

Regular Committee of the Whole Board Meeting -- Public

A regular public meeting of the Committee of the Whole Board was held on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at the Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre.

Trustees Present:

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

* = arrived @ 6:25

Student Trustees Present:

Ian McKellar; Brendan Steven

Administrative Officials Present:

Bruce Rodrigues; Bryan Mahn; Rick Boisvert; Gerry Clifford; Heather Cullen; Glenn Sheculski; Bernie Kowalczyk;

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Chuck Yates – Former Chair: WCDSB
Anne Marie Sehl – Former Chair: WCDSB
Frank Clifford – Former Director of Education: WCDSB
John Klein – Principal: St. Vincent de Paul CES

Regrets:

Fr. Robert Hétu; Greg Reitzel; Roger Lawler; John Shewchuk; Helen Mitchell

Recorder:

Bryan Mahn

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 Chair of the Board. Intentions were offered for: Sister-in-law of Roger Lawler; Joan MacDonnell; Mother of Ed Tell; Mary Clifford; Sister of Gail Daly.

1.2 -- Approval of Agenda

2008-37 -- It was *moved* by **J. Gowing** and *seconded* by **M. da Silva**:
THAT the agenda for March 25, 2008 be now approved. -- **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 special public Committee of the Whole Board meeting – March 3, 2008
- 3.1.2 – Items for action from the previous meeting – NIL
- 3.1.3 – Minutes of the Governance Committee -- NIL
- 3.1.4 – Minutes of the Linkages Committee – March 3, 2008
- 3.1.5 -- Minutes of the Visioning Committee – NIL
- 3.1.6 -- Minutes of the Task Force on Catholic Education – NIL

2008-38- It was *moved* by **M. Thomson Howell** and *seconded* by **M. da Silva**:
THAT that the Board of Trustees Consent Agenda be now approved. ---Carried by consensus

4. *Delegations/Presentations*

NIL

5. *Ownership Linkage*

NIL

6. *Reports From Board Committees / Task Forces*

6.1 – Catholic Distinctiveness

Chuck Yates – Former Chair: WCDSB; Anne Marie Sehl – Former Chair: WCDSB; Frank Clifford – Former Director of Education: WCDSB; and, John Klein – Principal: St. Vincent de Paul CES addressed Trustees on the issue of Catholic distinctiveness and the past, present and future of Catholic education in Ontario. Trustees asked questions.

7. *Board Education*

NIL

8. *Policy Discussion*

8.1 – Board Work on Policies

Deferred until the next meeting.

9. *Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance*

9.1 – Monitoring Reports & Votes on Compliance

9.2 – Challenges to Monitoring

9.3 – New Operational Worries

9.4 – Next Monitoring Assignment

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

NIL

11. *Announcements*

11.1 – Reports Posted on Web Site

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
- c) Minutes of Budget Advisory Committee Meetings

d) Minutes of Family Life Advisory Committees.

12. *Adjournment*

2008-39....-- It was *moved* by **M. Thomson Howell:**
THAT the meeting be now adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:20 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary