

Committee of the Whole Meeting

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, September 21, 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; Greg Reitzel; Marion Thomson Howell (Chair)

Student Trustees Present:

Nicole Bigelow; Thomas Slabon

Administrative Officials Present:

Roger Lawler; Rick Boisvert; Gerry Clifford; Heather Cullen; Manny Figueiredo; Shesh Maharaj; Bruce Rodrigues; Paul Tratnyek

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Regrets:

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 6:00 p.m.

1.1 -- Opening Prayer & Memorials

The opening prayer was led by the Pastoral Care Team. Intentions were offered for: G. Reitzel's aunt who passed away.

1.2 -- Approval of Agenda

Item 7.3 Questions about Catholic Education in Other Jurisdictions will be deferred to the October Committee of the Whole meeting.

2009-116 -- It was *moved* by **W. Buchholtz** and *seconded* by **D. Blum**:

THAT the agenda for September 21, 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 in-camera meeting of May 19, 2009
- 3.1.2 Minutes of in-camera meeting of June 15, 2009
- 3.1.3 Items for Action from Previous Meeting
- 3.1.4 Minutes of Task Force on ...

2009-117 -- It was *moved* by **G. Reitzel** and *seconded* by **M. da Silva**:
THAT the Consent Agenda: Board of Trustees and the recommendations contained therein be now approved. --
Carried by consensus.

4. *Delegations/Presentations*

4.1 Healthy Food Choices – Elementary and Secondary Student

The Chair welcomed Kathy Doherty-Masters, Healthy Active Living Consultant.

Trustees were advised APH017 Nutrition – Healthy Choices for secondary schools was established in 2007. Nutritionists and Aramark were part of the committee collaborating to produce the policy and very positive feedback was received from the parents at school council.

In 2008 the Ministry of Education released the *Healthy Food for Healthy Schools Act*. A committee was developed as mandated by the Ministry to create an elementary healthy food choices policy. In June 2008 the first edition was presented to Senior Administration followed by the second edition in October. The policy was then presented to principals in December for their feedback asking them to identify the necessary supports. The policy enticed good feedback. The Committee further revised the policy and in June 2009 the principals were presented with APH021 Elementary School Food and Nutrition together with all of the supports and resources around healthy fundraising. In September 2009 principals were asked to share the policy with their staff. There are five nutrition workshops scheduled to be held this school year for further support.

K. Doherty-Masters provided elementary schools principals with a standard, consistent message to place in their school newsletters communicating the new policy to parents.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and present their concerns.

5. *Ownership Linkage*

5.1

6. *Reports From Board Committees/Task Forces*

6.1

7. *Board Education*

7.1 Trustee Teamsite Calendar

The Chair welcomed Darcy Davis, Web Developer from Information Services to in-service the trustees on the Trustees' teamsite. He showed them the tasks, events and meetings set up in the calendar and various folders holding current agendas, templates and documents. He explained the alert message that can be activated to receive an email when a meeting date is changed.

7.2 International Policy Governance Conference

J. Nairn, M. da Silva, J. Gowing and B. Rodrigues attended the International Policy Governance Association conference in July. Each attended different sessions and provided a brief summary from their workshops and handouts for the trustees to read.

7.3 Questions about Catholic Education in Other Jurisdictions – deferred

8. *Policy Discussion*

8.1

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

NIL

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*

2009-118 -- It was *moved* by **J. Gowing** and *seconded* by **M. da Silva**:

THAT the meeting be now adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:37 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary