

Committee of the Whole Board Meeting

A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at the Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre.

Trustees Present:

Joyce Anderson; Wayne Buchholtz; Manuel da Silva (Chair); Janek Jagiellowicz; **Anthony Piscitelli; *Wendy Price; Greg Reitzel

*attended electronically

**arrived at 8:02 p.m.

Student Trustees Present:

Anne Marie Hayman; Claire Matlock

Administrative Officials Present:

Roger Lawler; Rick Boisvert; Gerry Clifford; Maria Ivankovic; Shesh Maharaj; Bruce Rodrigues; Paul Tratnyek

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Regrets:

Fr. Robert Héту; Peter Reitmeier

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 6:03 p.m.

1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials

The opening prayer was led by A.M. Hayman of the Pastoral Care team. Intentions were offered for citizens of New Zealand and to keep our elderly in our prayers,

1.2 Approval of Agenda

2011-24 -- It was *moved* by **J. Anderson** and *seconded* by **G. Reitzel**:
THAT the agenda for February 22, 2011 be now approved. -- **Carried by consensus.**

1.3 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

1.3.1 From the current meeting – A. Piscitelli conflict of interest with item 10.2.1

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

2. Consent Agenda: Director of Education (e.g. operational matters from the Ministry of Education that the board is required to do; update on the system)

3. Consent Agenda: Board of Trustees (Minutes of meetings)

3.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular and Special Meetings

3.1.1 Minutes of Meeting of

4. Delegations

4.1 Guests from Plymouth, England: Education in England

Dennis Gingrich introduced our 12 educators from Plymouth, England to speak about their education system.

D. Bowles provided an overview of the current educational system and changes in the education system with the opening of a new Academy in September 2010. Academies are more flexible with their curriculum and operate under a different structure. The educators are here to focus on improving educational priorities at age 14 and over, improve graduate retention rates/apprenticeships, have students progress to higher education and have students better prepared when they leave education. At present youth unemployment is high. The government is raising the participation age. By 2013 all 17 years olds are to be in full time education or training and by 2015 all 18 years olds are to be in full time education or training

4.2 Waterloo Catholic Schools Foundation

Mark Schumacher, chair of the Foundation, reported it was established in 1993 as a means of flowing donated funds through to the schools. It is governed by a community-based board of directors and focuses on program enhancements, equity for all learners and support for the faith component of Catholic education. The Foundation appreciates the support they receive from the Board and the Research and Development Office. The Foundation serves four functions:

- manage school-level flow-through accounts;
- manage third party flow-through donations and grants;
- establish a long term program of scholarships, bursaries and endowments;
- generate funds to support system initiatives and grant structures.

The long term goal of the Foundation is to develop significant endowment funds to support a quality, comprehensive Catholic education.

5. Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment related to Board's Annual Agenda: ownership communication)

6. Reports From Board Committees/Task Forces

7. Board Education (at the request of the Board)

7.1 Research Development Office

Vic Degutis highlighted items from the report in the agenda. He reported their mandate is to explore new opportunities, offset cost avoidance, and offer specific services and supports for system initiatives. RDO responds to the needs of the school system and infrastructure is put in place so it does not impact the school. Trustees asked questions around the summary.

8. Policy Discussion (Based on Annual Plan of Board work)

9. Assurance of Successful Board Performance

10. Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance

10.1 Monitoring Reports & Vote on Compliance

10.2 Advice from the CEO

10.2.1 Extended Day Full Day JK/SK

R. Boisvert reported on the extended day full day JK/SK program outlining the costs involved in setting a base fee for the before and after program. The program is targeted at the JK – grade two age.

Trustees recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed 2011-2012 extended day rate of \$26.00 per day per child per Regulation 225/10 "Extended Day Programs" and that the recommendation be placed in the Consent Agenda for February 28, 2011. --- **Carried by consensus.**

11. Potential Agenda Items

12. Announcements

12.1 The following reports are posted on the Board web page: www.wcdsb.ca

- a) Minutes of SEAC Meetings
- b) Minutes of Parent Involvement Committee Meetings

12.2 Upcoming Meetings/Events (all scheduled for the Catholic education Centre unless otherwise indicated):

13. Items for the Next Meeting Agenda

14. Adjournment – Confirm decisions made tonight. Closing Prayer

The Recording Secretary confirmed the meeting decisions.

15. Motion to Adjourn

2011-25 -- It was *moved* by **W. Buchholtz** and *seconded* by **A. Piscitelli**:
THAT the meeting be now adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:56 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary