

Committee of the Whole Meeting

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at the Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre.

Trustees Present:

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

Student Trustees Present:

Alex Chmura; Thomas Slabon

Administrative Officials Present:

Roger Lawler; Rick Boisvert; Gerry Clifford; Heather Cullen; Bryan Mahn; Shesh Maharaj; Bruce Rodrigues; Glenn Sheculski

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Regrets:

Wayne Buchholtz

Recording Secretary:

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 6:07 p.m.

1.1 -- Opening Prayer & Memorials

The opening prayer was led by Pastoral Care Team. Intentions were offered for: Heather Cullen's grandson

1.2 -- Approval of Agenda

Item 7.1 and 7.2 to precede item 5.1

2009-65 - It was moved by G. Reitzel and seconded by D. Blum:

THAT the agenda for May 19, 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 (pp 1-3)

- 3.1.1 Minutes of Meeting of April 20, 2009
- 3.1.2 Items for Action from Previous Meeting
- 3.1.3 Minutes of Task Force on ...

2009-66 -- It was *moved* by **J. Gowing** and *seconded* by **L. Ervin**:

THAT the Consent Agenda: Board of Trustees and the recommendations contained therein be now approved. -- Carried by consensus.

4. *Delegations/Presentations*

5. *Ownership Linkage*

5.1 Trustee Newsletter

Trustees discussed the continuation of the newsletter and other items that were a mandate of the past Linkages Committee. Trustees in agreement to bring items forward for the fall as we plan for the next year and look at the possibility of having a task force or establishing a committee to do the work.

6. *Reports From Board Committees/Task Forces*

6.1 Awards of Excellence Terms

Trustees discussed the terms of reference asking questions for clarification. M. da Silva will bring revised terms of reference to the June Committee of the Whole meeting.

7. *Board Education*

7.1 Meeting with Board External Auditor

Tom Mennill from KPMG presented an overview of the Audit Planning Report to trustees. Trustees asked questions of clarification about the audit process and were advised that after the completion of the audit KMPG will provide their report.

7.2 Vision of Inclusion Trends (Laura Shoemaker – discussion)

M. Thomson Howell welcomed Laura Shoemaker, Coordinator of Assessment and Accountability to speak to the trustees about the future trends of inclusion in Ontario. Trustees received handouts on special education and inclusive education.

Laura reviewed where inclusion is at and where it is going. Inclusion means meeting the needs of all individuals. The majority of student services provided are resource assistance, indirect assistance and withdrawal assistance. There is an increasing complexity in terms of meeting the needs of students through the funding provided by the Ministry. Trustees discussed the need for Boards to advocate for more treatment facility options and for children's mental health issues as education can't provide all the resources.

7.3 Trustee Budget Submission for 2009-2010

M. Thomson Howell reviewed the trustees' budget to date and advised an updated spreadsheet will be brought to the Board of Trustees quarterly. The recording secretary will prepare an updated budget spreadsheet for the June 15th Committee of the Whole meeting.

8. *Policy Discussion*

8.1 Policy on Leadership

J. Nairn explained the recommendations from the Governance committee to create a policy on leadership. Trustees discussed language suggested by Sue Stratton in creating policy. Trustees in agreement revisions to the wording will be completed by the Governance Committee and brought back to the Board.

9. Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance

9.1 – Monitoring Reports & Votes on Compliance

NIL

9.2 – Challenges to Monitoring

NIL

9.3 – Advice from the CEO

9.3.1 Governance Legislation

R. Lawler gave information presented at the Minister's briefing on proposed amendments to the Student Achievement and School Board Governance Act. Trustees discussed the need to re-examine our policies once the amendments have passed into legislation. The Secretary will add review of governance legislation to pending items.

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 Meetings
- 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 recording secretary reviewed the decisions made tonight.

14. Motion to Adjourn

2009-67 -- It was *moved* by **M. da Silva** and *seconded* by **J. Gowing**:

THAT the meeting be now adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:14 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary