

Committee of the Whole Board Meeting -- Public

A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole Board was held on Monday, March 23, 2009 at the Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre.

Trustees Present:

Denise Blum; Wayne Buchholtz; Manuel da Silva; Louise Ervin; Joseph Gowing; Fr. Robert Héту; Judy Nairn; Marion Thomson Howell (Chair)

Student Trustees Present:

Alex Chmura; Thomas Slabon

Administrative Officials Present:

Roger Lawler; Heather Cullen; Shesh Maharaj; Bryan Mahn; Bruce Rodrigues; Glenn Sheculski

Special Resources:

Dave Bennett

Regrets:

Rick Boisvert; Gerry Clifford; Greg Reitzel

Recorder:

Barb Pilsner, Executive Administrative Assistant

NOTE ON VOTING: Under Board by-law 5.7 all Board decisions made by consensus are deemed the equivalent of a unanimous vote. A consensus decision is therefore deemed to be a vote of 9-0. Under Board by-law 5.11 every Trustee "shall vote on all questions on which the Trustee is entitled to vote" and abstentions are not permitted.

1. Call to Order:

The Chair of the Board called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials

The opening prayer was led by D. Blum. Intentions were offered for: Roger's niece, Fr. Robert on the anniversary of his baptism and ordination, Michelle Thomson, soldiers repatriated today, Louise Pfeifer, Noreen Duggan.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Item 6.2 deferred to another meeting.

2009-24 It was *moved* by **J. Gowing** and *seconded* by **W. Buchholtz**:

THAT the agenda for March 23, 2009 as amended be now approved. -- Carried by consensus.

1.3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

1.3.1 From the current meeting – NIL

1.3.2 From a previous public or in-camera meeting – NIL

2. Consent Agenda: Director of Education

NIL

3. Consent Agenda: Board of Trustees

3.1. Approval of Minutes of Regular and Special Meetings

3.1.1 – Minutes of Meeting of February 17, 2009 (pp. 1-3)

3.1.2 – Items for Action from previous meeting – NIL

3.1.3 -- Minutes of the Task Force on ... – NIL

2009-25 It was *moved* by **D. Blum** and *seconded* by **M. da Silva**:

*THAT the Board of Trustees Consent Agenda be now approved. -- **Carried by consensus.***

4. Delegations:

4.1 Parliamentary Procedure/Roberts Rules of Order In-service

M. Thomson Howell introduced Douglas McCarthy our facilitator.

Trustees received “Effective Use of Robert’s Rules of Order” handout and Douglas explained the basic principals of parliamentary process and the fundamental purposes of parliamentary law. A parliamentary process makes equals out of unequals and helps us to make decisions. He recommended reading “Parliamentary Procedure at a Glance”.

Trustees were advised of the wording to use when making a motion. State exactly what the motion is. A motion should be clear and call for an action. The first three words of a motion are “I move that...” and needs a seconder. The chair states the motion and it then belongs to the assembly. An amendment should read “I move that the motion be amended”... by adding, deleting or substituting words. Motions tabled must come back to the meeting. Use the word deferred if you want to discuss and bring back to another meeting.

M. Thomson Howell thanked Douglas for a very practical and useful in-service.

5. Ownership Linkage

NIL

6. Reports From Board Committees/Task Forces

6.1 Southwest Kitchener Accommodation Review (pp. 4-6)

Dave Bennett provided further information on the implications of delaying the implementation of the boundary change at St. Timothy to 2010/2011. Trustees were advised of additional transportation costs and insufficient room to implement reduced class size in grades 4 – 8 as required by the Ministry. Trustees asked questions and discussed the concerns. Trustees will forward emails to the Accommodation Review Committee to review. Trustees will receive the declining enrolment report.

6.2 Task Force on Board Policy II 006, “Celebration of Excellence” – deferred to another meeting

7. Board Education

7.1

8. Policy Discussion

8.1

9. Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance

9.1 Monitoring Reports & Vote on Compliance

NIL

9.2 Challenges to Monitoring

NIL

9.3 Advice from the CEO

9.3.1 School Year Calendar 2009-2010

Heather Cullen presented two options to the Trustees for consideration when making the decision about the start of the 2009-2010 school year. Trustees discussed both options and asked questions. The report will come to the public board meeting March 30th for a decision.

9.3.2 Handout for Visioning process

R. Lawler provided the trustees with a copy of the handout that will be used at the strategic framework/visioning Family of Schools sessions.

9.4 New Operational Worries

NIL

9.5 Next Monitoring Assignment

NIL

10. Board Self-Assessment Against Board Means Policies

NIL

11. Announcements

- 11.1 The following reports are posted on the Board web page: www.wcdsb.ca
- a) Minutes of SEAC meeting
 - b) Minutes of Parent Involvement Committee meeting

- 11.2 Upcoming Meetings/Events (all scheduled for the Catholic Education Centre unless otherwise indicated):

12. Items For Next Meeting Agenda

13. Adjournment Confirm decisions made tonight

The Recorder of the Board reviewed the meeting decisions.

14. Motion to Adjourn

2009-26-- It was *moved* by **L. Ervin** seconded by **J. Gowing**:
THAT the meeting be now adjourned -- Carried by consensus

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary