MINUTES OF THE
INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE BOARD

HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015 at 6:00 PM
AT THE NAPANEE BOARD OFFICE, 151 DAIRY AVENUE, NAPANEE, ONTARIO

1. (a) Celebration of the Word and Commissioning Ceremony – Archbishop Brendan O’Brien:

Trustees, Senior Administration and guests participated in the Celebration of the Word and Commissioning Ceremony for the Inaugural Meeting of Trustees, with Archbishop Brendan O’Brien presiding. Trustees renewed their personal commitments to leadership, and their dedication to embracing the Board’s pillars of Discipleship, Scholarship and Stewardship.

(b) Roll Call – Jody DiRocco, Director of Education:

Trustees:

J. Brisbois
G. Cosgrove
T. Dall
S. Kelly
B. Kerby
D. O’Neill, Student Trustee
W. Procter
T. Shea
G. Speagle
C. Summers
K. Turkington

Administration:

J. DiRocco, Director of Education
B. Koubsky, Superintendent of Finance and Business Services
T. Slack, Superintendent of School Effectiveness
T. Kennedy, Superintendent of School Effectiveness
K. Shannon, Superintendent of School Effectiveness
D. Giroux, Superintendent of School Effectiveness
E. Walker, Assistant to the Director of Education
M. Lamarche, Manager Human Resources
E. Pennell, Manager Financial Services

All trustees and administration were present with the exception of Mr. Campbell who sent his regrets.

2. Acknowledgements and Introductions – Jody DiRocco, Director of Education:

The Director welcomed Archbishop O’Brien, Mr. Michael Laurie, Ministry of Education, Trustees and Senior Staff to the Inaugural Meeting of the Board.

3. Greetings on behalf of Archbishop Brendan O’Brien:

Archbishop O’Brien noted that Trustees and Senior Administration have many responsibilities in terms of governance, planning, policymaking, and the implementation of directives set by the Provincial Ministry of Education. Archbishop O’Brien noted that as difficult as these tasks can be, the Trustees carry them out willingly because of their concern for
the well-being of education of our children and our young people.

Archbishop O'Brien stated that as Catholic school trustees their role is not only one of vigilance, but of actively promoting and providing a learning environment where young people can excel academically while experiencing opportunities to be formed in their Catholic faith. Archbishop O'Brien commended Trustees and thanked them for all that the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board does to provide a well-rounded and faith-based education for our students and their families.

4. Greetings on behalf of the Ministry of Education – Mr. Michael Laurie, Education Officer, Ottawa Regional Office:

Mr. Laurie commented that he was delighted to be at the Inaugural Meeting of the Board and noted that it was his ninth year as board liaison for Algonquin and Lakeshore. Mr. Laurie stated that on behalf of the Honourable Liz Sandals, Minister of Education, he brings greetings on this occasion of the Inaugural Meeting of the Board and thanked Trustees for their hard work in facilitating the learning of students in the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board.

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 Turkington          SECONDER: Trustee Dall

That Trustee Speagle be nominated for Chair of the Board.

  CARRIED.

Trustee Speagle 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, Mr. DiRocco called for a motion to close nominations for Chair of the Board.

 MOVER: Trustee Kerby          SECONDER: Trustee Shea

That nominations for the Chair of the Board be closed.

  CARRIED.

Mr. DiRocco announced the acclamation of Trustee Speagle to Chair of the Board and offered his congratulations.

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

 MOVER: Trustee Dall          SECONDER: Trustee Kelly

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

  CARRIED.

Trustee Brisbois 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, Mr. DiRocco called for a motion to close nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board.

**MOVER: Trustee Turkington**  
**SECONDER: Trustee Procter**

*That nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board be closed.*  

*CARRIED.*

Mr. DiRocco announced the acclamation of Trustee Brisbois to Vice-Chair of the Board and offered his congratulations.

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

**MOVER: Trustee Cosgrove**  
**SECONDER: Trustee Brisbois**

*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, Mr. DiRocco called for a motion to close nominations for Chair of the Finance and Operations Committee.

**MOVER: Trustee Shea**  
**SECONDER: Trustee Kelly**

*That nominations for Chair of the Finance and Operations Committee be closed.*  

*CARRIED.*

Mr. DiRocco announced the acclamation of Trustee Dall to Chair of the Finance and Operations Committee and offered his congratulations.

8. **Chair’s Move to the Chair, and Acceptance:**

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

9. **Address by the Chair of the Board for 2016:**

Chair of the Board, Trustee Speagle, delivered the Inaugural Address, beginning by extending his personal thanks to Archbishop O’Brien for attending the Inaugural and noted that the Archbishop’s leadership, public support of our Catholic education system and his continued prayers for all of us in Algonquin and Lakeshore provides us with spiritual strength and guidance as we work to serve our students and Catholic education. Trustee Speagle thanked his trustee colleagues for allowing him to continue to serve as Chair of the Board and stated that the trust and confidence Trustees continue to place in him is very much valued. Trustee Speagle welcomed Trustee Brisbois into the role of Vice-Chair of the Board and Trustee Dall as Chair of the Finance and Operations Committee. Trustee Speagle stated that the Board’s Catholic education mission remains vibrant and alive as Trustees continue to embrace the pillars of Discipleship, Scholarship and Stewardship. Trustee Speagle noted that as a Board of Trustees they have to work closely with the Director of Education and senior staff to create a robust and ambitious Strategic Plan that sets forth a bold agenda for the Board. Trustee Speagle noted that it is the Board’s students who give us purpose and hope. Trustees delight in seeing how engaged students are in their learning, how students give witness to their faith and are making a positive impact in their world. Trustee Speagle noted as a Board of Trustees they have before them a
complex agenda that will call on each Trustee to make decisions in light of the Board’s mission and values. Trustees must continue to address an aging school infrastructure and ensure the Board is providing the best possible programs, resources and facilities in order to continue to improve student learning and ensure prudent budget and resource allocation. Trustee Speagle noted that Trustees must work together as one; one voice speaking out and supporting all students in Algonquin and Lakeshore. Trustees willingness to serve all students of this Catholic school system provides strength to our Catholic schools and Trustee Speagle looks forward to the journey Trustees will share together. In closing, Trustee Speagle stated that the Board of Trustees looks forward with hope, with confidence, and with optimism to a future where each student and staff member in our Catholic school system is able to grow and mature into the person God has intended them to be.

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

MOWER: Trustee Turkington
SECONDER: Trustee Summers

That the Board appoint Mr. Peter McCabe and Mr. Peter Radley as Board Solicitors for 2016.

CARRIED.

11. Presentation of the Director’s Annual Report

Mr. DiRocco, as required through the Education Act, presented to Trustees the 2015 Director’s Annual Report. Mr. DiRocco noted that his annual report outlines and highlights the Board’s successes and accomplishments over the past year as the Board continued toward achievement of its strategic planning goals and its Catholic School Board’s commitment to provide faith-based and faith-filled learning opportunities for its students. Mr. DiRocco noted that the successes the Board achieved in 2015 are a direct result of the leadership and commitment to student learning exercised by the Board’s superintendents, its senior managers, its principals and vice-principals and all of its teaching and non-teaching staff. Mr. DiRocco also recognized the significant contribution and support and the strong relations that exist between the Board, the Archbishop, the Board’s parishes and its many community partners. Mr. DiRocco noted that framed within the pillars of Discipleship, Scholarship and Stewardship, the Board continues to focus its efforts to improve student achievement; ensure its students’ well-being and support and guide their faith formation. Faith in Action continues to serve our Boards’ spiritual theme and frames many of the Board’s celebrations as the Board gives witness to its Catholic faith. Mr. DiRocco noted that the Board has much to celebrate in Algonquin and Lakeshore. Mr. DiRocco provided Trustees with a copy of the 2015 Director’s Annual Report.

12. Other Business:

None.

11. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

CARRIED.

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G. Speagle, Chair                           J. DiRocco, Director of Education and
                                           Secretary of the Board

Trish Whalen
Recording Secretary