



## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020  
BOARD OFFICE, NAPANEE, ONTARIO AND VIRTUALLY VIA TEAMS

A. (i) Opening Prayer

Trustee Shea led the Board in Prayer with special intentions for the two students from Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School who were in an accident and anyone suffering from COVID 19.

(ii) Roll Call:

Trustees:

T. Shea, Chair  
J. Duggan  
B. Evoy  
P. McEnery  
M. Murphy  
W. Procter  
G. Speagle  
K. Turkington  
C. Wright

Administration:

D. DeSantis, Director of Education  
D. Giroux, Superintendent of School Effectiveness  
M. McGrath, Superintendent of School Effectiveness  
T. Slack, Superintendent of School Effectiveness  
K. Shannon, Superintendent of School Effectiveness  
C. Smith-Dewey, Superintendent of School Effectiveness  
M. Lamarche, Superintendent of Human Resources  
B. Bradshaw, Superintendent of Finance & Business Services  
A. Woodland, Manager Financial Services  
D. Campbell, Controller, Plant and Planning Services  
S. Goyer, Manager, Learning Technology Services

All trustees and administration were present with the exception of Trustee Dall who sent his regrets.

(iii) Approval of Agenda:

**MOVER: Trustee Evoy**

**SECONDER: Trustee Speagle**

**THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED.**

(iv) Declarations of Interest:

None.

B. 1. Motion to Move to Committee of the Whole Board in Private Session:

**MOVER: Trustee Murphy**

**SECONDER: Trustee Wright**

**THAT approval be given to move to Committee of the Whole Board in Private Session.**

**CARRIED.**



2. Motion to Reconvene the Regular Meeting and Approval of the Resolutions of the Committee of the Whole Board in Private Session:

**MOVER: Trustee Evoy**

**SECONDER: Trustee Wright**

***THAT approval be given to reconvene the Regular Meeting and approval of the resolutions of the Committee of the Whole Board in Private Session.***

**CARRIED**

C. Actions Items:

1. Land Acknowledgement

Mr. DeSantis opened the meeting with a land acknowledgement.

2. Prayer –Trustee Duggan

Trustee Duggan led the Board in prayer.

3. Reflection of System Mission Statement –Trustee Duggan

Our faith grounds and guides us. Our partnership with families and parishes invites us to act on God's love in and out of the classroom.

Trustee Duggan shared a personal reflection of ways he has accompanied members of the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board community.

4. Welcome to Visitors and Press:

Trustee Shea welcomed guests to the meeting.

4. Presentations:

(a) Non-Staff:

- (i) Fr. Angus MacDougall Award Presentation

Mr. Mike Gundert, Coordinator, Religious Education and Family Life was pleased to present the 2020 Fr. Angus MacDougall Award to Ms. Ann Boniferro. Ms. Boniferro is a retired member of the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board. Prior to her retirement she served as the coordinator of religious and family life education, as a special assignment teacher in religious education and an elementary teacher. Ms. Boniferro has also served as an executive of Catholic Association of Religious and Family Life Educators of Ontario (CARFLEO).



(b) Staff:

(i) Orange Shirt Day

Ms. Carey Smith Dewey provided Trustees with information on what ALCDSB Schools are doing to acknowledge Orange Shirt Day. On September 30, ALCDSB Communities will be remembering the legacy of the residential schooling system in Canada through the Orange Shirt Day initiative. Ms. Gosia Rutkowska, Special Assignment Teacher, Indigenous Education highlighted some of the Elementary and Secondary initiatives that the Board is rolling out through schools.

