



**CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS
DIOCESE OF VICTORIA (CISDV)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
November 22, 2022
St. Andrew's Regional High School - Library**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Board Members

Bishop Gary Gordon
Manuel Achadinha
Michael Doyle
Audrey Thom

Fr. William Hann
Blanche Barco
Dale Gross
Alice Valiquette

School Pastors

Fr. Michael Tran – via Zoom

Local School Council Reps

Erika Dalla Torre (SJV)
Graham McDonough (SPV)

Angela Grohovac (SARHS)
Marina Slusar (JPII) – via Zoom

REGRETS:

Cynthia Bouchard
Fr. Eduardo Santos

Fr. Alfredo Monacelli
Fr. Roger Poblete

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:

Leah MacKenzie

CO-SUPERINTENDENTS:

Beverly Pulyk

Joseph Colistro

GUESTS:

Gwen Jahelka (Vice-chancellor)
Patrick Card (SPV – Principal)
Kathy Korman (QA – Principal) – via Zoom
Keefer Pollard (SJV – Principal)

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Heidi Pivaral

1. Call to Order

Bishop Gary Gordon called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer and Territorial Acknowledgment

Bishop Gary Gordon led the Opening Prayer and gave a territorial acknowledgment. *The Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria acknowledges with gratitude that we work, play, and pray on the territories and traditional lands of the Coast Salish, Nuu-chah-nulth, and Kwakwaka'wakw Peoples. In the light of this truth, and in humility, we commit ourselves to continue to work for reconciliation, and for respectful relationships with the Creator and all creation.*

3. Introductions

People introduced themselves.

4. Additions/Approval of the Agenda

Add item 9.2 Observation and Question on the Election of Board Members.

MOTION:

To accept the agenda as amended.

**Manuel Achadinha/Audrey Thom
Carried**

5. Approval of Minutes of November 23, 2021

Correct number order starting on 9.2.

MOTION:

To accept the minutes as amended.

**Blanche Barco/Alice Valiquette
Carried**

6. President's Remarks – Bishop Gary Gordon

Bishop Gary Gordon gave a verbal report and highlighted the following items:

- We are not quite over with COVID.
- Gratitude to Board members, co-superintendents, administrators, educators, school community, students and parents for pivoting to adjust in a time of constant change and assist the common good in this changing reality.
- He acknowledged the ability of our school board and system to be flexible and adaptable in transitioning times. Grateful that Beverly Pulyk and Joseph Colistro answered the call to come out of retirement to direct our schools. This transition time has been supported by a robust leadership team.
- A new superintendent has been hired and Bishop Gary has had the opportunity to meet with him.
- We are in the middle of a global church synod. People from our schools have been able to participate. The synod of the church is going to frame the direction of the church for many years to come. It is attempting to meet the needs of a planet and population that are suffering more than ever. Catholic education is making a big difference in the community. Education will be the place where we will learn to get along for the well being of all. People in the schools and parishes are growing and working together.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

8. Reports

8.1. Co-superintendent's Annual Report – Beverly Pulyk & Joseph Colistro

Beverly Pulyk and Joseph Colistro highlighted items in the report circulated. Discussion took place regarding how to attract teachers to come to work in Victoria considering the rising cost of living in the area.

MOTION:

To accept the Co-superintendents' annual report as presented.

Dale Gross/Michael Doyle

Carried

8.2 Chief Financial Officer's Reports – Leah MacKenzie

i. *CISDV Consolidated Financial Statements for the Year Ended June 2022*

Leah MacKenzie reviewed the consolidated financial statements circulated. Local School Council chairs are allowed to share this document with the school community once it is approved at this meeting.

MOTION:

To approve the CISDV Consolidated Financial Statements for the Year ended June 30, 2022 as presented.

**Audrey Thom/Michael Doyle
Carried**

ii. *Appointment of Accountants*

MOTION:

To appoint the accounting firm KPMG as the accountants for the 2022-23 school year.

**Alice Valiquette/Dale Gross
Carried**

iii. *Update on the Catholic Schools Plan*

Leah MacKenzie highlighted items in her report circulated. She gave a verbal report on the sale of St. Joseph's School in Chemainus.

Kathy Korman thanked Leah MacKenzie for the work that she has done over the years for the success of the Catholic Schools Plan.

9. **New Business**

9.1 Elections

None are required this year.

9.2 Observation and Question on the Election of Board Members

If current Board members are running for election, they can vote for themselves. This would be considered a conflict of interest and they should not be allowed to vote as non-Board members running can't vote.

ACTION ITEM:

Members of the Board of Directors will look into this issue and will present recommendation at the next Society meeting if a by-law change is required.

10. **Closing Prayer**

Fr. William Hann led the Closing Prayer.

11. **Motion to Adjourn at 7:00 p.m.**

**Dale Gross/Blanche Barco
Carried**