



Kenora Catholic District School Board

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POLICY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE February 7, 2024



MEETING DATE:	February 7, 2024
LOCATION OF MEETING:	Catholic Education Centre
SUBJECT OF MEETING:	Policy Governance Committee Meeting
CHAIR:	Marie Lundine
TRANSCRIBER:	Trina Henley
TIME OF MEETING:	6:00 p.m.

ATTENDED BY:

	INIT	ATTENDANCE	PERSON	TITLE
1.	AB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Angela Bishop	Trustee
2.	AS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alison Smith	Superintendent of Business, Facilities, and Planning Services
3.	DF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Derek Favreau	Trustee
4.	DH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nicole Kurtz	Director of Education
5.	JR	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jamey Robertson	Superintendent of Education
6.	JW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeffrey White	Trustee
7.	LT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lorne Temple	Trustee
8.	ML	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marie Lundin	Trustee
9.	PL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paul Landry	Vice Chair
10.	TG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Teresa Gallik	Chair

AGENDA

- CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- OPENING PRAYER** – The meeting was opened with a meaningful prayer bringing everyone into the presence of the Lord.
- ROLL CALL** – All Trustees were present.
- DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - NIL**
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – The agenda was approved as presented.



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6. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

6.1 Northwestern Ontario Student Services Consortium – **D. Ridgeway**

Dan Ridgeway, Manager of the Northwestern Ontario Student Services Consortium presented an overview of the strategic plan for transportation consortium and provided an overview of the policy that governs bus cancellations and eligibility criteria. The consortium, established in 2010, operates under a common policy agreed upon by the board of directors from each member school board. Covering 80,000 square kilometers, it manages 83 school bus routes, serving over 3,000 students daily.

7. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

7.1 Policy

7.1.1 Policy #12 – Policy Making – **N. Kurtz**

Director Nicole Kurtz provided an overview of the proposed updates to Policy #12 – Policy Making which pertains to policy implementation within the board. The revised policy will be presented for approval at the February Board Meeting.

7.1.2 Policy #17 – Advisory Council on First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education – **N. Kurtz**

Director Nicole Kurtz provided an overview of the updates to Policy #17 – Advisory Council on First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education. The revised policy will be presented for approval at the February Board Meeting.

7.2 Personnel

7.2.1 Monthly Director's Report – **N. Kurtz**

Nicole Kurtz presented the monthly Director's report, highlighting January's activities and initiatives. The report included the Ministry's announcement of the Kindergarten Curriculum, the Director's Appraisal Process, and a discussion on a letter from the Chair of the Halton Catholic District School Board regarding greenhouse gas funding. A significant focus was on the ethical and safe use of artificial intelligence in education, teaching students to utilize AI responsibly as a tool.

7.3 Property

7.4 Finance

7.5 Program

7.5.1 2024 – 2025 School Year Calendar – **N. Kurtz**

Nicole Kurtz provided an update on the 2024-2025 School Year Calendar consultation results. Option #2 emerged as the preferred choice, with 54.9% of survey respondents selecting this option. This calendar has the first day of school for students on September 3, 2024, and the last day of school as June 25, 2025. This item will be brought forward to the February 20, 2024, Board Meeting.



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7.6 **Negotiations**

7.7 **Other**

7.7.1 2023 – 2024 Trustee Travel Plan – **N. Kurtz**

The Trustees conducted a review of their annual travel plan, focusing on the upcoming conferences and events scheduled for the year. The discussion included considerations for the budget, logistics and the objectives of attending each conference to align with the Board's strategic priorities and professional development needs.

7.7.2 The Most Reverend Bishop Fred J. Colli – **N. Kurtz**

Nicole Kurtz reported that there are no formal plans established at this time regionally to honour the retirement of the Most Reverend Bishop Colli in the spring. Current plans are pending further direction from regional representatives. Possibilities include participation in an event in Thunder Bay or a local joint initiative with St. Louis Parish and Notre Dame du Portage Church in Kenora. It is suggested that the KCDSB plan a local acknowledgment around his visit for confirmation in May.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

11. **INFORMATION**

12. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

POLICY GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

February 6, 2024 (Chair: Marie Lundin)

March 5, 2024 (Chair: Angela Bishop)

April 2, 2024 (Chair: Derek Favreau)

SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

NIL

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 20

Tuesday, March 26

Tuesday, April 16

CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 7, at 11:30 AM

Wednesday, May 15, at 11:30 AM

Tuesday, June 4 School Council & Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Report at 5:00 PM



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SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, February 16 at 1:30 PM

INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

École Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoys – February 15 at 5:30 PM

St. John Paul II School – February 21 at 6:00 PM

St. John School – February 27 at 6:00 PM

St. Louis Living Arts School – March 21 at 6:30 PM

St. Thomas Aquinas High School – April 15 at 7:00 PM

TRUSTEE TRAVEL / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

OCSTA 2024 Annual General Meeting and Conference, May 2 – 4, in Niagara Falls

CCSTA 2024 AGM and Convention May 30 – June 1 in Calgary

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FINANCIAL REPORTING DEADLINES

Date	Description
June 30, 2023	School Board Estimates for 2023 – 2024
November 15, 2023	School Board Financial Statements for 2022 – 2023
December 15, 2023	School Board Revised Estimates for 2023 – 2024
May 15, 2024	School Board Financial Report for September 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary/Treasurer