



Board of Trustees' Board Meeting

A public meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, May 31, 2010 at the Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre.

Trustees Present:

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

Student Trustees Present:

Nicole Bigelow; Thomas Slabon

Administrative Officials Present:

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

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Dave Bennett

Regrets:

Manny Figueiredo; Fr. Robert Hétu

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 6:00 p.m.

1.1 -- Opening Prayer & Memorials

The opening prayer was led by T. Slabon, Pastoral Care team. Intentions were offered for the students at Grand River Collegiate who were killed tragically last week and for the students from St. Mary's recovering from their injuries in that accident.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

The Chair welcomed Claire Matlock and Anne Marie Hayman, our new student trustees, and our guests.

Add item 10.2.3 Early Learning Update

2010-91 -- It was *moved* by **M. da Silva** and *seconded* by **J. Gowing**:

THAT the agenda for May 31, 2010 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 (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 April 26, 2010 as amended
- 3.1.2 Items for Action from Previous Meeting
- 3.1.3 Staff Report of May 27, 2010
- 3.1.4 Board Policy I 001 Ends
- 3.1.5 Board Policy II 001 General Governance Commitment
- 3.1.6 Board Policy II 005 Consultation
- 3.1.7 Board Policy IV 012 Communication and Support to the Board

2010-92 -- It was *moved* by **W. Buchholtz** and *seconded* by **G. Reitzel**:
THAT the Consent Agenda Board of Trustees as amended and the recommendations contained therein be now approved. ---Carried by consensus

4. Delegations

4.1 Secondary Schools Non-Traditional/Alternative Programs

P. Tratnyek introduced our guests Carla Santomero, Mark Cameron, Jeannie McCarroll, Jamie Ignor, Alexis Nazvesky, Gavin Burns, Sherry West, Marisa Munroe and two students Cory and Connor who are in the non-traditional/alternative program.

C. Santomero advised we currently have four sites where the program is offered and 65 students attending class. Traditionally students who come to this program have difficulty obtaining their credits. The staff sees how the students' attitudes change – they are excited to attend class. We are serving students in the way they need to be served in small classes where these students learn better.

Cory started the school year at St. Benedict but was not motivated. In the non-traditional program he said he is highly motivated by his teachers to stay on task and said if it wasn't for the program he would not be graduating from St. Benedict.

Connor enjoys the format of the school day which is shorter in length with breaks in between class time. He said if given the choice he would choose the alternative education program over the regular school program and will go on to St. Louis.

C. Santomero said when the program started it was with the intention of re-integrating into regular school. They are looking at a goal of students graduating from their high school or attending St. Louis.

M. Thomson Howell thanked all our guests, especially our students as their voices spoke for the success of the program.

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

6. Reports From Board Committees/Task Forces

6.1 Governance Committee

6.2 Audit Committee

6.3 Vision of Inclusion meeting of April 12

Nothing further to report.

6.4 Consultation meeting of May 10

No further questions.

6.5 Awards

6.6 Pastoral Care

6.7 Huron Natural Park minutes of April 29, 2010

Minutes are in the package.

6.8 Student Trustee Report

N. Bigelow and T. Slabon met with the student council presidents to show them the structure, to network and provide guidance as to their mandate. T. Slabon wants to ensure that the new student trustees are prepared for their role and would like to do a more concrete session on monitoring reports.

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

7.1 Storm Water Management – follow-up

M. Thomson Howell reported on her conversation with Mayor Zehr and correspondence with the City of Kitchener and Waterloo. Both councils advised they will be passing the by-laws and school boards will not be exempt. Correspondence has been sent to the Ministry of Education asking for support. The trustees acknowledge that both cities are working to find a resolution to this problem.

2010-93 -- It was *moved* by **J. Nairn** and *seconded* by **J. Gowing**:

THAT the Board of Trustees formally ask the Minister of Education to resolve the inconsistencies between Section 58 of the Education Act and subsection 391 (5) of the Municipal Act, 2001, which is Part XII of the Municipal Act, 2001, and to confirm which of the Acts prevails regarding the question of charges imposed by municipalities associated with Storm Water Management. --- Carried by consensus

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

9. Assurance of Successful Board Performance

9.1 Board Policy II 011 Student Representation on the Board

The trustees discussed areas of concern. The Chair is recommending a report be prepared when the student trustees have been elected as the Chair contacts them.

9.2 Board Policy II 012 Student Trustee Role Description

The trustees identified several areas of non-compliance and recommended to refer the policy to Governance. Student trustees to provide input prior to the next monitoring of this policy so the Board can make a more informed decision.

9.3 Board Policy III 001 Global Governance-Management Connection

Trustees did not identify any areas of non-compliance.

10.1 Monitoring Reports & Vote on Compliance

10.1.1 Board Policy IV 010 Accommodations

Trustees discussed the data presented in the report.

2010-94 -- It was *moved* by **G. Reitzel** and *seconded* by **J. Gowing**:

THAT the Board of Trustees accepts the monitoring report for Policy IV 010 Accommodations with the exception of operational definition Part B and Policy Provision 3 and 5, as providing reasonable interpretation and adequate evidence of compliance. --- Carried by consensus

10.1.2 Board Policy IV 001 General Executive Limitation

Trustees discussed Section A and B of the report and requested Section B be referred to Governance Committee for review.

2010-95 -- It was *moved* by **J. Gowing** and *seconded* by **D. Blum**:

THAT the Board of Trustees accepts the monitoring report for Policy IV 001 General Executive Limitation and finds the report on Section A to be non compliant and defers the monitoring report Section B pending review of the policy. The Board of Trustees accepts the report as non compliant and excuses the CEO. --- Carried by consensus

10.1.3 Board Policy I 001 Ends

Trustees in agreement to defer until June 14th.

10.2 Advice from the CEO

10.2.1 St. Anne (K) Boundary

D. Bennett presented the report outlining the request for reconsideration of the boundary following the East Kitchener Accommodation Review. The stipulations on the reconsideration were all parents must be in agreement, no negative impact on transportation costs and no negative effect on enrolment at St. Anne or St. Daniel.

2010-96 -- It was *moved* by **L. Ervin** and *seconded* by **G. Reitzel**:

That the Board of Trustees approve the modification of the St. Anne (K) boundary in accordance with the attached plan and that this change be effective September 1, 2010. --- Carried by consensus

2010-97 -- It was *moved* by **M. da Silva** and *seconded* by **J. Gowing**:

THAT the Board of Trustees extend the meeting by 10 minutes. --- Carried by consensus

The meeting was extended at 9:00 p.m.

10.2.2 2010-2011 School Year Budget – Technology Planning – moved to follow item 4

S. Maharaj provided an overview of the report and introduced our guest who provided a demonstration of an interactive whiteboard. The project would be part of a board wide plan to upgrade technology in the classroom making it equitable for all schools. Funding from the Board Reserve will cover the one-time cost associated with the implementation of installing the infrastructure.

Trustees asked questions regarding staff training, supporting hardware, lifespan and replacement cost of projector bulbs and the quality of the projector. M. Redfearn advised training will be necessary for staff.

10.2.3 Early Learning Update

R. Boisvert provided an update on the Early Learning Program and highlighted the amendments to the Education Act. The Ministry of Education has released an Early Learning Program document which focuses on cognitive, emotional, social and physical skills using a play-based approach to learning. Learning Services is planning professional development sessions.

Phase two sites were submitted to the Ministry in April for approval.

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):

- 12.2.1 June 2 Governance Committee
- 12.2.2 June 3-5 CCSTA AGM, Ottawa
- 12.2.3 June 7 Budget Presentation to the Board of Trustees
- 12.2.4 June 9 Parent Involvement Committee
- 12.2.5 June 14 Special Committee of the Whole
- 12.2.6 June 15 Audit Committee
- 12.2.7 June 16 Special Committee of the Whole re: Budget
- 12.2.8 June 21 Committee of the Whole
- 12.2.9 June 28 Regular Board Meeting

12.3 Pending Items:

- 12.3.1 Board Leadership**
- 12.3.2 SEAC and statement on inclusion**
- 12.3.3 Continuing Education
- 12.3.4 Declining Enrolment Report
- 12.3.5 St. John Building condition
- 12.3.6 Msgr. Gleason – surplus to our needs
- 12.3.7 Board Policy IV 009 #5
- 12.3.8 Board Policy II 005
- 12.3.9 Board Policy IV 008 broad statement and provision 1**
- 12.3.10 Broad Policy IV 004 inclusion of IV 002 components
- 12.3.11 Board Policy II 007 provision #5
- 12.3.12 International Education

13. Items for the Next Meeting Agenda

Board Policy IV 005 Hiring
Board Policy IV 007 Budget
Board Policy IV 008 Quarterly Financial Report
Board Policy II 001 General Governance Commitment
Board Policy II 009 Board Committee Principles
Board Policy II 010 Board Committee Structure

13. Adjournment – Confirm decisions made tonight. Closing Prayer

The Recording Secretary confirmed the meeting decisions.

14. Motion to Adjourn

2010-98 -- It was *moved* by **M. da Silva** and *seconded* by **D. Blum**:

THAT the meeting be now adjourned.

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

Chair of the Board

Secretary