



**DURHAM CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**
Learning and Living in Faith

Regular Board Meeting – Open Session Minutes

Durham Catholic District School Board – Pope Francis Centre
652 Rossland Road West, Oshawa, ON L1J 8M7
May 23, 2023, at 7:30 PM EST

Trustees Present

M. Forster (Chair), M. Ste. Marie (Vice Chair)
Trustees K. Beatty, R. Damianopoulos, J. Emanuel, M. Hall, J. McCafferty

Regrets

R. De Souza

Student Trustees Present

M. Esan, S. Nwaoha

Director of Education Present

T. Barill

Senior Administration Present

K. Akomolafe, S. Grieve, M. Hammond, M. O'Neill, M. O'Reilly, R. Rodriguez,
P. Sorhaitz, D. Stargratt, K. Stevenson, G. Winn

1. Opening

Chair Forster opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

1.1. Motion to Move In Camera

Motion:

B2023-05-23-01 - Motion to Move In Camera

"THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board meeting move into In Camera session."

Motion moved by J. McCafferty and motion seconded by K. Beatty
CARRIED

The meeting resumed at 7:30 p.m.

1.2. Memorials and Prayer

Student Trustee Nwaoha offered the opening prayer.

1.3. Land Acknowledgement

Eve B., a student from Sir Albert Love Catholic School acknowledged Traditional Lands and Territory.

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1.4. Canadian Anthem

The choir from Sir Albert Love Catholic School sang "O' Canada" and a medley of three songs.

1.5. Roll Call and Apologies

Trustee De Souza sent regrets.

1.6. Call to Order

Chair Forster called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

1.7. Approval of the Agenda

Motion:

B2023-05-23-02 – Approval of Agenda

"THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the agenda of the Tuesday, May 23, 2023, Regular Board Meeting as provided."

Motion moved by R. Damianopoulos and motion seconded by J. Emanuel
CARRIED

1.8. Approval and Signing of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

1.8.1. Regular Board Meeting held April 24, 2023

Motion:

B2023-05-23-03 – Approval and Signing of Minutes

"THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Open session of the April 24, 2023, Regular Board Meeting."

Motion moved by J. McCafferty and motion seconded by K. Beatty
CARRIED

1.8.2. Policy Meeting held May 8, 2023

Motion:

B2023-05-23-04 – Approval and Signing of Minutes

"THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Open session of the May 8, 2023, Policy Meeting."

Motion moved by J. McCafferty and motion seconded by K. Beatty
CARRIED

1.9. Declarations of Interest

None.

2. Items of Information

2.1. Announcements

2.1.1. Announcements from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting

Vice Chair Ste. Marie read the following announcements:

Retirements, effective June 30, 2023:

- Alina Szopa, St. John XXIII Catholic School
- Bernardine Rigo, St. John XXIII Catholic School
- Carmen Vandersluis, Father Fenelon Catholic School
- David Flynn, Father Donald MacLellan Catholic Secondary School
- Kelly Denomme, Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School
- Lisa Ann True, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School
- Norma Wheeler, St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School
- Patricia Brown, St. Josephine Bakhita Catholic School
- Patricia D'Arcy, St. Bernadette Catholic School
- Paul Creeden, Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School
- Sandra Seeney, St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School

Resignations

- Amanda Roffey, Catholic Education Centre, effective May 19, 2023
- Bradley Gerrow, St. Joseph Catholic School (Uxbridge), effective April 24, 2023
- Pawel Leja, Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic High School, effective September 1, 2023

2.1.2. Appointments and Transfers

Appointments to the Elementary Vice Principal Roster

- Christine Closs
- Jake Frech
- Selvia Gad
- Tara Hoffman
- Rosa Kay

2.2. Notices of Motions

None.

2.3. Presentation of Awards

Awards were presented to recipients of the Board Award of Merit; Trustees' Youth Awards; Reverend John Markle Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Home/School Communication 2022-2023; Student Senators Recognition 2022-2023 and 25 Years' Service in Catholic Education.

2.3.1. Board Award of Merit

The Board Award of Merit is awarded to an individual/group who brings honour to one of our Catholic school communities or the Board through outstanding service and extraordinary contributions to Catholic education.

The 2023 recipient of the Board Award of Merit was Pat Costello, Academic Services Consultant.

2.3.2. Trustees' Youth Awards

Elementary – Daniel P., St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic School
Secondary – Claire C., Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School

2.3.3. Reverend John Markle Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Home/School Communication 2022-2023

Elementary – St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School
Secondary – St. Mary Catholic Secondary School

2.3.4. Student Senators Recognition 2022-2023

The Student Senate is an advisory committee made up of student leaders representing Durham Catholic secondary schools. The 2022-2023 Student Senators were recognized for their leadership.

All Saints Catholic Secondary School
Charlize C., Paige H., and Phoenix S.

Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic High School
Bella C., Pelas I., and Jasmine I.

Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School
Elizabeth A., Charlie M., and Michelle O.

Monsignor John Pereyema Catholic Secondary School
Suneigha F., Oliver H., and Temi O.

Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School
Chantal D., Nicholas G., and Rebecca O.

Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School
Claire C., Alexandra K., and Nicole Powlette

St. Mary Catholic Secondary School
Andre C., Aaron J., and Sofia S.

2.3.5. 25 Years' Service in Catholic Education

DCDSB staff members who have provided 25 years of service in Catholic education were recognized.

Carmela Alexander	Eric Lamers
Paula Allan	Amanda Lawrence
Kathryn Anderson	Lisa MacDonell
Michelle Arnold	Maureen MacInnis
Noella Baretto	Lianne Mackinnon
Angie Berghello	Gail McArthur
Emily Bonanno-Povolo	Linda McNeil
Nancy Marques-Cascini	Helen Mitchell
Helen Collins	Terry Mitchell
Amanda Cook	Monica Oldman
Cheryl Desjarlais	Paula Papagni
John Di Vizio	Cathy-Lynn Phillips
Diana Gardner	Fabio Politano
Jerry Georgiadis	Justin Pugelj
Kevin Goddard	Angela Rancourt
Geraldine Gualandris	Natalie Reid
Kathryn Hadden	John Stanesic
Margot Jacobs	Katharine Stevenson
Cinte Kolar	Mikel Winters
Michelle Kunkel	Craig Zimmer

The Chair called a short recess at 8:40 p.m. The meeting resumed at 9:00 p.m.

2.4. Presentations

2.4.1. Equity in the Classroom

- Mariah O'Reilly, Superintendent of Education provided an overview of strategies to incorporate equity into the classroom along with ongoing initiatives in the DCDSB.
- Highlights from her presentation include:
 - Equity in the Classroom
 - Equity and Inclusive Education
 - School Effectiveness Framework
 - Universal Design for Learning
 - Differentiated Instruction
 - Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy
 - De-Streaming
- Director Barill and staff responded to questions.

2.5. Delegations

None.

2.6. Order Paper: Resolutions Approved for Implementation

Received for information.

2.7. Minutes and/or reports from Committee meetings

The minutes and/or reports from Committee meetings were received for information. Trustees were provided an opportunity to ask questions.

2.7.1. Finance Committee Meeting – April 17, 2023

2.7.2. Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting – May 9, 2023

2.8. Staff Reports (for information)

2.8.1. 2023-2024 Ministry Funding Announcement

Marie Hammond, Chief Financial Officer provided an overview of the report and responded to questions from Trustees.

2.8.2. Student Trustees 2023-2024

Aoife Walsh was recognized and welcomed by Chair Forster as the new student trustee for the 2023–2025 academic year.

3. Items for Decision

3.1. Consideration of Motions for which previous notice has been given

3.1.1. Board Advisory Groups (as per Appendix 1 of the Minutes of the April 24, 2023, Regular Board Meeting)

Motion:

B2023-05-23-05 – Board Advisory Groups

“WHEREAS the Memorandum to Trustees on the subject of Board Advisory groups highlights the benefits of Trustee representation and inclusion on important system-wide non-Ministry mandated advisory groups.

WHEREAS such benefits include precedent among various Catholic School Boards for Trustee representation to non-Ministry mandated advisory committees.

WHEREAS Trustee representation to these groups has been established as best practice for building respectful relationships, fostering trust, and enhancing communication with equity-deserving groups.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff initiate discussions with group members of the Indigenous Education Circle, the Anti-Black Racism and Black Excellence Committee, and the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee to facilitate potential Trustee representation to these groups and report back to the Board of Trustees no later than the June 19, 2023, Board meeting.

Motion moved by M. Hall and seconded by J. Emanuel

Motion to Extend Length of Meeting (10:00 p.m.)

Motion:

B2023-05-23-06 – Motion to Extend Length of Meeting

"THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board extend the length of the Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, May 23, 2023, by one hour as per General Working By-Law section 3.10."

Motion moved by M. Hall and motion seconded by J. Emanuel. CARRIED

3.1.1 Board Advisory Groups (continued)

Motion:

B2023-05-23-07 – Board Advisory Groups - Amendment

"THAT the motion on the floor be amended as follows:

WHEREAS the Memorandum to Trustees on the subject of Board Advisory groups highlights the benefits of Trustee representation and inclusion on important system-wide non-Ministry mandated advisory groups.

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Motion moved by R. Damianopoulos and seconded by M. Ste. Marie. CARRIED

- The amended motion was discussed.
- Student Trustee Nwaoha requested a recorded vote on the amended motion.

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Recorded Non-binding Vote:

In favour of Motion No. B2023-05-23-05:
K. Beatty, R. Damianopoulos, M. Ste. Marie

Opposed to Motion No. B2023-05-23-05:
J. Emanuel, M. Hall, J. McCafferty, M. Forster,
Student Trustees Esan and Nwaoha

Recorded Non-Binding Vote Tally

3 In Favour / 6 Opposed

Recorded Binding Vote:

In favour of Motion No. B2023-05-23-05:
K. Beatty, R. Damianopoulos, M. Ste. Marie

Opposed to Motion No. B2023-05-23-05:
J. Emanuel, M. Hall, J. McCafferty, M. Forster

Recorded Binding Vote Tally
3 In Favour / 4 Opposed

MOTION No. B2023-05-23-05 DEFEATED

3.1.2. Amendments to the By-Laws (as per Appendix 2 of the Minutes of the April 24, 2023, Regular Board Meeting)

Motion:

B2023-05-23-08 – Amendments to the By-Laws

“THAT the DCDSB approve the following amendments to General Working By-law 2021:

9.1 Notice of Motion

A Trustee may give the Secretary written notice of a motion, along with explanatory rationale, regarding any matter with respect to which the Trustee has a right to vote, and the motion shall be included in the Board agenda, provided it is received by the Secretary by no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the meeting at which it will appear on the agenda.

A notice of motion so received may not be the subject of debate or resolution until a Board meeting following the meeting at which it first appears on the agenda.

Notwithstanding the above, a Trustee may bring a motion at a Board meeting without prior notice provided that a two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote waive the notice requirements.

~~Matters not requiring a decision by the Board, including minutes from Committee meetings, may be distributed to Trustees at any time, and where received by Trustees prior to the start of a Board meeting may be the subject of discussion but not resolution.~~

9.2 Trustee Questions

All agendas for Regular and In Camera sessions of the Board will include an item for Trustees to bring forward inquiries of interest to all Trustees and in the interest of the school System. Trustees will endeavour to provide advance notice to the Chair of the Board and the Director of Education of questions they wish to bring forward.

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9.3 Reconsideration

Any matter which has been decided upon by the Board shall not be reconsidered by the Board during the subsequent twelve (12) month period unless approved for reconsideration by two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote.

Motion moved by J. McCafferty and seconded by M. Hall

- The motion was discussed. A friendly amendment was put forth and accepted by consensus of the group to add a sentence to section 9.2 as follows:

“At the beginning of the meeting, the Chair will call for any changes to the printed agenda including Trustee questions.”

Motion:

B2023-05-23-08 – Amendments to the By-Laws

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Motion moved by J. McCafferty, motion seconded by M. Hall
CARRIED

- 3.2. Motions to be read in Open Session from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of May 23, 2023

Motion:

B2023-05-23-09 – Motions Deemed Read

"THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the Motions as deemed read from the In Camera session of the May 23, 2023, Regular Board Meeting."

Motion moved by M. Hall and motion seconded by R. Damianopoulos
CARRIED

3.3. Business arising from previous meetings

None.

3.4. Staff Reports (for decision)

3.4.1. 2023-2024 Schedule for Board and Committee Meetings

Motion:

B2023-05-23-10 – 2023-2024 Schedule for Board and Committee Meetings

“THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the Schedule of Board and Committee Meetings for the 2023-2024 school year.”

Motion moved by J. Emanuel and motion seconded by R. Damianopoulos. CARRIED

3.4.2. Out of Province Travel

Motion:

B2023-05-23-11 – Out of Province Travel

“THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB) approve the attendance of up to two staff members to represent DCDSB at the 2023 Canadian Association of Communicators in Education (CACE) Annual Conference, scheduled from October 27-29, 2023, in Montreal, Quebec.”

Motion moved by M. Ste. Marie and motion seconded by J. McCafferty. CARRIED

3.4.3. Out of Province Travel

Motion:

B2023-05-23-12 – Out of Province Travel

“THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board approve out of province travel for a maximum of two staff members to attend the Project Search Annual Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, scheduled July 10-14, 2023.”

Motion moved by M. Hall and motion seconded by J. Emanuel
CARRIED

4. Other Business

4.1. Board Communications

The following correspondence was received for information:

- 4.1.1. Correspondence from the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association
- 4.1.2. Correspondence from Covenant House

4.2. Director's Report

Director Barill provided the following report:

Mental Health

- DCDSB is the first school board in Ontario to implement a new training that was created by School Mental Health Ontario titled Life Promotion/Suicide Prevention Literacy for School Staff. On May 2, there were 31 elementary and secondary educators who attended the training. By engaging in this training, school staff know what to watch for, and what to say, to support a student who may be experiencing thoughts of suicide.

Recognition

- Throughout the month of May, we have been recognizing Asian Heritage Month in Canada, and South Asian Heritage Month in Ontario. This is a time to reflect on and learn more about the many achievements and contributions of Canadians of Asian heritage. This month gives us the opportunity to acknowledge the many achievements and contributions the Asian communities have made to the fabric of our society.
- During the first two weeks of May, over 300 students came together on 29 elementary Chess teams, to compete in six regional Chess tournaments throughout DCDSB. Congratulations to all students who participated, and a special thank you to all staff involved for their efforts in providing this opportunity for our students.
- The Future City Experience is a hands-on cross-curricular educational program that brings STEM to life for students in Grades 6-8. Taking their knowledge of the present, and thinking of innovations for the future, our students created models of their "Waste Free" cities. Projects were presented before peers, community members and engineering students on May 16 at Ontario Tech University.

Upcoming Events

- On Saturday, June 3, 2023, Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School will be hosting a celebratory mass in honour of the school's 60th anniversary. The mass will take place from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School. Mass will be followed by refreshments and a tour of the school. Staff, students and families are invited to attend.
- As we come down to the final few weeks of the 2022-2023 school year, we have many sporting events, musicals and arts showcases,

and other culminating student and family engagement opportunities. We want to recognize and thank our staff for their efforts and dedication to providing these opportunities for our students to showcase their God-given gifts.

In June, we recognize many special dates and events

- June 16 is the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Sometimes the image depicts Jesus pointing to the Sacred Heart, inviting us to come to him when we labour and are heavy laden. Other times, the arms of Jesus reach outward, welcoming everyone, as he calls us to do. The Sacred Heart is a sign of the love of Jesus, which we are invited to imitate. Throughout June, we remember that in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we see a love for our heavenly Father that also moves outward in this world to the love of neighbour. As a Catholic learning community, let us recall that the devotion to the Sacred Heart is a way for each of us to intensely encounter Jesus in practices of prayer.
- As Catholics, we are called to love one another. We believe every human being is created in the image and likeness of God and should always be treated with dignity, compassion and respect. During the month of June, and all year long, we support and acknowledge our 2SLGBTQ+ students, family members, staff and community members. Throughout the month of June, our Durham Catholic learning community will recognize Pride Month, and will raise the rainbow flag at our schools and offices. We recognize that we have a responsibility to lead and inspire change that is necessary to create inclusive, safe and accepting schools. The focus on mental health, well-being, acceptance and inclusion are essential to our ongoing commitment to ensuring that our Catholic schools are safe places for all.
- All of our secondary schools have a GSA group. Students interested in joining can speak with their teacher, Guidance Counsellor, Chaplain or Principal for information. If you are interested in connecting with other DCDSB students from the 2SLGBTQ+ community, please contact your school's GSA group for details.
- June is National Indigenous History Month. Throughout the entire year, we at DCDSB are committed to ongoing learning, speaking the truth, and to reconciliation. We have compiled resources for further learning and resources for Indigenous students and families on our website at dcdsb.ca/IndigenousEducation.
- We also want to thank our Indigenous Education Circle and community partners who help to lead and guide the learning that we do across the board. The Indigenous Education Circle helps us to move forward with our commitment to reconciliation, and to always centre Indigenous voices and perspectives.

