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**POLICY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Report  
May 4, 2021**

MEETING DATE:	May 4, 2021
LOCATION OF MEETING:	Virtually via Microsoft Teams
SUBJECT OF MEETING:	Policy Governance Committee Meeting
CHAIR:	Vaughn Blab
TRANSCRIBER:	Trina Henley
TIME OF MEETING:	5:58 p.m. – 7:25 p.m.

**ATTENDED BY:**

	INIT	ATTENDANCE	PERSON	TITLE
1.	AS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anne Sweeney	Trustee
2.	AS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alison Smith	Superintendent of Business Services
3.	DH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paul White	Director of Education
4.	FB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Frank Bastone	Trustee
5.	JW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeffrey White	Trustee
6.	MF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Favreau	Vice Chair
7.	PL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paul Landry	Trustee
8.	TG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Teresa Gallik	Chair
9.	VB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vaughn Blab	Trustee

**AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Vaughn Blab called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.
- 2. OPENING PRAYER** – Vaughn Blab opened the meeting with a meaningful prayer bringing everyone into the presence of the Lord.
- 3. ROLL CALL** – All Trustees were present.
- 4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - NIL**
- 5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – The agenda was approved as presented.
- 6. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**



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### 7. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

#### 7.1 Policy

##### 7.1.1 Policy #9: Board Operations – Paul White and Phyllis

Paul White and Phyllis Eikre provided information and research regarding proposed amendments to Policy #9 to add a third student trustee, being from the self-identified Grade 11 and 12 students at St. Thomas Aquinas High School and being selected from among students who self-identify as indigenous. The proposed student trustee would represent the views of Indigenous students. The Trustees accepted the recommendation, and a board motion will be presented at the May 18 Board Meeting to accept the proposed amendments to the policy.

##### 7.1.2 Policy #11 – Board Representatives – Phyllis Eikre

Phyllis Eikre provided a review of Policy #11 – Board Representatives, with no proposed changes at this time. No further changes were brought forward by the Trustees. A board motion will be presented at the May 18 Board Meeting to accept the review of the policy.

##### 7.1.3 Policy #14 – Hearings Regarding Teacher Termination – Phyllis Eikre

Phyllis Eikre provided a review of Policy #14 – Hearings Regarding Teacher Termination, adding an opening introductory paragraph. The Trustees accepted the policy as presented with no further changes. A board motion will be presented at the May 18 Board Meeting to accept the amendments to the policy.

#### 7.2 Personnel

#### 7.3 Property

#### 7.4 Finance

##### 7.4.1 2021 – 2022 Grants for Student Needs – Alison Smith

Alison Smith, Superintendent of Business Services, provided a brief overview of the 2021 Grants for Student Needs (GSN) that was recently released by the Ministry of Education. Smith reported that the per-pupil amount increased 1.2 percent, and the overall GSN has increased just over 2 percent. The GSN will continue to recognize the ongoing need for COVID-19 support, technological and mental health support. The Ministry of Education is allowing school boards to utilize 2 percent accumulated surplus but are advised to budget for only ½ of that amount and take a conservative approach to the 2021 – 2022 budget due to declining enrolment across the province.

#### 7.5 Program

##### 7.5.1 Director's Report – Paul White

Paul White provided a Director's Report focusing on the Board's Strategic Plan of Growing, Investing and Engaging and reported on various initiatives such as Catholic Education Week, Budget Consultations, COVID-19 vaccinations for educators and the rollout of asymptomatic testing.



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### 7.6 Negotiations

### 7.7 Other

- 7.7.1 Year-End Service Awards and Retirement Celebration on June 3 at 7:00 PM – **Paul White**  
Paul White provided an overview of the virtual Year-End Service Awards and Retirement Celebration scheduled for June 3, at 7:00 PM. Trustees will be presenting various service awards.
- 7.7.2 CCSTA Keynote Presentation – It is the Lord – Reflections on the Heart of a Small Catholic School – June 3 at 11:30 AM - **Teresa Gallik**  
Teresa Gallik reminded the Trustees of the upcoming Canadian Catholic School Trustee Association Annual General Meeting and Keynote speaker series and encouraged Trustees to self-register and take notes at the event.
- 7.7.3 CCSTA Keynote Presentation – Speak Lord, Your Servant is Listening – June 3 at 1:00 PM – **Teresa Gallik**
- 7.7.4 CCSTA Virtual Annual General Meeting and Business Seminar on June 4, 2021 – **Teresa Gallik**

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

## 11. INFORMATION

## 12. FUTURE MEETINGS

### POLICY GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

June 1, 2021

### REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

May 18, 2021

June 15, 2021

### CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

May 12, at 11:30 AM virtually

June 1, at 5:00 PM School Council and Catholic Parent Council Report to Trustees / Policy Governance Committee Meeting to follow

### SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 18 at 1:30 PM virtually

June 18 at 1:30 PM virtually



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### VIRTUAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

- St. Thomas Aquinas High School – May 3 at 6:30 PM
- St. John School – May 5 at 6:00 PM
- St. Louis Living Arts School – May 12 at 6:30 PM
- École Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoys – May 19 at 7:00 PM
- Pope John Paul II School – May 26 at 6:00 PM
- St. Isidore Virtual School – May 19 at 6:00 PM

### TRUSTEE TRAVEL / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2021 Catholic Education Week Province Wide Mass – May 5 at 10:00 AM livestreamed at: <https://stmichaelscathedral.com/live>.
- 2021 Ontario Catholic Student Youth (OCSY) Day Conference (May 5, 2021)
- Year End Retirement Celebration and Service Awards – June 3 at 7:00 PM
- CCSTA Keynote Presentation – It is the Lord – Reflections on the Heart of a Catholic School – June 3 at 11:30 AM.
- CCSTA Keynote Presentation – Speak Lord, Your Servant is Listening – June 3 at 1:00 p.m.
- CCSTA Annual General Meeting and Business Seminar – June 4, 2021


### MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FINANCIAL REPORTING DEADLINES

The ministry has established the following dates for submission of financial reports:

Date	Description
August 19, 2020	School board Estimates for 2020–21
November 13, 2020	School board Financial Statements for 2019–20
November 20, 2020	School board Enrolment Projections for 2021–22 to 2024–25
December 15, 2020	School board Revised Estimates for 2020–21
May 14, 2021	School board Financial Report for September 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021

- 13. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
- 14. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary