

Minutes of the Governance Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Greg McNally Boardroom, Kemptville

PUBLIC SESSION

A. OPENING

Meeting was called to order at 4:51 p.m.

A.1 Opening Prayer

B. ROLL CALL

B.1 Board Members

Present: Christopher Cummings, Chair
Karen McAllister, Vice-Chair
Jennifer Cooney
Brent Laton
Donna Nielsen
Karen Torrie-Racine
Sue Wilson
Brooke Guindon, Student Trustee
Junior Malunda, Associate Student Trustee

B.2 Senior Board Officials

Present: Laurie Corrigan, Director of Education
Ashley Hutchinson, Superintendent of Business/Treasurer
Brent Bovaird, Superintendent of School Effectiveness
Dawn Finnegan, Superintendent of School Effectiveness
Heather Gerber, Superintendent of School Effectiveness
Julia Graydon, Superintendent of School Effectiveness
Tracy O'Brien, Superintendent of School Effectiveness

B.3 Recorder: Judith Bériault, Executive Assistant

B.4 Others: Amber LaBerge, Communications Lead
Paul Mesman, Manager of Plant & Maintenance

C. AMENDMENT TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

LATON

"That the Governance Committee approve the agenda of the Governance Committee Meeting of December 3, 2024, as presented."

Carried.

D. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

McALLISTER

"That the Governance Committee approve the minutes of the Governance Committee Meeting held on November 5, 2024, as presented."

Carried.

F. RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS – Nil

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

G.1 Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

Paul Mesman, Manager of Plant & Maintenance, provided the Board of Trustees with a summary of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its presence in some CDSBEO schools. The affected schools have a RAAC management plan. Some RAAC projects have been completed, while remaining projects are scheduled to be completed in the summer 2025.

G.2 St. Mother Teresa Catholic School Update

Paul Mesman, Manager of Plant & Maintenance, presented the Bid Summary for the capital project at St. Mother Teresa Catholic School. Mr. Mesman was pleased with the responses received. The initial meeting with the successful contractor will be on

December 3, 2024.

G.3 Enrolment for Revised Estimates

Superintendent Hutchinson presented the 2024-2025 enrolment revised estimates, which show a decrease from the estimates presented in September 2024, but an overall increase of 1.8% FTE.

G.4 Bell Time Review

Superintendent Hutchinson and Dr. Krista Kiiffner, CDSBEO Head Psychologist, presented a summary of the bell time review information that has been provided to Trustees since April 2023. Dr. Kiiffner reviewed the science of the effect of student's sleep, and the limitations of the science research.

STEO presented four scenarios to the STEO Board of Directors, and the implications and considerations for each scenario. These scenarios were reviewed by the Board of Trustees, who discussed the implications a bell time change may have for CDSBEO families and staff.

COONEY – TORRIE-RACINE

"That the Governance Committee approve administration to develop and distribute a survey to the community to gather feedback on the current bell times and proposed changes; administration to provide the necessary background information to the community prior to the distribution of the survey."

Defeated.

LATON – McALLISTER

"That the Governance Committee approve administration to engage the Catholic School Councils and Student Senate by providing them with comprehensive information and a detailed presentation on the current bell times and proposed changes."

Carried.

G.5 Cheque/EFT Register

Superintendent Hutchinson provided the cheque/EFT register.

H. CLOSING PRAYER

I. ADJOURNMENT

TORRIE-RACINE

"That the Governance Committee Meeting of December 3, 2024, be adjourned."

Carried.

Adjourned at 6:08 p.m.