



**CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS  
DIOCESE OF VICTORIA (CISDV)  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
November 13, 2024  
St. Andrew's Regional High School – Library**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

Board Members

Bishop Gary Gordon  
Fr. Alfredo Monacelli  
Michael Doyle  
Audrey Thom

Fr. William Hann  
Manuel Achadinha  
Brianna Shereck  
Alice Valiquette

School Pastors

Fr. Benson Asuming (SP)

Local School Council Reps

Erika Dalla Torre (SJV)

Angela Grohovac (SARHS)

**REGRETS:**

Gwen Jahelka (medical leave)  
Fr. Roger Poblete  
Christopher Boyd

Regan McGrath  
Fr. Michael Tran  
Michelle Clarke

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:**

Jackie Marchand

**SUPERINTENDENT:**

Paul Rossetti

**GUESTS:**

Arthur Paulo (Nominee)  
Patrick Card (SPV – Principal)  
Patrick Niwa (SARHS – Principal)  
Ciaran McLaverty (SARHS – Vice Principal)

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Heidi Pivaral

**1. Call to Order**

Bishop Gary Gordon called the meeting to order at 5:09p.m.

**2. Opening Prayer and Territorial Acknowledgment**

Fr. Alfredo Monacelli led the Opening Prayer and Bishop Gary Gordon 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**

**MOTION:**

To accept the agenda as presented.

**Alice Valiquette/Manuel Achadinha  
Carried**

**5. Approval of Minutes of November 22, 2023**

**MOTION:**

To accept the minutes as presented.

**Audrey Thom/Alice Valiquette  
Carried**

**6. President's Remarks – Bishop Gary Gordon**

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

- He is grateful for the leadership in the schools and in the CISDV office.
- As we enter this particular Jubilee Year as Pilgrims of Hope, the Holy Spirit is calling us to look outside of the church. 85% of the schools' population is not Catholic and it is a great opportunity to build bridges. It is important to ask ourselves, what is the impact that Catholic education is making in families and society as a whole? What difference are we making as schools in this society? The whole church is invited to look outwards. We are baptized to be missionary disciples and to change the face of the earth to the better.
- We are moving in a very different and blessed direction.
- Bishop Gary Gordon thanked the Local School Councils and the CISDV Board members for volunteering their time and their expertise. He also thanked the Pastors who have been assigned to the schools as Bishop's Delegates, for the extra mile that they go to help the Local School Councils and the schools.
- He is grateful for the work that Fr. Alfredo Monacelli is doing as Vicar of Education and for helping St. Andrew's Regional High School as they do not yet have a school chaplain.

**7. Business Arising from the Minutes – None.**

**8. Reports**

**8.1. Superintendent's Annual Report – Paul Rossetti**

Paul Rossetti highlighted items in his report circulated.

**MOTION:**

To accept the Superintendent's annual report as presented.

**Fr. William Hann/Manuel Achadinha  
Carried**

**8.2 Chief Financial Officer's Reports – Jackie Marchand**

**a. *CISDV Consolidated Financial Statements for the Year Ended June 2024***

Jackie Marchand reviewed the consolidated financial statements circulated.

**MOTION:**

To approve the CISDV Consolidated Financial Statements for the Year ended June 30, 2024 as presented.

**Michael Doyle/Manuel Achadinha  
Carried**

b. *Appointment of Accountants*

**MOTION:**

To appoint the accounting firm KPMG as the accountants for the 2024-25 school year.

**Alice Valiquette/Audrey Thom  
Carried**

c. *Update on the Catholic Schools Plan*

Jackie Marchand informed that the Catholic Schools Plan is now completed.

Bishop Gary Gordon highlighted the work that the Finance team does. He thanked them for their dedication and commitment.

**9. New Business**

9.1 Elections and thank you to outgoing Board Member

Bishop Gary Gordon thanked Audrey Thom and Alice Valiquette for their contribution, dedication, and commitment as members of the Board of Directors for the past six years.

Two new Board members were to be elected. The nominees were Damian Cayer, Michael Doyle, Mary Kimak, and Arthur Paulo. Two candidates introduced themselves and Paul Rossetti read the bio of the other two candidates. A confidential voting system was in place and the two Board members elected were Michael Doyle and Arthur Paulo.

**10. Closing Prayer**

Bishop Gary Gordon led the Closing Prayer.

**11. Motion to Adjourn at 6:43p.m.**

**Michael Doyle/Audrey Thom  
Carried**