A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, March 22, 2010 at the Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre.

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

**Student Trustees Present:**
*Nicole Bigelow
*left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

**Administrative Officials Present:**
Roger Lawler; Rick Boisvert; Gerry Clifford; Manny Figueiredo; Shesh Maharaj; Bruce Rodrigues; Paul Tratnyek

**Special Resources For The Meeting:**

**Regrets:**
Heather Cullen; Louise Ervin; Thomas Slabon

**Recording Secretary:**
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.

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1. **Call to Order**

The Chair of the Board called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

1.1 **Opening Prayer & Memorials**

The opening prayer was led by Fr. Fred Scinto. Intentions were offered for: R. Lawler’s mother-in-law, J. Nairn’s uncle who passed away, and M. Thomson Howell’s friend’s sister and Kevin Coupal, who passed away.

1.2 **Approval of Agenda**

2010-47 -- It was moved by W. Buchholtz and seconded by M. da Silva:

THAT the agenda for March 22, 2010 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**

3. **Consent Agenda: Board of Trustees**

3.1 ** Approval of Minutes of Regular and Special Meetings**

3.1.1 Minutes of meeting of February 8, 2010
3.1.2 Items for Action from Previous Meeting
3.1.3 Minutes of Task Force on …

2010-48 -- It was moved by J. Gowing and seconded by G. Reitzel:
THAT the Consent Agenda: Board of Trustees and the recommendations contained therein be now approved. -- Carried by consensus.

4. Delegations/Presentations

5. Ownership Linkage

6. Reports From Board Committees/Task Forces

6.1 Vision of Inclusion Policy Language
Fr. R. Hétu advised the notes from the world cafes, presentations and workshops were summarized with the intent to create a statement on inclusion to be added to policy. The committee members presented a draft of the Ends statement for discussion. Trustees suggested the word “entitled” be added to the first statement and were in agreement the draft policy should be presented at the next SEAC meeting. G. Reitzel will attend and advise that at the first reading the Board was comfortable with the statements created and will ask the SEAC members for their feedback. This will be brought back to the Committee of the Whole.

6.2 Consultation Committee Update
W. Buchholtz reported on their review of consultation policies with other agencies and school boards advising that other school boards don’t have policies and do not do much consultation. Committee members are visiting with school councils, PIC and SEAC for their feedback around consultation and will come back to the Board in April or May with some direction.

7. Board Education

7.1 2010-2011 School Year Budget Priorities – Part II
R. Lawler reported Facilities and Curriculum Delivery have been summarized in Part I. Trustees met in two groups to discuss the priorities in Part II. These comments will also be summarized and will provide staff with good feedback for their budget deliberation.

7.2 OCSTA AGM Proxies
Three trustees will be attending the AGM & Conference in April. Trustees who will not be attending were asked to complete proxy forms which will be sent to OCSTA.

7.3 Small Claims Court process

2010-49 It was moved G. Reitzel and seconded J. Gowing:
THAT the Board of Trustees move to an in-camera meeting – Carried by consensus

The meeting moved to an in-camera session at 7:43 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:16 p.m. following the in-camera session.

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

8.1 Board Policy IV 013 Leadership
Trustees were advised of the title change and agreed the policy would be put on the Consent Agenda for the next meeting.

8.2 Board Policy II 002 Governing Style Overall Language
Trustees monitored this policy several months ago and from their responses indicated there were sections in the policy they did not do. They provided feedback to the Governance committee that items 4 a. and b. and item 5 could be removed from the policy.
9. **Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance**

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

10.1 **Monitoring Reports & Votes on Compliance**

10.2 **Advice from the CEO**

10.2.1 **Posting Trustee Expenses**
Trustees discussed the annual posting of their expenses on the Board website and directed the Director to place this on the consent agenda for the March board meeting.

10.2.2 **Trustee Distribution for 2010 Board Elections**
R. Lawler presented the report advising them of the requirement to let municipalities know how it will be divided. It will go to all municipalities and the coterminous school boards. There was a notice of motion to place these motions on the March 29th consent agenda.

10.2.3 **School Year Calendar**
B. Rodrigues reported on the consultation on the school year calendar for 2001-2011 with all stakeholder groups and the public board advising trustees we had good response to the online survey. The school year calendar will be presented for approval at the March 29th board meeting.

11. **Potential Agenda Items**

12. **Announcements**

12.1 – The following reports are posted on the Board web page: [www.wcdsb.ca](http://www.wcdsb.ca)
   a) Minutes of SEAC Meetings
   b) Minutes of Parent Involvement Committee Meeting

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

13. **Items For Next Meeting Agenda**

14. **Adjournment – confirm decisions made tonight**

The recording secretary reviewed the decisions made tonight.

15. **Motion to Adjourn**

   2010-50-- It was moved by D. Blum and seconded by M. da Silva:

   THAT the meeting be now adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:57 p.m.