



ACCESSIBILITY STEERING COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 13, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present: John Della Fortuna (Chair), Mark Watson (Trustee), Bill Chopp (Trustee), April Taylor, Dave Buist, Deborah King-Bonifacio, Gianni Silvestri, John Nicholson, Leslie Brown, Linda McFayden, Lou Citino, Philip Kuckyt, Rachel Moreau, Katherine, Reddicliffe (Recording Secretary), Vanessa Heath (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Amy Pimentel, Carlo Fortino, Jennifer Charnish-Currie, Rita Raposo, Sandra DeDominicis

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1. PRAYER			
			John Della Fortuna
2. MINUTES / ITEMS ARISING FROM THE OCTOBER 24, 2023 MEETING			
	October 24, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee reviewed and approved minutes from October 24, 2023. 	All
3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA			
4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessible bathrooms in schools, space and equipment needs. 		Gianni Silvestri
4. COMMITTEE AND STAFF UPDATES			
4.1	Accessible Big Buses for Field Trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current student fleet does not include any Big Bus vehicles that are accessible. Presently using small buses or taxi services for these students. Concerns include shorter field trip times due to demand for regular scheduled small bus usage and costs associated with usage. Procurement for any new buses for the upcoming year will need to be established by December 2024. Estimates are underway, with conversation around the various bus options and demands. Information was provided regarding an option that other Boards are reviewing. This possibility includes a budget amount being set aside annually for field trips to accommodate students who require alternate forms of transportation. Meeting Chair to look at an integrated solution which allows us to support the students, schools and share cost. Action Items: 	Gianni Silvestri



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Obtain various bus choice costs.○ Review with Budget/Financial committee; decide if funds are available based on options discussed.	John Della Fortuna
4.2	Accessible Bathrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Inquiries made about our current accessibility situation in school and facilities and the AODA requirements for the 2025 deadline.● Upon review of our facilities, it was brought up that numerous schools do not have a standardized size change table for the accessible washrooms. Furthermore, there is a concern about the lack of space for all necessary equipment within these washrooms.● Facilities to be notified and review the specific schools in question and assess the needs to allow for modifications, if required.● Dialogue to continue, to gather more information about the needs and what needs to be accomplished.● Retrofitting completion was reviewed.	Lou Citino John Nicholson Gianni Silvestri
5. OTHER BUSINESS			
5.1	Upcoming Meeting Calendar Invites	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Meetings to be rescheduled under John Della Fortuna	Vanessa Heath

Upcoming Meetings: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 - 1:00 pm – Virtual