A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, October 18, 2010 at the Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre.

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

**Student Trustees Present:**
Anne Marie Hayman; Claire Matlock

**Administrative Officials Present:**
Roger Lawler; Rick Boisvert; Gerry Clifford; Maria Ivankovic; Shesh Maharaj

**Special Resources For The Meeting:**
Fred Bittner; Benoit Bourgault

**Regrets:**
Greg Reitzel; Bruce Rodrigues; Paul Tratnyek

**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.

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 Fr. R. Hétu, Board Pastoral team. Intentions were offered for Bishop Tonnos in his retirement and Bishop Bergie and Bishop Crosby in their new roles; also in thanksgiving for the rescue of the miners in Chile keeping them in our prayers.

   1.2 -- **Approval of Agenda**
   Move Item 10.2.1 Transportation to follow Item 3 Consent Agenda: Board of Trustees
   
   2010-145 -- It was moved by M. da Silva and seconded by W. Buchholtz:
   THAT the agenda for October 18, 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**

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

   3.1 **Approval of Minutes of Regular and Special Meetings**
   3.1.1 Minutes of meeting of September 20, 2010
   3.1.2 Items for Action from Previous Meeting
   3.1.3 Minutes of Task Force on …
It was moved by J. Gowing and seconded by D. Blum:

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

7. Board Education

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

8.1 Work on Ends
Trustees discussed the data from the online survey. A. M. Hayman and C. Matlock presented a report on the survey completed by secondary students. Trustees broke into two groups to continue their work on the Ends statement then reported back to the whole group. Several trustees agreed to meet to prepare a draft of the Ends statement.

8.2 Board By-law Review
R. Lawler presented the revised by-laws following discussion and recommendations in September. The revised by-laws will be part of the consent agenda for October.

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 Transportation – Reasonable Discretion – moved to follow Consent Agenda: Board of Trustees
B. Bourgault presented the Transportation Overview. Trustees were advised that when an area is planned several factors are considered: safety (safe walking paths, safe crossing), building community (walking together, safety in numbers), natural and reasonable boundaries (intersection, street, and neighbourhood). The walking web is then determined (distance from the schools using all the streets), analyzed, fine tuned and finalized with students. If it is reasonable then we can make an exception and have students either bussed or walk. Trustees were advised an additional 7000 students in the Region were transported. The improved service level in September for kindergarten students created a challenge for families with younger children bussed and older siblings walking. Communication was also a concern for families.

Trustees requested that a report be brought back to the Committee of the Whole in November on the associated costs and number of families that would be affected if bussing was provided for all eligible children up to grade two.

10.2.2 Special Board/Committee of the Whole Meeting
Trustees were advised there will be a special Board of Trustees meeting on Monday Nov 15th followed by a Committee of the Whole 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

2010-147 -- It was moved by Fr. R. Hétu and seconded by M. da Silva:

THAT the meeting be now adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:42 p.m.

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Chair of the Board            Secretary