6. (a) Approval of Board Meeting Minutes and Associated Recommendations:

(i) Board Meeting of June 16, 2020:

**MOVER: Trustee Evoy**

**SECONDER: Trustee Murphy**

***THAT approval be given to the Minutes and Associated Recommendations of the Board Meeting of June 16, 2020.***

**CARRIED.**

(b) Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes and Associated Recommendations:

(i) Finance and Operations Committee Meeting of September 15, 2020:

**MOVER: Trustee Proctor**

**SECONDER: Trustee Wright**

***THAT approval be given to the Minutes and Associated Recommendations of the Finance and Operations Committee Meeting of September 15, 2020.***

**CARRIED.**

(ii) Issues and Directions Committee Meeting of September 15, 2020:

**MOVER: Trustee Turkington**

**SECONDER: Trustee Speagle**

***THAT approval be given to the Minutes and Associated Recommendations of the Issues and Directions Committee Meeting of September 15, 2020.***

**CARRIED.**



(c) Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes and Associated Recommendations:

(i) Special Board Meeting of July 7, 2020:

**MOVER: Trustee Evoy**

**SECONDER: Trustee Wright**

***THAT approval be given to the Minutes and Associated Recommendations of the Special Board Meeting of July 7, 2020.***

**CARRIED.**

(ii) Special Board Meeting of August 11, 2020:

**MOVER: Trustee Murphy**

**SECONDER: Trustee Procter**

***THAT approval be given to the Minutes and Associated Recommendations of the Special Board Meeting of August 11, 2020.***

**CARRIED.**

(iii) Special Board Meeting of August 18, 2020:

**MOVER: Trustee Turkington**

**SECONDER: Trustee Wright**

***THAT approval be given to the Minutes and Associated Recommendations of the Special Board Meeting of August 18, 2020.***

**CARRIED.**

(iv) Special Board Meeting of August 27, 2020:

**MOVER: Trustee Evoy**

**SECONDER: Trustee Murphy**

***THAT approval be given to the Minutes and Associated Recommendations of the Special Board Meeting of August 27, 2020.***

**CARRIED.**

7. Business Arising Out of the Minutes:

None.

8. New Business:

(a) Educational Programs/Services:



(i) ALCDSB Virtual School – Remote Learning 2020

Mr. Giroux shared with Trustees that due to COVID 19, the Ministry of Education provided school Boards with funding to support students learning from home remotely. The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board created and opened a new elementary virtual school for Remote Learning effective September 14, 2020.

Principal Dan Finn and newly hired Acting Vice-Principal Casey Wells presented Trustees with an overview and highlights of the first few weeks of Remote Learning across the system.

(ii) ALCDSB Annual Pastoral Themes Resource

Ms. Slack was pleased to introduce Mr. Mike Gundert, Coordinator, Religious Education and Family Life who provided Trustees with the ALCDSB Annual Pastoral Themes resource for 2020-2025.

(iii) Home School Requests

Mr. DeSantis provided Trustees with an update on home school requests for 2020-2021.

(iv) Empower Project

Ms. McGrath was very excited to share with Trustees the introduction to the Empower program. This program offers remediation into coding, comprehension, spelling and vocabulary for students in grade two to high school. The program is recommended for students that require targeted in-depth intervention.

Chair Shea made a recommendation to extend the meeting to allow for time to complete the agenda.

***MOVER: Trustee Wright***

***SECONDER: Trustee Turkington***

***THAT the Board of Trustees extend the meeting to allow for time to complete the Agenda.***

***CARRIED.***

(iv) COVID 19 Update

Ms. Slack provided Trustees with an update on COVID-19.



(b) Human Resources:

None.

(c) Other:

(i) Update – Ventilation Initiatives to Reduce the Transmission of COVID-19 in Schools

Mr. Campbell provided Trustees with further information on actions taken to improve ventilation in Board facilities in efforts to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

(d) OCSTA Update:

None.

9. Items of Information:

(a) Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

This item was provided for information.

(b) Silent Auction for Foundation

The Director shared with Trustees that with the cancellation of the Director's annual golf tournament and the postponement of the foundation dinner the Board needs to come up with ways to generate revenue for the foundation. The Director has proposed that Trustees form a Committee with the help of the Director's office to host a silent online auction.

(c) History of Schools

The Director shared with Trustees that the Board will be reengaging the history of schools committee.

10. Pending Items:

None.

11. Correspondence:

None.



12. Chair's Report:

Trustee Shea shared that he attends the ministry teleconference every Monday at 2:00. He also attended the OCSTA fall regional meeting that was held virtually this year due to COVID restrictions.

13. Director's Report:

Mr. DeSantis provided Trustees with an update on his activities and initiatives to date.

14. Trustee Community Linkages/Comments

15. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 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