

Minutes of the Governance Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Greg McNally Boardroom, Kemptville

PUBLIC SESSION

A. OPENING

Meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m.

A.1 Territorial Acknowledgement

A.2 Opening Prayer; Trustee Torrie-Racine

B. ROLL CALL

B.1 Board Members

Present: Sue Wilson, Chair
Karen McAllister, Vice-Chair
Jennifer Cooney
Brent Laton
Donna Nielsen (via Teams)
Karen Torrie-Racine
Brooke Guindon, Associate Student Trustee (via Teams)

Absent: Christopher Cummings
Chloe Finner, Student Trustee

B.2 Senior Board Officials

Present: Laurie Corrigan, Director of Education
Ashley Hutchinson, Superintendent of Business/Treasurer
Brent Bovaird, Superintendent of School Effectiveness
Dawn Finnegan, Superintendent of School Effectiveness
Heather Gerber, Superintendent of School Effectiveness

Norma McDonald, Superintendent of School Effectiveness

Tracy O'Brien, Superintendent of School Effectiveness

B.3 Recorder: Judith Bériault, Executive Assistant

B.4 Others: Amber LaBerge, Communications Lead

C. AMENDMENT TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

McALLISTER

"That the Governance Committee approve the agenda of the Governance Committee Meeting of March 5, 2024, as presented."

Carried.

D. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

LATON

"That the Governance Committee approve the minutes of the Governance Committee Meeting held on February 6, 2024, as presented."

Carried.

F. RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS – Nil

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

G.1 Interim Financial Report for the Fiscal Period: September 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023; Superintendent Hutchinson

Superintendent Hutchinson provided an interim financial report to the Board of Trustees. The report included revenue and expenditures from September 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, with comparative figures for the same period in 2022. Superintendent Hutchinson expressed concern that supply costs are rising. She reported transportation costs are on budget.

G.2 Update – Bell Times; Superintendent Hutchinson

Superintendent Hutchinson provided a summary of each Bell Time presentation that has been given to the Board of Trustees, beginning in April 2023. She reminded Trustees that CDSBEO completed a 3-year bell time alignment in 2020-2021.

G.3 Update – Massey Commons; Superintendent Hutchinson

Superintendent Hutchinson reported that the plan for Massey Commons has not changed, since her last report on February 6, 2024. Superintendent Hutchinson and Paul Mesman, Manager of Plant & Maintenance, are members of the Internal Planning Committee. A meeting is planned in the next few weeks. Superintendent Hutchinson looks forward to working with the committee.

G.4 SDG Counties Rural Education Committee; Chair Wilson

Chair Wilson met with the Chair of the SDG Counties Rural Education Committee, Jeff Manley. Topics discussed included Community Use of Schools, STEO, internet access, bell times, bus driver shortages, school closure processes. Chair Wilson reviewed the role of the School Trustee – to protect Catholic Education.

Trustees requested further information about the committee, its purpose, and intentions. Through the Community Partner Table, CDSBEO addresses many of the same concerns as the SDG Counties Rural Education Committee.

LATON – COONEY

“That the Governance Committee request the Senior Administration compose a response letter to the SDG Counties Rural Education Committee.”

Carried.

H. CLOSING PRAYER

I. ADJOURNMENT

TORRIE-RACINE

“That the Governance Committee Meeting of March 5, 2024, be adjourned.”

Carried.

Adjourned at 5:29 p.m.