Indigenous Education Updates

- On the way into the Catholic Education Centre, you might have noticed our brand-new gardens. Members of the Indigenous Student Circle worked to select and plant all the new gardens. Thank you to our students and Indigenous Education team.
- On May 25 and 26, Grade 10-12 students from the Indigenous Student Circle will be staying overnight at Ontario Tech University to learn on campus and discuss post-secondary pathways. I want to extend a special thank you to our partner, Ontario Tech University, and to their Indigenous Community Engagement Coordinator, Alyssa McLeod, who is also a member of the Indigenous Education Circle, for organizing this opportunity for DCDSB students.
- On the evening of June 6, 2023, we will be gathering to celebrate the graduation of Indigenous students in Grade 8 and Grade 12. This is our second annual celebration, and we look forward to celebrating these milestones with the students, their families and members of the Indigenous Student Circle and Indigenous Education Circle.

4.3. Chair's Report

Chair Forster provided the following report:

- Congratulations to all of the evening's award recipients and individuals recognized this evening. This board meeting is always a highlight for Trustees as it provides an opportunity to celebrate the dedication, commitment and achievements of staff, students and community members.

Recognition

- I would also like to extend my sincere congratulations to Jim McCafferty, Trustee for the City of Pickering, for being named as a recipient of the 2023 OCSTA Trustee Award of Merit. During the OCSTA AGM, these awards were presented to acknowledge outstanding Catholic education leadership and service through the annual OCSTA Awards. Congratulations to Trustee McCafferty and thank you for your ongoing dedication to our Durham Catholic learning community.
- In April, Trustees from across the province gathered at the Annual OCSTA AGM in Toronto which we were honoured to co-host this year. On behalf of the Board of Trustees I would like to thank Director Barill, Superintendent Stevenson, Acting Senior Manager of Faith Formation, David Dubowitz, Academic Services Consultant Cliff Azavedo, Vice-Principal John Linhares, Chief Financial Officer Marie Hammond, Supervisor of Budget & Financial Services Paula Jasper-Chiodi and Executive Officer to the Director of Education Brenda Rocha, the silent auction team, and most especially our

Executive Officer of Governance, Liz Beckstead for all their work in planning and organization to make this year's conference a truly memorable event.

- We had many students who contributed to our liturgical programs - I would like to take a moment to recognize the choirs from St. Mary and Notre Dame and soloist Chantal D., whose extraordinary vocal and instrumental performances truly enhanced our prayer. I also must mention Olivia, a Grade 12 student at St. Mary Catholic Secondary School, who gifted a piece of her art to the Deputy Minister of Education Nancy Naylor at the OCSTA Annual General Meeting and Conference. Olivia's piece, titled The REDress Project: Forest of Memories, calls attention to the issue of missing and murdered Indigenous women in Canada.
- During the OCSTA Annual General Meeting, Vice-Chair Ste. Marie was elected as the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Regional Director for Region 9. All of the newly acclaimed and elected trustee representatives accept the call to serve Catholic education and share a commitment to place Christ and the teachings of the Catholic Church at the centre of students' learning experiences. I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to Vice-Chair Ste. Marie on representing Durham Catholic District School Board in this capacity.
- Earlier this month we celebrated Catholic Education Week and Mental Health Week from May 1-5. During this week we held the System-Wide Mass at St. Bernadette Catholic Church in Ajax. I want to extend our thanks for Father Chris Lemieux for welcoming our staff and families into his parish and for speaking so eloquently about Catholic education. Following the Mass, we celebrated the Distinguished Catholic Educators for the 2022-2023 school year. In addition, we recognized the Distinguished Catholic Leader of the year, retiring Secondary Vice-Principal of Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School, Mr. Mark Daranjo. Congratulations to our Distinguished Catholic Educators and Leader and thank you for your dedication and service to Catholic Education.
- On May 11, 2023, the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation hosted the 9th Annual Gala honouring Bishop Vincent Nguyen and our Distinguished Catholic Alumni Award recipients. I want to thank our sponsors, donors, partners and guests for their generosity and support of students in our Durham Catholic community.

Upcoming Events

- The Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee is currently conducting a parent/guardian survey that will assist in setting the committee's direction for the 2023-2024 school year. To complete the survey, please visit dcpic.ca.
- On June 13 we will celebrate all our staff who are, or have, retired in the 2022-2023 school year at our Retirees Dinner. This year, we are

hosting at the Ajax Convention Centre. We are looking forward to recognizing all of our Durham Catholic staff for their dedication and years of service.

4.4. Student Trustees Report

The Student Trustees provided the following report:

- **Introduction** – May has been a fruitful and beautiful month. Students have been able to participate in semi-formals, musical productions, fundraisers, Asian heritage month celebrations and spirit weeks. As always, May is a time to reflect on our mother, Mary, and her role in our lives and faith. We pray that we may be able to live like her and devote ourselves and our lives to Christ.
- **Senate** – Today at our senate meeting we had a curriculum consultation by Mrs. Stevenson concerning the fully alive curriculum on behalf of the Institute for Catholic Education, to get a student perspective on the changes that could be made and how to better prepare students for future encounters, living their lives in the image of God. We had a lot of interesting conversations about the importance of continuing to teach core values like respect, love and making allowances for others in our faith curriculum. This week marks the wrap up for student senate elections and we look forward to meeting with our selections committee and choosing our senators for the 2023-2024 academic school year.
- **Student Trustee Elections** – Last month we held our Student Trustee Elections to elect our next Student Trustee for the 2023-2025 school year. We are proud to welcome Aoife Walsh from Archbishop Denis O Connor Catholic High School. The student senate congratulates Aoife on her election and Moyin and I are excited to work with her during her transitioning process. As the outgoing Student trustee, I wish Aoife all the best and hope she has the most amazing time in her terms.
- **OSTA (Sophie)** – Earlier this month, my working group had been working on our presentation at the OSTA-AECO AGM held this past weekend. My Co-Chair and I presented on reporting systems across the province and the importance of accountability within schools and boards. I am glad to mention that Durham Catholic received an incredibly positive spotlight during the presentation for our comprehensive reporting system. During our presentation, student trustees learned that many boards do not have accessible reporting tools for members of the community. We were able to foster a rich conversation highlighting the importance of anonymous and comprehensive reporting tools, such as the ones seen here in Durham Catholic.

Our framework for reporting incidents of racism and discrimination was also highlighted as an important document for members of the community to access to be more informed of the investigatory process undertaken by schools. An interesting fact we learned is that some boards are citing Durham Catholic's work when reconfiguring their own reporting methods. So, I want to give a huge shoutout to our staff and admin teams who work tirelessly to ensure students and members of our community feel safe and protected by our reporting practices in place.

- **AGM** – OSTA AECO held their annual general meeting during this weekend where we had presentations about understanding Public Education and Education Policy and privatization in public education. We also had a Non-profit Leaders Panel with the Toronto Youth Cabinet, Niagara Falls Youth Advisory Committee and Hamilton Students for Justice, talking about issues in Ontario schools and issues with advocacy and how to properly advocate for students.
- **Closing** – The month of May was busy with a lot of trips and experiential learning, where our students got the opportunity to go out of province and out of country. We are also really excited to see student leadership in our schools with student council elections at our respective schools. With the school year winding down and exams around the corner we look forward to the month of June.

4.5. Trustee Questions

None.

4.6. Motion to Adjourn

Motion:

B2023-05-23-13 – Adjournment

“THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, May 23, 2023.”

Motion moved by R. Damianopoulos and motion seconded by J. McCafferty. CARRIED

4.7. Closing Prayer

Student Trustee Esan offered a closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Monique Forster, Chair of the Board
Durham Catholic District School Board

Tracy Barill, Director of Education
Durham Catholic District School Board

Recording Secretary: L. Beckstead