



Committee of the Whole Board Meeting

A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, April 11, 2011 at the Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre.

Trustees Present:

Joyce Anderson; Wayne Buchholtz; Manuel da Silva (Chair); Janek Jagiellowicz; **Anthony Piscitelli; Wendy Price; *Peter Reitmeier; Greg Reitzel

*arrived 5:08 p.m.

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Student Trustees Present:

Anne Marie Hayman; Claire Matlock

Administrative Officials Present:

Roger Lawler; Rick Boisvert; Gerry Clifford; Maria Ivankovic; Shesh Maharaj; John Shewchuk

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Dave Bennett; Lindsay Ford

Regrets:

Fr. Robert Héту; Bruce Rodrigues; Paul Tratnyek

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 5:02 p.m.

1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials

The opening prayer was led by M. da Silva of the Pastoral Care team. Intentions were offered for the student from St. Aloysius and for the former Monsignor Doyle student who passed away; prayers for a friend of J. Jagiellowicz; and prayers and support for the staff and students at St. Aloysius dealing with the death of a student.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Item 7.2 changed to 6:30 p.m. from 6:50 pm.

2011-56 -- It was moved by W. Buchholtz and seconded by G. Reitzel:

THAT the agenda for April 11, 2011 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
- 3.1.2 Minutes of In-camera meeting of

4. Delegations

4.1 Coalition for the Success of African Caribbean Students

Laferne Clarke working with the Coalition for the Success of African Caribbean students presented an overview of their project to work with our youth to keep them from dropping out of school. The project is funded by Trillium and the group works with students in both school boards. They are finding success helping students with truancy, anger management, drug related issues, and conflict between parent/student.

4.2 Hespeler Boundary Review – Mark Heinemann

Mark Heinemann spoke on the Goals of the Boundary Review Committee and suggested the need to determine a long-term enrolment boundary which would balance enrolment among the schools.

4.3 Hespeler Boundary Review – Chantal Frost

Chantal Frost represented families living in the north of Ellis area who are concerned with the safety of their children crossing Ellis Road and walking through the arena parking lot.

M. da Silva advised delegations will be permitted for the April 26th meeting only if there is new information to present.

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

6. Reports From Board Committees/Task Forces

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

7.1 Hespeler Boundary Review – Information from Staff as a Follow-up to the March 28th Meeting of the Board

M. da Silva advised this additional information and alternative scenarios is presented at the request of the trustees from the March 28th board meeting. It is for discussion only and the final decision will be on April 26th beginning with Recommendation #4. Trustees asked questions of clarification. They heard from the two trustees who sat on the boundary review committee and the many recommendations they reviewed and set aside in favour of the current recommendation. They felt the process worked well and the staff, parents and trustees on the committee were there to do what is best for the community.

7.2 EDC Bylaw Approval Process

D. Bennett gave a brief overview of the Education Development Charges (EDC) By-law. The charges will be applied to new homes to be used to purchase new school sites. Ministry of Education requires school boards to pass a new by-law every five years. Trustees were advised there will be two meetings held jointly with the WRDSB to deal with the existing policy statements and alternate accommodations and then the background study.

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

8.1 Joint Meeting with WRDSB Concerning the EDC Bylaw

9. Assurance of Successful Board Performance

10. Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance

10.1 Monitoring Reports & Vote on Compliance

10.2 Advice from the CEO

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):

13. Items for the Next Meeting Agenda

14. Adjournment – Confirm decisions made tonight. Closing Prayer

The Recording Secretary confirmed the meeting decisions.

15. Motion to Adjourn

2011-57 -- It was *moved* by **W. Price** and *seconded* by **G. Reitzel**:
THAT the meeting be now adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 6:23 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary