



**CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS
DIOCESE OF VICTORIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 17, 2024
Regular Meeting – Pastoral Centre**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Bishop Gary Gordon Fr. Alfredo Monacelli Manuel Achadinha
Michael Doyle Regan McGrath Brianna Shereck
Audrey Thom Alice Valiquette

REGRETS: Gwen Jahelka

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: Leah MacKenzie Jackie Marchand

SUPERINTENDENT: Paul Rossetti

RECORDING SECRETARY: Heidi Pivaral

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Michael Doyle called the meeting to order at 2:04pm and led the Opening Prayer.

Jackie Marchand, new Chief Financial Officer for the Diocese of Victoria, was introduced.

2. Additions/Approval of the Agenda

Move item 7. New Business after item 8. Reports. Addition under New Business: Proposal for Sub-Committee.

MOTION:

To approve the agenda as amended.

**Alice Valiquette/Manuel Achadinha
Carried**

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1. Regular meeting of February 28, 2024

MOTION:

To approve the Minutes of February 28, 2024 as presented.

**Manuel Achadinha/Alice Valiquette
Carried**

4. Guests – None

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

5.1. Policy 411 – Teacher Leave of Absence and Policy 412 – Support Staff Leave of Absence (addition of Short-Term Leaves)

Paul Rossetti highlighted the changes to the policies.

MOTION:

To approve Policy 411 and Policy 412 as presented.

**Audrey Thom/Manuel Achadinha
Carried**

6. Correspondence – None

7. Reports

7.1. Superintendent's Report

Paul Rossetti highlighted items in his report.

7.2. Finances

Leah MacKenzie gave a verbal report. She informed that the Finance Department has been working on the implementation of the new accounting program.

7.3. Building Projects

7.3.1. St Joseph's Early Learning Centre – Update

The grant requested has been approved by the Government.

7.3.2. St. Andrew's Sports Field – Update

The Minutes from the Special Joint Meeting held in February will be circulated and approved at the next CISDV Board meeting. The project started two weeks ago. An update will be circulated to the donors and will be included in the school's newsletter.

7.4. Vicar of Education

Fr. Alfredo Monacelli attended the Music Showcase Concert. He is willing to help organize it next year. Discussion took place regarding the Practicing Catholic declaration form and the involvement of the pastors.

7.5. Council Reports

- St. Joseph's School – Brianna Shereck shared that Mr. Pollard announced his retirement at the last Local School Council meeting.
- Queen of Angels School – Michael Doyle informed that members of the Parent Support Group attended the last Local School Council meeting. They would like to involve the Council in their fundraising activities.
- St. Andrew's Regional High School – Manuel Achadinha shared that the Local School Council is working on the celebration of the school's 40th anniversary.
- St. Patrick's School – Regan McGrath shared that the school has a strong anti-bullying campaign.

Discussion took place regarding the AGM at the local school level. There is no need for it. The AGM is held by the CISDV Society.

8. New Business

8.1. Our Contribution to RCD Priority Planning

Based on the Priority Planning Day Outcomes (September 11, 2023), members of the CISDV Board of Directors identified the following objectives related to CISDV. The Superintendent is the point person.

1. One Diocese in Communion

- a. Building relationships between parishes and missions
- b. With integral youth involvement
- c. Administrative support for missions and rural areas
- d. Ministry of presence not just funding
- e. Prayer for the missions imbedded in community

2. Spreading the Gospel Message (Communication & Education)

- a. Building connections and relationships
- b. Sharing the wisdom of the faith
- c. External communication & outreach
- d. Internal communication (schools, parishes, SVdP, etc.)
- e. Variety of platforms
- f. Up-to-date technology with appropriate training
- g. Communications strategies plan
- h. Sharing upcoming events and education
- i. Synodal process

3. Faith Formation – All Ages

- a. Parish level
- b. Children/youth/families/adults
- c. RCIA – what it is and what it is not
- d. Technology
- e. Online course (like marriage prep)
- f. Catholic schools

4. Synod

- a. More than a structure but rather a way of being
- b. Needs coordination
- c. Trained facilitators in each parish
- d. Need buy-in/education
- e. Engage all – other languages?
- f. Attitude of listening

5. Healing and Reconciliation

- a. Healing through accompaniment with Indigenous peoples, with victims of clergy sexual abuse
- b. Walking alongside, crossing the road
- c. Continue reconciliation fund
- d. Overarching focus of all we do
- e. Trauma informed approach

8.2. Proposal for Sub-Committee

A sub-committee was formed to review the Called to Serve document and the parent Support Group Guidelines in order to offer better orientation to new Local School Council and Parent Support Group members. Brianna Shereck, Regan McGrath, Michael Doyle and Audrey Thom volunteered to be part of the sub-committee.

9. Closing Prayer was led by Michael Doyle

10. MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:03pm.

**Alice Valiquette/Manuel Achadinha
Carried**