

Agenda
York Catholic District School Board
York Public District School Board
Joint Board Consortium
Electronic Meeting
Wednesday, March 6, 2024
4:00 p.m.

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1. [YCDSB TV LIVE STREAM](#)

2. Call to Order

2023-2024 Joint Board Consortium
Committee Membership

Trustee L. Hoeg - YR
Trustee R. Lynn - YR
Trustee C. Yu - YR
Trustee E. Crowe - YC
Trustee J. Di Meo - YC
Trustee A. Grella - YC

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

5. Approval of Minutes

October 18, 2023

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Nil Report

DECISION ITEMS

1. Election of Joint Board Consortium Co-Chairs

2. 2024-2025 Proposed Meeting Schedule

N. Smith

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INFORMATION ITEMS

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| 7 - 8 | 1. | STSYR Update | <i>N. Smith</i> |
| 9 - 10 | 2. | Recruitment and Retention Bonus | <i>N. Smith</i> |
| 11 - 13 | 3. | Transportation Eligibility Parameters | <i>N. Smith</i> |

ADJOURNMENT

**YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (YRDSB)
YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (YCDSB)**

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SESSION
JOINT BOARD CONSORTIUM**

The Joint Board Consortium meeting was held electronically on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

YRDSB Trustees: L. Hoeg and N. Mahmood

YRDSB Staff: B. Cober and V. Maharaj

YCDSB Trustees: F. Alexander and J. DiMeo

YCDSB Staff: C. McNeil, T. Pechkovsky, J. Sarna and D. Scuglia

STSYR Staff: N. Smith

Presiding: YRDSB

BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising from the minutes of the May 10, 2023 meeting.

DECISION ITEMS

There were no decision items at this time.

INFORMATION ITEMS

September 2023 Start-Up Report

Student Transportation Services of York Region (STSYR) Manager, N. Smith provided Committee members with an update on the September 2023 Start-Up.

It was highlighted that the September 2023 Start-Up experienced many service successes despite the ongoing province-wide driver shortage, traffic and construction projects.

Despite initial services challenges in September, weekly on-time service delivery improved in terms of both the number of reported delays and their severity. On-time performance increased throughout the start-up period. STSYR staff continues to work with school bus and taxi vendors to identify and resolve concerns to ensure optimal service delivery for students of York Region.

Student Transportation Enhanced Ministry Reporting

STSYR Manager, N. Smith provided Committee members with an update on the Student Transportation Enhanced Ministry Report.

In April 2023, the Ministry of Education introduced changes and enhanced reporting requirements to the Student Transportation Grant which include:

- reports based on actual transportation; .l

Joint Board Consortium

Administration

March 6, 2024

Proposed 2024-25 Meeting Schedule and Locations

This report intends to provide the Joint Board Consortium with a proposed meeting schedule for the 2024-25 school year.

The Joint Board Consortium meets three times annually.

That the Joint Board Consortium approves the following meeting dates and locations for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at the York Catholic District School Board;
- Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at the York Region District School Board; and
- Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at the York Region District School Board.

MEMO TO: Joint Board Consortium

FROM: Administration

DATE: March 6, 2024

SUBJECT: STSYR Service Update

Executive Summary:

This report intends to provide a year-to-

To mitigate the impact of accident and incident-related service delays, STSYR employs several strategies. These include conducting on-site driver file and fleet audits to ensure compliance with Ministry of Transportation regulations and the terms outlined in our service agreements. Additionally, STS coordinates School Bus Safety Training programs for elementary students.

Summary:

STSYR staff remain committed to monitoring operator performance levels and addressing service concerns promptly. While service levels have improved, staff will continue collaborating with our service partners to develop processes that mitigate service delays in York Region.

MEMO TO: Joint Board Consortium

FR004122 R1 10/15/24 The Operational Services Committee has reviewed the proposed eligibility criteria is explored.

Background:

The York Region District School Board (YRDSB) and York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) outline eligibility requirements for board-provided transportation in their respective Student Transportation policies. At both boards, eligibility for transportation to and/or from a student’s designated home school is a function of the distance from their home school and grade level. Table 1 provides a summary of the board’s distance parameters:

Table 1: Distance Eligibility Parameters of York Region Boards

Distance Eligibility Parameters			
3.2 km*	1.6 km	1.2 km	1.6 km
York Region District School Board	York Catholic District School Board		

Student Transportation Grant:

The Ministry of Education (MOE) introduced a revised Student Transportation Grant funding framework for the 2023-24 school year. The funding framework establishes common reference standards, including home-to-school distance criteria, for funding student transportation services across the province. Table 2 summarizes the distance parameters used in the MOE’s funding framework to-school distance criteria

JK/SK	Gr. 1 to 8	Gr. 9 to 12
3.2 km	0.8 km	1.6 km

Distance Thresholds throughout the Province:

Table 3 illustrates the various distance eligibility criteria used throughout the province.

Table 3: Provincial Distance Thresholds (Courtesy of COSBO)

Distance Thresholds			
Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS)	0.8km	1.6km	2.5km
Hamilton Wentworth Student Transportation Services	1.2km	1.6km	3.2km
1.6km	3.2km	Hamilton Student Transportation Services	1.6km
1.6km	3.2km	Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk	1.6km
1.6km	3.2km	Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region (STSWR)	0.8km
1.6km	3.2km	Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services	1.6km
1.6km	3.2km	Huron-Perth Student Transportation Services	1.6km
1.6km	3.2km	Chatham-Kent Lambton Administrative School Services (CKLASS)	1.6km
1.6km	3.2km	Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario (STSCON)	1.0km

Analysis:

Student Transportation Services of York Region (STSYR) staff have analyzed the estimated financial and operational impact of changes to the board’s respective distance eligibility parameters under the following scenarios:

- Option 1:** Current distance parameters as outlined in policy 203.
- Option 2:** A 1.4 km distance for all elementary students.
- Option 3:** A 1.6 km distance for all elementary students.
- Option 4:** MOE Home-to-School distance criteria.
 - a. JK – SK: 0.8 km;
 - b. Gr. 1 – 8: 1.6 km.

Table 4 summarizes the number of elementary pupils eligible for transportation services and the estimated cost impact of each option. Option 3 would result in the most significant decrease in the number of eligible students and overall transportation costs.

Table 4: Elementary Student Distance Parameters

		Transportation	Cost/Year	
	Option 1*: 1.2 km JK - Gr. 3; 1.6 km Gr. 4 - 8	46105	\$ -	
< - Gr. 3 students eligible from current policy. # of Gr. 4 - 8 students eligible	Option 2: 1.4 km JK - Gr. 8	43184	(\$2,322,921.37)	# of JK

Summary:

There are numerous distance eligibility criteria throughout the province. Administration will work to support a collaborative, simultaneous review of the transportation policies of the two respective school boards.