success.

Cathy has valued and supported the strong relationships between home, school, and parish, and has worked diligently as an educator to ensure those relationships have been nurtured and brought to fruition. Her commitment to Catholic education is unwavering and her faith-centred approach to teaching and leadership is one that has enriched the lives of all the school communities in which she has served. Congratulations to Cathy on an outstanding career at DPCDSB.

Trustee Bruno Iannicca: I have had the pleasure of working with Cathy at several schools, and there is not a committee that I have been on that she has also not been a part of. She molded my children during their school days. I was fortunate as a parent in her school community. Cathy always has a smile on her face, and she leads very dynamic Catholic School Council (CSC) meetings. I would like it to go on record that I oppose the retirement of Cathy Bova.

Mario Pascucci
Thomas Thomas

2. Letter of Retirement - V. Zaffino, Principal

Director Mazzorato shared a tribute to Principal Vita Zaffino. Vita began her career as a teacher in 1988 as a French teacher. She was hired in 1988 as a French teacher, a role which she embraced. She became an administrator in 2003 as a vice-principal at St Herbert, and then at St. Timothy, St. Albert of Jerusalem, and Queen of Heaven. Cathy was appointed principal in 2006 at St. Philip, and then St. Catherine of Siena, and St. Christopher. Her current role is principal of Sts. Martha and Mary. In all these roles, Cathy has garnered the respect and admiration of the communities she served.

Director Mazzorato: It is important to note, the dollars spent to-date on technology far exceeds the government funding received. DPCDSB has invested significant funds to technology for remote learners.

Darryl D'Souza
Luz del Rosario

1. Board Committee Composition Report 2021

Director Mazzorato advised that the 2021 chairs and vice chairs of the Standing Committees were elected at the Organizational Board Meeting December 1, 2020.

Director Mazzorato advised that the _____ requires three trustees. Four names have been provided.

Chair Sharon Hobin asked Trustees Brea Corbet, Anna da Silva, Darryl) o _____ and Thomas Thomas if they would like to stand. Trustee Brea Corbet advised that she was incorrectly added to the54.n6*ñBT/F1 11.04 Tf*ñD theTJETQq0.0ns in

Director Mazzorato advised that Chair Sharon Hobin and Vice Chair Luz del Rosario are automatically on the
and three additional trustees are required to sit on the committee.

Chair Sharon Hobin asked Trustees Brea Corbet and Thomas Thomas if they will stand. Trustee Mario Pascucci advised that his name was missed, he would like to be on the committee. With three trustees no further action is required.

Director Mazzorato advised that the
has only one trustee listed, Trustee Sharon Hobin.

Chair Sharon Hobin asked if anyone would like to add their name. Trustees Thomas Thomas and Shawn Xaviour added their names to the committee. We have three trustees on this committee.

Director Mazzorato advised that the
requires one representative and one alternate. There are five trustees listed.

Chair Sharon Hobin asked if all five trustees would like to stand. Trustees Luz del Rosario,
)) o u u Trustee Brea Corbet offered to be the representative. Trustee Shawn Xaviour accepted the alternate position.

Director Mazzorato advised that two trustees are required for the
and there is only Trustee Sharon Hobin listed.

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Luz del Rosario
Thomas Thomas

Shawn Xaviour
Anna da Silva

2. OCSTA Resolutions - Director Mazzorato

Superintendent Vecchiarino summarized the report and responded to questions of clarification.

Trustee Mario Pascucci: Is the technology funding too limited?

Superintendent Vecchiarino: Over the last few years with 21st century skills, boards have been asked to increase spending on devices. We would like the resolution to be broadly expanded to include software and other technology items.

Trustee Mario Pascucci: May we include connectivity and resources connected to STEM?

Superintendent Vecchiarino: The technology funding resolution includes some small elements of STEM, but we do not have a specific resolution for STEM. If trustees would like we can add a resolution regarding STEM.

Trustee Mario Pascucci: Adding connectivity to our devices and now adding the subject piece, STEM, would be beneficial.

Chair Sharon Hobin: On behalf of the trustees, please add to the list of motions to support science tech STEM to include coding.

Superintendent Vecchiarino: We will make the requested additions.

Brea Corbet
Thomas Thomas

Director Mazzorato: We have digital licensing for our educators on various learning management systems (LMS): Desire to Learn (D2L), Brightspace, Microsoft Teams, Zoom, Google Classroom. We do not want to impose a specific LMS and want educators to feel comfortable, we are not at a point to identify one platform for all. Educators have gone ~~through~~ incredible learning journeys, and as such, we continue to support many platforms.

Superintendent Murphy: As teachers have indicated throq0.0e

