

**NIAGARA PENINSULA CHILDREN'S CENTRE SCHOOL AUTHORITY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday March 30, 2023**

BOARD MEMBERS

Present:

L. Cefaratti

J. Dickson

M. Riordon

L.DeLisio

AUTHORITY STAFF

Present:

C. Hodson – Principal

K. Mucciante – Business Administrator

GUESTS

None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Chair asked the Trustees if there are any conflicts of interest. There were none.

AGENDA

Approval of the minutes from December 8, 2022 were added to the agenda & School Generated Funds was added to Correspondence. A motion was made to approve the updated agenda.

Moved by J. Dickson

Seconded by M. Riordon

Carried

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from December 8, 2022.

Moved by J. Dickson

Seconded by M. Riordon

Carried

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Nothing to acknowledge.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

none

PRINCIPAL IMPACT REPORT

a. Draft Policy & Procedure Review Referral Process

b. Transition Process

In March the decisions are made and in May the transition meetings begin with the individual families.

We have family workshops in the afternoon and evening but it has been hard to get family involvement this year.

There is now a much shorter portfolio to go to the school board. There is an all about me section, a learner profile, what a typical day looks like and SEA equipment used.

We have more kids staying than expected as we can't send them back without a plan.

- 13 new
- 31 returning
- 44 total students

b. School Year Calendar

The school year calendar now matches the Catholic Board and DSBN.

A motion was made to approve the school calendar.

Moved by J. Dickson

Seconded by L.DeLisio

GOVERNANCE

a. Draft Policy Review

We noticed that our policy review from the union was being held to a higher standard than other schools.

A motion was made to approve the Volunteers, Excursions & Concussions policies.

Moved by M. Riordon

Seconded by L.DeLisio

Carried

b. MOU McMaster Connections Program

The board reviewed the memorandum of understanding about participating in the McMaster autism program. This will not affect anything to do with therapists at the centre. Basically they will see a child in a classroom and help the parent in the house. We just want to create a connection in case we need it. Bethesda used to come in all the time to the board. No real drawbacks except a parent might complain there is an outside 3rd party but the contract protects that.

A motion was made to approve the the use of the McMaster Connections Program

Moved by L.DeLisio

Seconded by J. Dickson

CENTER/SCHOOL UPDATES

- a. Website update: We are on it and can make most of the changes they just have to train us on the one section.

REPORT OF PARENT

None.

CENTRE REPRESENTATIVE

No invites at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. Financial Statements

Need to keep an eye out on the consulting and related costs but otherwise there are no major flags.

A motion was made to approve the YTD financial statements.

Moved by L.DeLisio

Seconded by J. Dickson

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 P.M.

Moved by M. Riordon

Seconded by J. Dickson

Carried

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board will be on Thursday May 4, 2023.



Lisa Cefaratti
Board Chair

May 4, 2023
Date