

Board of Trustees' Meeting

A public meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at the Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre.

Trustees Present:

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

Student Trustees Present:

Marcus Cardoso, Colin Whaley

Administrative Officials Present:

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

Special Resources For The Meeting:

John Shewchuk

Regrets:

Fr. Fred Scinto

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 6:02 p.m.

1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials

The opening prayer was led by Fr. R. Héту, Board Pastoral Team. Intentions were offered for all new staff, students and the new school year; school communities that have experienced losses; a teacher from St. Anne's who passed away; keep Marion Thomson Howell in prayers; a grade 12 student from Cameron Heights who passed away; Bradley Garrett former student who passed away; for anyone who has lost family over the summer; and R. Lawler's wife expressed her thanks for the support they received for the passing of her mother.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

2011-138 -- It was *moved* by **A. Piscitelli** and *seconded* by **J. Jagiellowicz**:

THAT the agenda for September 6, 2011 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 Board Meeting of June 27, 2011

- 3.1.2 Items for Action from previous In-camera Meeting of September 6, 2011
- 3.1.3 Staff Report of September 6, 2011

2011-139 -- It was *moved* by **W. Buchholtz** and *seconded* by **Fr. R. Héту:**
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 Student Trustee Report

M. Cardoso and C. Whaley reported they have not yet had the opportunity to meet with the student council presidents.

6.2 Trustee Budget Quarterly Update

6.3 Governance Committee Meeting

6.4 Pastoral Care Team Meeting

6.5 Trustee Newsletter

6.6 SEAC

6.7 Audit Committee Meeting

6.8 Trustee Newsletter

6.9 Elementary/Secondary Pathways Task Force

6.10 Accommodation Review Task Force

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

7.1 Graduation Messages

M. da Silva asked trustees to send their suggestions for themes and messages for the graduating students to him by September 16. B. Pilsner will email the graduation dates. Trustees interested in delivering graduation messages were asked to indicate which school they would attend.

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

9. Assurance of Successful Board Performance

10. Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance

10.1 Monitoring Reports & Vote on Compliance

10.1.1 Follow-up on Treatment of Staff Survey

John Yardley reported on the results of the Treatment of Staff Survey. There was an improvement from the 2009 survey.

The meeting recessed at 7:19 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 7:24 p.m.

10.1.2 Professional Standards of Ethics – Revision

R. Lawler highlighted what revisions have been made to the document.

10.1.3 Monitoring our Ends

B. Rodrigues reviewed Demonstrating Ends and the multi year plan. Trustees broke into groups with senior admin to provide feedback. One trustee from each group was asked to email the discussion notes to R. Lawler. The director indicated that the Ministry of Education has set aside January 18 and 19, 2012 for board chairs and directors to meet concerning multi-year plans.

10.1.4 Update on Aboriginal Education Initiative

P. Tratnyek reported on the implementation of a voluntary, confidential, self-identification process for students and their families having Aboriginal ancestry.

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):

12.3 Pending Items:

- 12.3.1 Msgr. Gleason – surplus to our needs
- 12.3.2 Living Wage (AP)
- 12.3.3 Definition of Equity – Guiding Principles (AP)
- 12.3.4 Risk Management – discussion
- 12.3.5 Follow-up to Treatment of Staff Survey
- 12.3.6 Community Involvement in Local Schools (Facilities Process)
- 12.3.7 Supporting the use of data (Bruce)
- 12.3.8 BrightLink Technology (Patrick Eby)
- 12.3.9 Board of Trustees discussion on Governance
- 12.3.10 Process for identifying EAs needs to serve students
- 12.3.11 Use of reserves
- 12.3.12 Board Policy IV 003 “Treatment of Students”
- 12.3.13 Graduation Messages

12.4 Pending Items for OCSTA Consideration

- 12.4.1 Special Education Funding
- 12.4.2 Funding for Supervised Alternative Learning
- 12.4.3 Long Term Financing to keep up with School Maintenance

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

2011-140-- It was *moved* by **W. Price** and *seconded* by **A. Piscitelli**:

THAT the meeting be now adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:40 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary