



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

Regular Board Meeting – Open Session Minutes

Durham Catholic District School Board – North Boardroom
650 Rossland Road West, Oshawa, ON, L1J 7C4
February 27, 2023 at 7:30 PM EST

Trustees Present

M. Forster (Chair), M. Ste. Marie* (Vice Chair)
Trustees K. Beatty, R. Damianopoulos*, R. De Souza*, J. Emanuel, M. Hall,
J. McCafferty

Student Trustees Present

M. Esan*, S. Nwaoha*

Director of Education Present

T. Barill

Senior Administration Present

K. Akomolafe, S. Grieve, M. Hammond, S. Lee-Fernandes, M. O'Neill, R. Rodriguez,
P. Sorhaitz, D. Stargratt, K. Stevenson, J. Wilson, G. Winn

Senior Managers Present

J. McVeigh

* *Attended virtually*

1. Opening

Chair Forster opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

1.1. Motion to Move In Camera

Motion:

B2023-02-27-01 - Motion to Move In Camera

"THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board meeting move into In Camera session."

Motion moved by J. Emanuel and motion seconded by J. McCafferty.

CARRIED

The meeting resumed at 7:37 p.m.

1.2. Memorials and Prayer

Student Trustee Nwaoha offered the opening prayer.

1.3. Land Acknowledgement

Chloe C., a student from St. John XXIII Catholic School acknowledged Traditional Lands and Territory (pre-recorded).

1.4. Canadian Anthem

Performance by St. John XXIII Catholic School choir (pre-recorded).

1.5. Roll Call and Apologies

All trustees were present. Trustees Damianopoulos, De Souza, and Ste. Marie attended virtually.

1.6. Call to Order

Chair Forster called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.

1.7. Approval of the Agenda

Motion:

B2023-02-27-02 – Approval of Agenda

"THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the agenda of the Monday, February 27, 2023 Regular Board Meeting as provided."

Motion moved by J. McCafferty and motion seconded by R. Damianopoulos. CARRIED

1.8. Approval and Signing of the Minutes of the Previous Meetings:

1.8.1. Regular Board Meeting held January 23, 2023

Motion:

B2023-02-27-03 – Approval and Signing of Minutes

"THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Open session of the January 23, 2023 Regular Board Meeting."

Motion moved by M. Hall and motion seconded by R. De Souza. CARRIED

1.9. Declarations of Interest

None.

2. Items of Information

2.1. Announcements

2.1.1. Announcements from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting

Chair Forster read the following announcements:

Retirement (Effective February 28, 2023)

Richard Dobson, Father Leo J. Austin CSS

Resignations (Effective January 31, 2023)
Karina Lawrynovicz, St. Mary C.S.S.
Melissa McGroarty, St. Marguerite d'Youville C.S.

2.1.2. Appointments and Transfers

Chair Forster read the following appointment:

Appointment to Elementary Vice Principal (Effective February 21, 2023)

- Geoffrey McPherson appointed to Vice Principal of Father Fenelon Catholic School from teacher, St. Bridget Catholic School

2.1.3. OCSTA 2022 Short Video Contest

Congratulations to All Saints Catholic Secondary School for winning third place in the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association's (OCSTA) Short-Video Contest. This year's contest focused on the Catholic Education Week theme of "We are Many, We are One". [The video can be viewed on the DCDSB's YouTube channel.](#)

2.2. Notices of Motions

None.

2.3. Presentations

2.3.1. Black History Month Highlights

- Kayode Akomolafe, Human Rights and Equity Advisor, and Mike O'Neill, Superintendent of Education, presented an update on 2023 Black History Month - Celebration of Black Excellence in Canada: Yesterday and Today. The activities for Black History Month were aligned with the *Discovery 2023* strategic priorities of Excellence, Equity and Engagement. Mr. Akomolafe and Mr. O'Neill emphasized the importance of celebrating Black history and Black excellence all year long, extending past the month of February.
- Highlights from their presentation include:
 - Black History Month and DCDSB Multi-Year Strategic Plan
 - School Presentations
 - Interactive Displays for Students Celebrating Black Excellence
 - Student Voice
 - Student Learning
 - Board Office Events
 - Black Leadership History Event

- Communications – Black Excellence, Celebration, History Lives Here
- Social Media
- Durham Black History Month
- Mr. Akomolafe and Mr. O'Neill also shared the [Black Excellence, Celebration, History Lives Here](#) webpage that is on the board and school websites all year long, along with social media posts and other communication materials. Suggestions for future Black History Month initiatives and planning concluded the presentation.

2.3.2. Long-Term Accommodation Plan 2023-2027

- Scott Grieve, Superintendent of Business, Finance, and Facilities Services, and Jody Dale, Planning Coordinator, presented an overview of the Long-Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP).
- Highlights from their presentation include:
 - Executive Summary
 - Guiding Principles
 - Accommodation and Utilization Projections
 - Enrolment Projections
 - Impact of Legislative Changes
 - Action Items
- Director Barill and Superintendent Grieve responded to questions from Trustees.

2.3.3. Safe and Caring Schools – School Climate Survey Update

- Paula Sorhaitz, Superintendent of Education, and Richard DeCaires, Data and Research Officer, provided an overview of Safe Schools initiatives for the 2022-2023 school year, including a brief overview of the Safe Schools Climate Survey results.
- Highlights from their presentation include:
 - Bullying Prevention and Intervention Weeks
 - Restorative Practices
 - Traumatic Events System Training
 - Teacher Professional Development
 - School Climate Surveys
 - Next Steps/Action
 - Looking Ahead
- Superintendent Sorhaitz and Mr. DeCaires presented the results of the DCDSB's Safe and Inclusive Schools Survey. The Ministry of Education requires all schools in the province to implement a Grade 4 - 12 School Climate Survey every two years. The Safe Schools steering committee will continue

to work with the data from the climate surveys and use the data to inform the development of resources targeting key areas of need within our schools.

- Staff responded to questions from Trustees.

2.4. Delegations

None.

2.5. Order Paper: Resolutions Approved for Implementation

Received for information.

2.6. Minutes and/or reports from Committee meetings

The minutes and/or reports from Committee meetings were received for information. Trustees were provided an opportunity to ask questions.

2.6.1. Finance Committee Meeting - February 6, 2023

2.6.2. Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting - February 14, 2023

2.6.3. Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting - February 16, 2023

2.7. Staff Reports (for information)

The following staff reports were received for information. The Director and staff responded to questions from the Trustees.

2.7.1. 2023/2024 Budget Process

2.7.2. Trustee Expenses - September 2021 to August 2022

3. Items for Decision

3.1. Consideration of Motions for which previous notice has been given

3.1.1. State of Student Transportation (as per Appendix 1 of the Minutes of the January 23, 2023, Regular Board Meeting)

- Chair Forster read the motion on the State of Student Transportation.
- Discussion ensued. The Director responded to questions from Trustees.

Motion:

B2023-02-27-04 – State of Student Transportation

"WHEREAS ongoing issues and challenges, including a province-wide bus driver shortage, continue to impact student transportation services in Durham Region; and,

WHEREAS the DCDSB is committed to actively monitor and manage student transportation issues;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DCDSB request a report on the state of student transportation to be presented at the next regular Board meeting; and

THAT such report cover the impacts and management of:

- The bus driver shortage;
- Bus service in remote and rural areas including service on dead-end roads; and,
- Durham Region Transit Bus Passes

Motion moved by R. Damianopoulos and motion seconded by J. McCafferty. CARRIED

- 3.2. Motions to be read in Open Session from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of February 27, 2023

Motion:

B2023-02-27-05 – Motions Deemed Read

"THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the Motions as deemed read from the In Camera session of the February 27, 2023 Regular Board Meeting."

Motion moved by J. McCafferty and motion seconded by J. Emanuel. CARRIED

- 3.3. Business arising from previous meetings

None.

- 3.4. Staff Reports (for decision)

- 3.4.1. Long-Term Accommodation Plan 2023-2027

Motion:

B2023-02-27-06 – Long-Term Accommodation Plan 2023-2027

"THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the Guiding Principles of the Long-Term Accommodation Plan 2023-2027 dated February 27, 2023."

Motion moved by J. McCafferty and motion seconded by K. Beatty. CARRIED

Motion:

B2023-02-27-07 – Long-Term Accommodation Plan 2023-2027

"THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the actions proposed for 2023 within the Long-Term Accommodation Plan 2023-2027 dated February 27, 2023."

Motion moved by J. McCafferty and motion seconded by K. Beatty. CARRIED

Motion:

B2023-02-27-08 – Long-Term Accommodation Plan 2023-2027

“THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board approve “In Principle”, the actions proposed for 2023-2027 within the Long-Term Accommodation Plan 2023-2027 dated February 27, 2023.”

Motion moved by J. McCafferty and motion seconded by K. Beatty.
CARRIED

3.4.2. International Student Fees 2023/2024 Update

Motion:

B2023-02-27-09 – International Student Fees 2023/2024 Update

“THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board approve International Student Fees in the amount of \$15,200 for an elementary school student and \$16,200 for a secondary school student for the 2023/2024 school year.”

Motion moved by J. McCafferty and motion seconded by J. Emanuel.

- Discussion ensued and an amendment to the original motion was proposed:

Motion:

B2023-02-27-10 – International Student Fees 2023/2024 Update

~~“THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board approve International Student Fees in the amount of \$15,200 for an elementary school student and \$16,200 for a secondary school student for the 2023/2024 school year.”~~

“That we increase the fee for future students to match that of the Durham District students and that the fees outlined in the original motion be maintained for current students.”

Motion moved by M. Ste. Marie and motion seconded by R. Damianopoulos.

- Further discussion ensued.

Motion to Extend Length of Meeting (10:00 p.m.)

Motion:

B2023-02-27-11 – Motion to Extend Length of Meeting

“THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board extend the length of the Regular Board Meeting of Monday, February 27, 2023, by one hour as per General Working By-Law section 3.10.”

Motion moved by K. Beatty and motion seconded by R. Damianopoulos. CARRIED

3.4.2 International Student Fees 2023/2024 Update (Continued)

- Vice Chair Ste. Marie withdrew his original motion to amend (Motion B2023-02-27-10).
- Vice Chair Ste. Marie proposed the following new amendment.

Motion: B2023-02-27-12 – International Student Fees 2023/2024 Update

“THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board approve International Student Fees in the amount of \$15,200 for an elementary school student and \$16,200 for a secondary school student for the 2023/2024 school year.”

And that in 2024-2025 that the rates match the Durham District School Board rates.

Motion moved by M. Ste. Marie and motion seconded by R. Damianopolous. DEFEATED

- The original motion was then voted on.

Motion:
B2023-02-27-09 – International Student Fees 2023/2024 Update

“THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board approve International Student Fees in the amount of \$15,200 for an elementary school student and \$16,200 for a secondary school student for the 2023/2024 school year.”

Motion moved by J. McCafferty and motion seconded by J. Emanuel. CARRIED

4. Other Business

4.1. Board Communications

Correspondence received for information.

4.1.1. Correspondence to the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association

4.1.2. Correspondence to the Education Quality and Accountability Office

4.2. Director's Report

Director Barill provided the following report:

- The DCDSB is currently in the process of gathering feedback to assist with our 2023-2024 strategic priorities and budget development. At this time, we are asking for input and suggestions about investments that

the Board should consider for the upcoming school year in support of student learning. There are three ThoughtExchange questions, and the feedback received will help to inform our 2023-2024 budget and strategic priorities. Further details can be found on our [Budget Consultation webpage](#). The ThoughtExchange questions will be available until March 24.

- On February 15, we hosted our first Navigating Kindergarten Zoom session titled Welcome to Kindergarten at DCDSB and Information on Before and After Childcare. Navigating Kindergarten is a live virtual parent/guardian series to prepare parents and guardians and their child for Kindergarten. We have three upcoming [Navigating Kindergarten](#) sessions including Early Literacy Skills on March 8, Supporting Transitions for Students with Special Needs on March 29, and Tips and Strategies to Support Communication Skills and Well-Being in Kindergarten on April 19. Interested families are encouraged to visit our website at dcdsb.ca/Kindergarten for further details.
- The United Nations has declared this the International Decade of Indigenous Languages and that Indigenous Languages Day is coming up on March 31. Professional Development learning sessions for 60 elementary and secondary educators, led by Beedahbin Peltier and the Indigenous Education team, took place in February 2023, with a focus on Anishinaabe ways of knowing and how these ways of knowing are rooted in Anishinaabemowin language.
- In February, seven teachers from our secondary schools participated in their third and final welding training session with the Canadian Welding Bureau (CWB). Following this training, all seven teachers successfully completed the CWB Certification Qualification exam and were awarded their *CWB 47.1 Fillet Weld Qualification in the Flat & Horizontal Positions using the SMAW (Shielded Metal Arc Welding) & GMAW (Gas Metal Arc Welding) Processes*. Achieving this qualification will allow these educators to prepare their students to complete the same CWB certification while in our secondary schools. Also in February, Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School and St Mary Catholic Secondary School were certified as official CWB test centres. This will allow students in our school board to gain their certifications through testing done in our own schools. A special thank you to the Canadian Welding Bureau Foundation for offering the training and to our other partners in our welding initiative, which includes UA Locals 401 and 46, OPG and Black and McDonald.
- Some highlights of our Adult and Continuing Education programs through Archbishop Anthony Meagher Catholic Continuing Education Centre:
 - As part of the Adult Day School program, adult learners are now able to work from home or school, which allows us to reach more

students in various parts of the province and offers more flexibility for students. In 2021-2022, 215 adult students graduated with their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. In addition, 125 students received their Personal Support Worker certificate.

- Our Continuing Education Center offers a myriad of programs such as:
 - The Child Care Assistant Training Program
 - The Custodial Services Training Program
 - The Personal Support Worker (PSW) Program
 - The Young Parent School Program at the Rose of Durham allows mothers and fathers who are 16-26 years of age to obtain credits for the Ontario Secondary School while in a supported learning environment with an educator and Rose of Durham counsellors.
- We have an upcoming Continuing Education presentation to Board scheduled when we will provide more details and insights on all that we do at our Archbishop Anthony Meagher Catholic Continuing Education Center.

Highlights of Upcoming March Events

- We are currently seeking parent and guardian feedback on the Oshawa Program and Boundary Study. There are public meetings scheduled for:
 - Tuesday, March 7 at Sir Albert Love Catholic School
 - Tuesday, March 21 at St. Christopher Catholic School
 - Thursday, March 23 at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic School
 - Further information on our boundary reviews is available at dcdsb.ca/boundaryreviews
- In April, Grade 10 culinary students from Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School will be engaging in learning with Indigenous Education and the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program. Learning will be supported by community partner Beedahbin Peltier who will lead learning sessions on the land where he will share plant knowledge and the connection to health. Keri-Ann Peacock of Indigenish Catering will also join to share her pathway journey and lead students in cooking classes. The project will culminate with a visit to Durham College.
- Through partnerships with the Ministry of Education and the Ontario DELF Centre, the Durham Catholic District School Board is pleased to offer Core French, Extended French and French Immersion students registered in a Grade 12 French as a Second Language course in the 2022-2023 school year the opportunity to participate in the Diplôme d'études en langue française (DELF) Proficiency Exam. Interested DCDSB Grade 12 students are encouraged to review the

information on our [DELFL webpage](#), or contact their French teacher or Guidance department for registration details.

- DCDSB staff are looking forward to the much-anticipated Lenten Twilight Retreat on March 2 at the Manresa Retreat Centre. Staff will celebrate mass, followed by dinner, then transition into guided meditation followed by reflective ritual action. Thank you to our dedicated Faith Formation department for supporting this faith enrichment opportunity for our staff.
- The Coach/Advocates for Black Youth will be facilitating a March Break Recreational Leadership Camp at Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic High School from March 13-17. The camp is designed for Grade 7 and 8 students who identify as Black. Students will participate in a variety of recreational activities aimed at building leadership skills, fitness skills, peer relationships skills and community building.

Recognition

- March 7-13 is Ontario Social Work Week. Director Barill acknowledged and thanked all our social workers who provide invaluable support and resources to our students and families. The mental health and well-being of our students, staff and families is so important, especially now, and we greatly appreciate all our amazing social work staff.
- The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) invited a member of the Board of Trustees from Durham Catholic District School Board to participate on the Natural Science and Education Committee. Subject to approval by the TRCA Board of Directors, Director Barill was pleased to announce that Chair Forster will be participating in this committee, which is expected to convene in April 2023. Active involvement from the DCDSB on this committee is essential to the long-term success of any collaborative framework involving school boards, conservation authorities and other key public sector education stakeholders. On behalf of the Senior Administrative Team and staff, we want to thank Chair Forster for her leadership on this committee.
- Director Barill shared the news that Superintendent Lee-Fernandes will be joining the Ontario Principals' Council as Director of Professional Learning effective March 6, 2023. Her last day with the DCDSB will be March 3, before she begins her secondment with the Ontario Principals' Council. Superintendent Lee-Fernandes has over twenty years of service with the DCDSB, during which time she has held the positions of classroom teacher, program support teacher and school administrator with the board. Prior to becoming a Superintendent, she served on several board committees, including the Equity Steering Committee, Mentorship Steering Committee, and the board's Together for Hope Poverty Action

Plan. A valued member of the DCDSB Senior Administrative team since January 2020 when she was appointed to the position of Superintendent of Education, Dr. Lee-Fernandes has tirelessly and effectively led Family of Schools and key system portfolios such as Student Services and Equity. On behalf of the entire DCDSB community, Director Barill expressed her sincere appreciation to Superintendent Lee-Fernandes for her leadership and dedication over the years. Although she will be deeply missed, we wish her all the very best in her new role.

- Director Barill welcomed all students, staff, and families to embrace the Lenten season with an open heart, mind, and spirit as we take this opportunity to strengthen our connection to our faith, through our values and our actions, to make the world a better place. Director Barill wished everyone a blessed Lenten season filled with the opportunity to strengthen our personal connection with Christ.

4.3. Chair's Report

Chair Forster provided the following report:

- Thank you to this evening's presenters for sharing updates on Black History Month, the Long-Term Accommodation Plan and Safe and Caring Schools.

Recognition

- The Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) has announced the 2023 OCSTA Trustee Award of Merit recipients. DCDSB Trustee for the City of Pickering, Jim McCafferty, has been announced as a recipient of this honour. The award recognizes trustees who have rendered exceptional service to Catholic education over the years. Congratulations to Trustee McCafferty on being recognized for your many years of dedicated service to the DCDSB and Catholic education.
- Congratulations to All Saints Catholic Secondary School students Joseph, Sierra, Ashley, Kaitlyn, and Robyn. They are the third-place winners in this year's Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association's (OCSTA) Short-Video Contest themed "We are Many, We are One". Congratulations also to their educators and advisors.
- On Wednesday, February 22, we began the Liturgical season of Lent with the distribution of ashes and our own Lenten promises. Lent is a period of 40 days of repentance and preparation leading up to the celebration of Easter – our most holy time of year with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Pope Francis' Lenten message connects to the Durham Catholic District School Board's 2022-2023 spiritual theme, *Listening with the Ear of the Heart*. A time for us to continue to reflect on to whom we listen, to what we listen, and to

how we listen during this holy Lenten season. This Lenten season is a time to deepen our relationship with God.

- On Wednesday, February 8, DCDSB secondary students attended the Durham Youth Drug Awareness Committee's 4th "The Leader in Me: Awareness to Action" Student Conference. The Student Conference was presented in partnership with the Durham Region Health Department, Lakeridge Health Mental Health and Addiction Services, Carea Community Health Centre, and the YMCA Youth Cannabis Awareness Program. The keynote presentation was by the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction. During the conference, students learned to create effective health promotion campaigns and were provided up-to-date information regarding alcohol, marijuana, and vaping to use in their school campaigns. Chair Forster also extended her thanks to Trustee Beatty who was able to attend a part of the conference.
- The Durham Catholic District School Board 2023 student art show is now open at The Robert McLaughlin Gallery (RMG). The DCDSB's student art show is titled *Kaleidoscope* and will be available for the public to view free-of-charge from February 24, 2023, until March 12, 2023. This year's show features over 90 pieces of artwork created by students from kindergarten to Grade 12. We hope you can visit the exhibit and enjoy our students' works of art.

Upcoming Events

- The board is currently accepting nominations for three different awards, including the Board Award of Merit, the Distinguished Catholic Alumni Awards, and the Reverend John Markle Home-School Communications Award.
- The Board Award of Merit recognizes an individual or group who has made an extraordinary contribution to the cause of Catholic education or who has performed an extraordinary community service outside of their normal work duties. The people nominated for this award may include a Priest, a member of a religious community, an employee of the Board, a ratepayer, a student, or a Trustee who is, or formerly was, under the jurisdiction of the DCDSB. Nominations may be made by any individual within the broader Catholic community. Nominations are open until Wednesday, March 1.
- As a Board we believe in the foundational partnerships between home school and parish. Communication is essential to keeping these relationships strong which is why each year the Board sponsors the Reverend John Markle Home-School Communications Award to recognize excellence in Elementary and Secondary School Communications. Nominations for these awards are open until Friday, March 3.

- The Distinguished Catholic Alumni Awards recognizes former students at the Durham Catholic District School Board who have achieved significant success in their chosen pathway. Through their pursuit of personal excellence, these individuals have made a positive contribution to their communities and represent the image of the Catholic learner as outlined in the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations. Nominations are open until Friday, March 31.
- To learn more about these awards, or to submit a nomination, please visit dcdsb.ca.
- March 6, 2023, marks the fourth annual Black Mental Health Day, recognized by communities across Ontario. On Black Mental Health Day, we are called to recognize the ongoing impact on mental health that results from experiences of anti-Black racism. It is also a day to raise awareness of the specific mental health needs of Black communities across Ontario. This year DCDSB proudly presents, Dionne Sinclair, Vice President Clinical Operations & Chief Nursing Executive Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) and Maryanne Oketch Winner of Survivor, Season 42. The event will take place on Monday, March 6, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School. Please visit dcdsb.ca for further details or to register for this event.
- On Thursday, March 9, our chaplains and secondary students representing our board will participate in the 33rd Annual Ordinandi event along with other Catholic school boards, the Archdiocese of Toronto, and the Office of Catholic Youth. In the evening, trustees and senior staff will attend the Ordinandi Dinner to honour the Transitional Deacons who study, pray and reside at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Seminary who will be ordained to the priesthood this year.

Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association

- This year, the Durham Catholic District School Board will be hosting the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Annual General Meeting in Toronto from April 27-29, 2023. We will be sharing further details in the next couple of months.

In closing, Chair Forster wished all members of the Durham Catholic family a safe, happy and restful March Break from March 13-17, 2023.

4.4. Student Trustees Report

The Student Trustees provided the following report:

- Introduction (Sophie) – The month of February is a time to celebrate and acknowledge the many accomplishments and contributions of Black Canadians. The Student Senate is extremely happy to see the many wonderful celebrations, initiatives and presentations that took

place. The announcements, museum walkthroughs guest speakers and cultural performances that took place gave students the opportunity to learn more about Black, African and Caribbean cultural, practices and history.

- Senate (Moyin) – The student senate continued their conversations and work around student leadership in the board. This month we welcomed Superintendent Grieve, who did a presentation on eco schools and provided us with information and insights into the organization. The senate hopes to continue our work in environmental sustainability and with eco teams striving towards the goals outlined by eco schools with the hopes of creating environmentally friendly schools and communities. The Senate is also in the midst of preparing for Student Trustee elections and a few student leadership events and opportunities.
- OSTA BCC (Sophie) – Moyin and I had the pleasure of attending OSTA-AECO's annual Board Council Conference in Ottawa 2 weeks ago. You may hear us say it a lot, but it truly is always an amazing experience to meet with our fellow Student Trustees and friends from across the province for a weekend packed with insightful and informative PD. This is my first BCCs in person and Moyin's first BCCs ever, so we both were entering the weekend without much experience of how the conference would run. BCCs is a much different conference than the FGM and AGM as it is a time for the board councils and working groups to get lots of work done. Moyin had the opportunity to run a guided discussion with our fellow trustees in the golden horseshoe region. These conversations yielded important dialogue on our shared bussing concerns, how to engage students and build leadership in our boards and the importance of nurturing positive relationships with staff and admin. On my end, my working group was able to obtain information regarding equity-based issues student trustees wanted to gain more insight on. A lot of the conversations we had were regarding the importance of making reporting and accountability measures more accessible to students who may have a lack of understanding of how to come forward to report incidents of discrimination. We additionally discussed how we can create better safety measures for students that do come forward to report. We also had an exciting presentation and discussion with OPC and CPCO, the respective principal councils for Public and Catholic Principles. Finally, Development and peace presented to the Catholic Student Trustees on the meaning of justice, and we had an exciting brainstorming session around current issues in education and how Student Trustees can do more in our boards to address said issues. Overall, it was an amazing conference and Moyin and I are extremely

excited to see how the work that was done flourishes in the upcoming months.

- OSTA AECO (Sophie) – As I previously mentioned, my working group had many insightful and informative conversations around equity at the board council conference. In addition to that work, my working group also published an informative post on the OSTA-AECO Instagram regarding Black History Month and how we can continue celebrating and acknowledging the excellence and accomplishments of Black Canadians.
- Moyin: As board Council representative as Sophie mentioned earlier most of my work recently focused on bccs which was a huge success, I also promoted the applications for the OCSTA Student Trustee Advisory Council.
- Closure (Moyin) – As the month comes to an end, The Senate continues to praise the brilliant minds of students across our board, who come together to plan and organize initiatives and projects they are passionate about. The amazing work that was done during Black History Month by students just shows how engaged students are in their communities and schools. We look forward to the upcoming Student Trustee elections and the passionate, driven, and aspiring students who come out to make their voices heard.

4.5. Trustee Questions

- Vice Chair Ste. Marie requested that three new board presentations be added to the current schedule of presentations.
- After some discussion, Vice Chair Ste. Marie made the following motion which was seconded by Trustee Beatty.

Motion:

B2023-02-27-13 – Board Presentations

“THAT the Board of Trustees request the following topics be added to the schedule of future presentations for the current school year:

- Right to Read
- Gaps in learning with students on IEPs.
- What the progress has been on the new curriculum documents in Mathematics, Science and Technology.”

Trustee McCafferty left the meeting room at 10:36 p.m. and a short recess was called. The meeting resumed at 10:41 p.m. with all trustees in attendance.

4.5. Trustee Questions (Continued)

- Trustee Damianopoulos put forth an amendment to the Board Presentations motion.

Motion:

B2023-02-27-14 – Board Presentations

“THAT the Board of Trustees request the following topics be added to the schedule of future presentations for the current school year:

- Right to Read
- Gaps in learning with students on IEPs.
- What the progress has been on the new curriculum documents in Mathematics, Science and Technology.”

and,

“THAT the presentation currently scheduled on Faith Formation includes an assessment of the current state and how to improve the Home-School-Parish relationship.

and,

“THAT the Chair, working with the Director shall consult Trustees before the presentation schedule is set at the beginning of each year and that input from Trustees be used to ensure presentations cover all topics of interest.

- A motion to waive the notice of motion requirements as per Section 9.1 of the Board’s By-law was put to a vote.

Motion:

B2023-02-27-15 – Waive Notice of Motion Requirements

“THAT the Board of Trustees waive the Notice of Motion requirements to bring a motion at a Board meeting without prior notice, as per Section 9.1 of the Board’s By-law.”

Motion moved by M. Ste. Marie and motion seconded by R. Damianopoulos. DEFEATED

4.6. Motion to Adjourn

Motion:

B2023-02-27-16 – Adjournment

“THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of Monday, February 27, 2023.”

Motion moved by J. McCafferty and motion seconded by J. Emanuel.
CARRIED

4.7. Closing Prayer

A closing prayer was offered by the Student Trustees.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Monique Forster, Chair of the Board
Durham Catholic District School Board

Tracy Barill, Director of Education
Durham Catholic District School Board

Recording Secretary: L. Beckstead