



ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

*Lighting the Way ~ Rejoicing in Our Journey*

# ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT BOARD ADVISORY COUNCIL NOTES

Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Boardroom, Catholic Education Centre  
420 Creek Street, Wallaceburg

## **Board Advisory Council Member Schools Present:**

Georges P Vanier Catholic School  
Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School  
Holy Family Catholic School  
Monsignor Uyen Catholic School  
Our Lady of Fatima  
Sacred Heart Catholic School, Sarnia  
St. Agnes Catholic School  
St. Anne Catholic School, Sarnia  
St. Joseph Catholic School, Corunna  
St. Michael Catholic School, Ridgetown  
St. Patrick's Catholic High School

## **Schools Absent:**

Christ the King Catholic School  
Good Shepherd Catholic School  
Holy Rosary Catholic School  
Holy Trinity Catholic School  
Sacred Heart Catholic School, Port Lambton  
St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim  
St. Elizabeth Catholic School  
St. John Fisher Catholic School  
St. Joseph Catholic School, Tilbury  
St. Matthew Catholic School  
St. Michael Catholic School, Bright's Grove  
St. Peter Canisius Catholic School  
St. Philip Catholic School  
St. Ursula Catholic School  
St. Vincent Catholic School  
Ursuline College Chatham Catholic School

## **Trustees, Administration and Staff Present:**

David Argenti	Brenda Rumble	Scott Johnson
Derek Morrison	Frank Torti	Erin Moffat
Kelly Van Boxtel	Juli Faubert	Americo Todino
Mark Bernard	Colleen Cogghe	Rob Cicchelli
Jen Morrow	Chris Kehoe	Steve DeGurse
Margaret DeGurse		

**Chair:** Tressa Brown  
**Recorder:** Josselyne Segeren

**Tressa Brown opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.**

### **1. Opening Prayer**

Tressa Brown opened the meeting with prayer.

## **2. Approval of Meeting Notes from November 13, 2019**

**Tressa Brown, Chair**

Motion: (Anita Hudson & Tamara DeSat) That the Meeting Notes for the Board Advisory Council meeting of Wednesday, November 13, 2019 be approved. All were in favour. Motion accepted

## **3. Review of Agenda for March 5, 2020**

**Tressa Brown, Chair**

Tressa Brown reviewed the agenda for the Board Advisory Council meeting of Thursday, March 5, 2020. There were no changes.

Motion: (Americo Todino & Colleen Cogghe) That the agenda for the Board Advisory Council meeting of Thursday, March 5, 2020 be approved. All were in favour. Motion accepted.

## **4. Trustee Presentation**

**David Argenti**

- David Argenti presented the importance of Catholic Education in Ontario.
- Over one million parents have chosen Catholic Schools for their children in Ontario.
- He discussed celebrating the gifts of Catholic Education.

## **5. LiUNA**

**Chad Hogan**

- Scott Johnson discussed the theme of tonight's meeting is addressing the Partnerships priority from our new Strategic Plan.
- Scott Johnson introduced Chad Hogan, Training Director of LiUNA Local 1089.
- There are 144 trades, therefore many opportunities for students.
- Over the next 5 years, we will need hundreds of thousands of trades jobs to sustain the economy.
- Chad talked about the lifestyle of trades – earning, learning, networking, apprenticeship – “earn while you learn”, there is job security, benefits, and most trades are 3 to 5 years on average. He recommends to give it a try, see if you like it.
- 52 Red Seal trades – this means that you have taken a national test, and this certification is recognized coast to coast across the country. With a Red Seal, you are paid equivalent wages wherever you go, rather than potentially earn more in one city and less in another.
- LiUNA is working with pathways teams, going into schools providing students and parents opportunities to experience different pathways, hands on learning, chances to try new activities, etc.
- Imagine your life without trades – who is building homes, schools, roads, etc., who is bringing in electrical, roofing ... these are just some simple examples of trades and how important they are to our daily living.
- Pathways teachers at SCCDSB are meeting with all our grade 7 and 8 students so they can learn about course choices to take in grade 9 to ensure they leave the trades pathway open to them.
- 4 pathways out of school – university, college, trades and work
  - Trades combines college, work and the trades into one pathway – 3 pathways built into one!
- Pathways teachers are building relationships – trying to make more contacts in CK and SL. They are always looking for new resources to share with our schools and parent councils, to continue to share this pathway.
- It is important for parents to be positive about trades and encourage their children to explore this pathway.

## **6. ENACTUS – Lambton College**

**Scott Johnson**

- Scott deferred this conversation to another meeting.

## **7. School Calendar**

**Scott Johnson**

- Scott Johnson presented the draft School Year Calendar that will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval. After the Trustees approve the calendar for submission, it will be sent to the Ministry of Education for final approval.

## **8. Closing Prayer**

**The meeting was closed at 8:16 p.m.**