

Board of Trustees' Board Meeting

A public meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, September 7, 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)

*arrived 6:38 p.m.

Student Trustees Present:

Anne Marie Hayman; Claire Matlock

Administrative Officials Present:

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

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Regrets:

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 5:59 p.m.

1.1 -- Opening Prayer & Memorials

The opening prayer was led by M. da Silva, Pastoral Care team. Intentions were offered for: keep in our prayers the new students entering our school system, and Anthony Preciado-Matos, student and Scott Weiler, teacher who passed away.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Move Item 10 to precede Item 8

Add Item 12.1.2 – Opening of Pope John Paul II

Add Item 9.1 – Graduation Speeches

2010-130 -- It was *moved* by **M. da Silva** and *seconded* by **W. Buchholtz**:

THAT the agenda for September 7, 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 June 28, 2010
- 3.1.2 Minutes of Meeting of September 1, 2010
- 3.1.3 Items for Action from Previous Meeting of September 7, 2010
- 3.1.4 Staff Report of August 31, 2010

2010-131 -- It was *moved* by **D. Blum** 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

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 Awards Committee

6.4 Pastoral Care Team

6.5 Huron Natural Park – DVD on Huron Natural Park

Trustees viewed the DVD on the history of Huron Natural Area. Following a study in 1992 on sustainability a partnership was developed with the City of Kitchener, both school boards and community groups to work with Parks and Recreation to preserve the area for the future. Grand River Conservation offers programs for our students in the Nature Centres at Laurel Creek and Shades Mills. Huron Natural Area does not currently have a Learning Centre. Trustees raised the issue of our students not using the Huron Natural Area.

6.6 Student Trustee Report

C. Matlock and A. M. Hayman spoke of setting meetings with school councils to discuss their role and continuing consultation with the grade 10 Civics classes speaking on the role of student trustees and the rights of students. They will also review the board policies relating to student trustees.

6.7 Trustee Budget Update

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

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

8.1 Board work on Ends Statement

M. Thomson Howell presented for discussion a draft plan and timelines regarding the Board's work on the Ends statement. Trustees agreed to proceed with the plan and will work in three sub groups reporting back to the three sub groups and Committee of the Whole.

9. Assurance of Successful Board Performance

9.1 Graduation Speeches

Trustees discussed using a consistent theme in their graduation message to the secondary students.

10. Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance - moved to precede Item 8

10.1 Monitoring Reports & Vote on Compliance

10.2 Advice from the CEO

10.2.1 Debenture By-law

S. Maharaj presented a report on financing the debenture maturing September 22, 2010 through the Ontario Financing Authority.

2010-132 -- It was *moved* by **W. Buchholtz** and *seconded* by **J. Nairn**:

*THAT the Board of Trustees approve the By-Law 2010-02 to authorize a loan from the Ontario Financing Authority in the principal amount of \$3,104,720.00 pursuant to a loan agreement under section 12 of Ontario Regulation 466/97.— Deemed to be read three times. **Carried by Consensus***

10.2.2 Trustee Honorarium for New Board of Trustees

R. Lawler reported Trustees must set the honorarium for the next term of office subject to the Public Sector Compensation Restraint Legislation.

2010-133 -- It was *moved* by **L. Ervin** and *seconded* by **G. Reitzel**:

THAT the Board of Trustees amend policy II 013 Provision 3 to incorporate the changes as follows:

The Board will pay an honorarium to its trustees in accordance with the provisions in legislation. For the period December 1, 2010 to November 30, 2012, the honorarium will be \$10,093 per year composed of a base amount of \$5,900 and an enrolment amount of \$4,193.

a) In addition to the honorarium payable to a trustee, the Chair of the Board will receive an additional honorarium of \$5,000 per year

*b) In addition to the honorarium payable to a trustee, the Vice-Chair of the Board will receive an additional honorarium of \$2,500 per year. - **Carried by Consensus***

10.2.3 Appointment of Compliance Audit Committee

R. Lawler advised school boards are required to appoint a committee to oversee and determine the outcome of any appeals to election campaign expenses.

2010-134 -- It was *moved* by **D. Blum** and *seconded* by **M. da Silva**:

*THAT the Board of Trustees appoints the three community members of the Board Audit Committee to serve a four-year term as the Compliance Audit Committee with respect to overseeing appeals to election expenses -- **Carried by Consensus***

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

12.1.2 Opening of Pope John Paul II

M. Thomson Howell reported senior administration, trustees, and city officials were in attendance to celebrate the grand opening of Pope John Paul II this morning.

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

12.3 **Pending Items:**

- 12.3.1 St. John Building condition

- 12.3.2 Msgr. Gleason – surplus to our needs
- 12.3.3 Broad Policy IV 004 inclusion of IV 002 components
- 12.3.4 Board Policy II 007 provision #5
- 12.3.5 International Education

13. Items for the Next Meeting Agenda

Board Policy IV 013 “Leadership”

13. Adjournment – Confirm decisions made tonight. Closing Prayer

The Recording Secretary confirmed the meeting decisions.

14. Motion to Adjourn

2010-135 -- It was *moved* by **M. da Silva** and *seconded* by **G. Reitzel**:

THAT the meeting be now adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:36 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary