A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole Board was held on Monday, January 19, 2009 at the Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre.

**Trustees Present:**
Marion Thomson Howell (Chair); Denise Blum; Wayne Buchholtz; Manuel da Silva; Louise Ervin; Joseph Gowing*; Fr. Robert Hétu; Judy Nairn; Greg Reitzel

* left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

**Student Trustees Present:**
Alex Chmura; Thomas Slabon

**Administrative Officials Present:**
Roger Lawler; Gerry Clifford; Bryan Mahn; Bruce Rodrigues; Glenn Sheculski

**Special Resources:**
NIL

**Regrets:** Rick Boisvert; Heather Cullen; Helen Mitchell

**Recorder:**
Barb Pilsner

**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 Manuel da Silva. Intentions were offered for: Stephanie Goulart, Blessed Sacrament student; Eaton family of three from St. Francis parish; L. Ervin’s cousin and a neighbour who passed away last week; for justice in the world.

1.2 **Approval of Agenda**
Trustees agreed by consensus to move item 7.3.2 to 13.1 and to add items 7.5 Proposed Accessibility and Communication Standard and 7.6 Governance Report – OCSTA conference update

**2009-03-- It was moved by G. Reitzel and seconded by M. da Silva:**
THAT the agenda for January 19, 2009 be now approved as amended. -- 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 special public Committee of the Whole Board January 5, 2009 meeting
3.1.2 – Items for Action from previous meeting – NIL
3.1.3 -- Minutes of the Task Force on Catholic Education – NIL

2009-04-- It was moved by L. Ervin and seconded by W. Buchholtz:
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
NIL

7. Board Education

7.1 Board of Trustees Pastoral Care Team

Fr. Fred Scinto presented trustees with a plan to develop a Board of Trustees Pastoral Care Team. Suggested the team should consist of three people – one permanent (chair), two rotating (choose rotation schedule). Flexibility is key with a focus on the spiritual welfare of the trustees, taking the lead in terms of formal/traditional prayers and prayer services and community building. Trustees received copies of Fr. Fred’s presentation and were asked to reflect on the plan with a decision to be made at the public board meeting on January 26th.

7.2 Report from Trustees who Toured Round A Bouts

The Region of Waterloo sent an invitation to the Trustees to observe the Round A Bouts. Three trustees visited the CanAmera and Confederation Round A Bout to observe pedestrians crossing. Trustees were informed pedestrians are asked to point when crossing and traffic is to yield. There was discussion around student safety and following rules when large numbers of students attempt to cross during peak times – before and after school. Trustees will have an opportunity to ask questions of the representative from the Region at the January 26th public board meeting.

7.3 Committee/Task Force Report on Activity Dates for 2009

7.3.1 Governance
Governance committee reviewed the Trustee Orientation package. Trustees agreed by consensus J. Nairn will give package to Executive Administration Assistant to be formatted. Reports will be included in consent agenda for the public board meeting January 26th.

7.3.2 Vision of Inclusion
Fr. R. Hétu reported the Vision of Inclusion committee discussed school visits, by invitation, to a cross section of elementary and secondary schools. Trustees asked questions. Trustees agreed by consensus the structure and planning and communication to be discussed further by senior administrators.

7.4 Presentation from Schools as Part of Board Agendas

Trustees received request from one school to share successes and stories at the public board meetings. Trustees discussed the possibility of leaving 10 minutes open if schools offer to make presentations.
7.5 Proposed accessibility and communication standard

OCSTA is asking for response from Trustees regarding proposed legislation changes that would require candidates running for municipal elections to produce election material in a different format if requested by constituent i.e. Braille. Trustees discussed concerns with associated costs, access to resources, short election timelines but suggested this would also show inclusion. M. Thomson Howell and M. da Silva will formulate a response to OCSTA on behalf of the trustees.

7.6 Governance Review – report on OCSTA Conference

M. Thomson Howell and M. da Silva reported to the Trustees after meeting with the chairs of the task force. OCSTA is asking boards to formally respond to the task force. After further discussion the Trustees agreed the Chair and Vice-chair will proceed to draft a response on their behalf.

8. Policy Discussion

NIL

9. Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance

NIL

10. Board Self-Assessment Against Board Means Policies

NIL

11. Announcements

12. Items For Next Meeting Agenda

13. Motion to go into private session

2009-05-- It was moved by W. Buchholtz and seconded by M. da Silva: THAT the meeting go into private session. -- Carried by consensus

The meeting recessed at 7:45 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:41 p.m.

14. Motion to Rise and Report

15. Adjournment

Confirm decisions made tonight

NIL

16. Motion to Adjourn

2009-06-- It was moved by J. Nairn: THAT the meeting be now adjourned -- Carried by consensus

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.