

Regular Committee of the Whole Board Meeting -- Public

A regular public meeting of the Committee of the Whole Board was held on Monday, January 21, 2008 at the Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre.

Trustees Present:

Wayne Buchholtz (Chair); Denise Blum; Manuel da Silva; Louise Ervin; Greg Reitzel; Marion Thomson Howell

Student Trustees Present:

Ian McKellar; Brendan Steven

Administrative Officials Present:

Roger Lawler; Bruce Rodrigues; Heather Cullen; Bryan Mahn; Glenn Sheculski; Rick Boisvert; Helen Mitchell; Gerry Clifford

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Dave Bennett, Sr. Manager: Capital Planning
Shesh Maharaj, Sr. Manager: Finance
Fr. Fred Scinto, Spiritual Animator

Regrets:

Joseph Gowing; Fr. Robert Héту; Judy Nairn; Bernie Kowalczyk;

Recorder:

John Shewchuk, Sr. Manager: Public Affairs

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 5:59 p.m.

1.1 -- Opening Prayer & Memorials

The opening prayer was led by D. Blum. Intentions were offered for: Jane Mitchell's mother-in-law; Tom Carere; Great Uncle of B. Steven; the victims of the New Brunswick highway accident.

1.2 -- Approval of Agenda

Trustees agreed by consensus to move the Governance Committee and Linkages Committee minutes from the Board of Trustees Consent Agenda to the Board Education section as items 6.4 and 6.5 respectively.

2008-15 -- It was *moved* by **M. Thomson Howell** and *seconded* by **G. Reitzel**:

THAT the agenda for January 21, 2008 be now approved, as amended. -- Carried by consensus.

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 the regular Committee of the Whole Board meeting – November 19, 2007
- 3.1.2 – Items for action from the previous meeting – NIL
- 3.1.3 – Moved to 6.4
- 3.1.4 – Moved to 6.5
- 3.1.5 -- Minutes of the Visioning Committee – January 7, 2008
- 3.1.6 -- Minutes of the Task Force on Catholic Education – NIL

2008-16-- It was *moved* by **L. Ervin** and *seconded* by **M. da Silva**:
THAT that the Board of Trustees Consent Agenda be now approved, as amended. ---Carried by consensus

4. Delegations/Presentations

NIL

5. Ownership Linkage

5.1 -- Request to Endorse the Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children & Youth

The Director of Education reviewed the information provided on pages 10-27 of the agenda package. The information will appear for decision in the January 28, 2008 agenda. Trustees asked questions.

6. Board Education

6.1 -- Annual Capital Plan

The Senior Manager of Capital Planning reviewed the 2006-2017 WCDSB Capital Plan. The Capital Plan will appear in the January 28, 2008 Director of Education Consent Agenda. Trustees asked questions.

6.2 -- Long Term Debt By-law

The Senior Manager of Finance reviewed the Long Term Debt By-law and supporting documentation provided on pages 28-49 of the agenda package. There were no questions. The Long Term Debt By-law will appear in the January 28, 2008 Director of Education Consent Agenda.

6.3 -- Video: "Catholic Education – The Enduring Gift"

Trustees viewed the video production "Catholic Education – The Enduring Gift". L. Ervin, Fr. F. Scinto and G. Sheculski facilitated a discussion following the video.

6.4 – Minutes of the Governance Committee – January 7, 2008

The Chair of the Board reminded Trustees to use the bulletin board in the Trustee work room and to access the faith development kit on the bookshelf.

The next session with Sue Stratton is scheduled for all day March 31, 2008.

2008-17 -- It was *moved* by **M. da Silva** and *seconded* by **G. Reitzel**:
THAT, it being 9:00 p.m., the meeting be now extended by 15 minutes until 9:15 p.m. -- Carried by consensus.

The Chair of the Board circulated and Trustees discussed a proposed monthly "call tracking log" to gather data on stakeholder calls. Further discussion deferred until the next public board meeting.

6.5 – Minutes of the Linkages Committee – January 7, 2008

M. da Silva circulated a list of events currently attended by Trustees and the Event Planner Template. The documents will be discussed at the next public board meeting.

7. Policy Discussion

NIL

8. *Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance*

8.1 – Monitoring Reports & Votes on Compliance

8.2 – Challenges to Monitoring

8.3 – New Operational Worries

8.4 – Next Monitoring Assignment

9. *Board self-Assessment Against Board Means Policies*

NIL

10. *Announcements*

NIL

11. *Adjournment*

The Secretary of the Board reviewed the meeting decisions.

2008-18....-- It was *moved* by **G. Reitzel**:
THAT the meeting be now adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:15 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary