



## **MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE BOARD**

**HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023 at 5:30 PM  
AT THE NAPANEE BOARD OFFICE & VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

1. Commissioning Ceremony – Father Marek Chochrek:

Trustees, Senior Administration and guests participated in the Commissioning Ceremony for the Inaugural Meeting of Trustees, with Father Marek Chochrek presiding. Trustees renewed their personal commitments to leadership, and their dedication to embracing the Board's mission, vision and values including being faithful to the Trinity through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

2. Roll Call – David DeSantis, Director of Education:

Trustees:

J. Belanger  
T. Dall  
B. Evoy  
J. Fernandes  
P. McEney (virtual)  
S. Murphy  
A. Murrell  
W. Procter (virtual)  
T. Shea  
K. Turkington  
EJ. Klevin, Student Trustee  
S. Narendranath, Student Trustee  
E. Shakell, Student Trustee

Administration:

D. DeSantis, Director of Education  
M. Faught, Superintendent of Education  
D. French, Superintendent of Education  
M. McGrath, Superintendent of Education  
C. Smith-Dewey, Superintendent of Education  
M. Lamarche, Superintendent of Human Resources  
B. Bradshaw, Superintendent of Finance and Business Services  
A. Woodland, Manager Finance Services  
B. Davies, Controller, Plant & Planning Services  
S. Goyer, Manager, Learning Technology Services

All trustees and administration were present.

3. Acknowledgements and Introductions – David DeSantis, Director of Education:

The Director welcomed Father Marek Chochrek, Trustees, Senior Staff, Paul O'Connor, President of the Support Staff Association, and guests to the Inaugural Meeting of the Board.

4. Greetings from the Archdiocese of Kingston:

Father Marek brought greetings on behalf of Archbishop Mulhall, who was unable to attend.

5. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Chair of Finance and Operations Committee:

- (a) The Director called for nominations for Chair of the Board.

**MOVER: Trustee Dall**

**SECONDER: Trustee Turkington**

***That Trustee Shea be nominated for Chair of the Board.***

**CARRIED.**

Trustee Shea accepted the nomination.

In accordance with the process, the Director asked for further nominations for Chair of the Board two more times. No additional nominations were made.

There being no further nominations for Chair of the Board, Director DeSantis announced the acclamation of Trustee Shea to Chair of the Board and offered his congratulations.

- (b) The Director called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board.

**MOVER: Trustee Murphy**

**SECONDER: Trustee Turkington**

***That Trustee Evoy be nominated for Vice-Chair of the Board.***

**CARRIED.**

Trustee Evoy accepted the nomination.

In accordance with the process, the Director asked for further nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board two more times. No additional nominations were made.

There being no further nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board, Director DeSantis announced the acclamation of Trustee Evoy and offered his congratulations.

- (c) The Director called for nominations for Chair of the Finance and Operations Committee.

**MOVER: Trustee Murphy**

**SECONDER: Trustee Murrell**

***That Trustee Dall be nominated for Chair of the Finance and Operations Committee.***

**CARRIED.**

Trustee Dall accepted the nomination.

In accordance with the process, the Director asked for further nominations for Chair of the Finance and Operations Committee two more times. No additional nominations were made.

There being no further nominations for Chair of the Finance and Operations Committee, Director DeSantis announced the acclamation of Trustee Dall and offered his congratulations.

6. Chair's Move to the Chair, and Acceptance:

The Director passed the gavel to Trustee Shea, who accepted and assumed the position of the Chair.

7. Address by the Chair of the Board for 2023-2024:

Chair of the Board, Trustee Shea, delivered the Inaugural Address, thanking the Board of Trustees and Administration who share in this journey, for their commitment to Catholic Education and for allowing him to be Chairperson for the year to come.

8. Appointment of Board Solicitors – Chair of the Board:

**MOVER: Trustee Turkington**

**SECONDER: Trustee Evoy**

***That the Board appoint Jeffrey Murray Law and Cunningham, Swan, Carty, Little & Bonham LLP as Board Solicitors for 2024.***

**CARRIED.**

9. Presentation of the Director's Annual Report

Director DeSantis, as required through the *Education Act*, presented to Trustees the 2023 Director's Annual Report.

10. Other Business:

None.

11. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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T. Shea, Board Chair

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D. DeSantis, Director of Education and  
Secretary of the Board

Barb Woods  
Recording Secretary