



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

## **Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**

Durham Catholic District School Board  
June 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Trustees Present**

M. Forster, R. Damianopoulos, J. Rinella, M. Ste. Marie, M. Yurkoski

### **Director of Education Present**

T. Barill

### **Senior Administration Present**

S. Grieve, M. Hammond, K. Akomolafe, R. Rodriguez

## **1. Opening**

### **1.1. Memorials and Prayer**

Trustee Ste. Marie offered the opening prayer.

### **1.2. Land Acknowledgement**

### **1.3. Roll Call and Apologies**

### **1.4. Call to Order**

Chair Forster called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### **1.5. Approval of Agenda**

#### **Motion FC20220613-01**

“THAT the Finance Committee approve the agenda of the June 13, 2022  
Finance Committee Meeting”

Moved by M. Yurkoski, Seconded by J. Rinella.

#### **CARRIED**

### **1.6. Declarations of Interest**

None

**2. Items for Decision**

- 2.1. Approval and Signing of Minutes of Previous Meeting (May 16, 2022)

**Motion FC20220613-02**

“THAT the Finance Committee approve the Minutes of the May 16, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting”

Moved by M. Yurkoski, Seconded by J. Rinella.

**CARRIED**

- 2.2. Business Arising from May 16, 2022 Meeting  
None

**3. Items for Discussion**

- 3.1. Staff Reports

- 3.1.1. List of Acronyms

M. Hammond provided a list of common acronyms found within the 2022-2023 Budget and Strategic Priorities Report. She indicated that this would be a live document to be updated as required.

- 3.1.2. 2022-2023 Budget and Strategic Priorities Report

M. Hammond presented the 2022-2023 Budget and Strategic Priorities Report to the Finance Committee highlighting the financial changes from the draft presented on May 16, 2022. M. Hammond noted that enrolment had increased by 130 students in the elementary panel and 55 students in the secondary panel from the first draft. As of June 13, 2022 there was a further increase of 82 students and admissions will continue throughout the summer. Changes in staffing levels were reviewed and M. Hammond highlighted the increase in teaching staff commensurate with the increase in enrolment. In addition, secondary sections have been released to reduce class size in grade 9 destreamed courses and educational assistants have increased by 10 full time equivalent (fte) employees. The addition of secondary sections and Educational Assistants was made possible through the Covid Learning Recovery Fund. T. Barill reminded the Committee that this is temporary funding and that funding levels for 23/24 and beyond are unknown. The Board may have to reduce staffing levels in the future with the hope of achieving this through attrition. The Committee asked when Covid supports would end and T. Barill and

M. Hammond indicated that the current funding is one-time and there is no expectation for any Covid funding past 2022/2023.

Chair Forster asked about the Right to Read Inquiry and Director Barill indicated that there will be professional development provided and resources purchased that align with the report but also emphasized that the education sector is looking to the Province for further direction and support. Chair Forster inquired about capacity building for board staff and Director Barill explained that senior administration is planning considerable professional development but reminded the committee of the challenges that have resulted from a shortage of supply staff.

M. Hammond thanked the Finance Committee, Senior Administration and the Senior Manager of Communications, Amanda Roffey for their support and input on the report.

R. Damianopoulos congratulated the Finance Committee on bringing forward a balanced budget but noted concerns on the inclusion of an info graphic related to anti-racism on page 14 of the report. Trustee Damianopoulos was concerned about language he believed to be reflective of critical race theory and felt we should be emphasizing the dignity of the human person and our Catholic teachings as it pertains to anti-racism. T. Barill noted the info graphic was a self-reflection tool designed to build awareness about internal bias and K. Akomolafe affirmed that this is an invitation for future conversations on anti-racism.

Chair Forster thanked M. Hammond, the Finance Team, Senior Administration, the Finance Committee and A. Roffey for their efforts in producing the 2022/2023 Budget and Strategic Priorities Report.

The report will be brought to the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Trustees for approval.

4. Other Business
  - 4.1. Board Communications
  - 4.2. Motion to Adjourn

**Motion FC20220613-03**

“THAT the June 13, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting be adjourned”

Moved by M. Yurkoski, Seconded by J. Rinella.

**CARRIED**

The Finance Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

- 4.3. Closing Prayer
  - R. Damianopoulos offered the closing prayer.

Recording Secretary: L. Lane

Approved by:

M. Forster  
Chair, Finance Committee

Marie Hammond  
Resource, Finance Committee