Committee of the Whole Board Meeting

A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, September 19, 2011 at the Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre.

Trustees Present:
Joyce Anderson; Wayne Buchholtz; Manuel da Silva (Chair); Fr. Robert Hétu; Janek Jagiellowicz; Anthony Piscitelli; Wendy Price; Greg Reitzel

Student Trustees Present:
Marcus Cardoso

Administrative Officials Present:
Roger Lawler; Rick Boisvert; Gerry Clifford; Maria Ivankovic; Bruce Rodrigues

Special Resources For The Meeting:
Fr. Fred Scinto, CR;

Regrets:
Shesh Maharaj; Peter Reitmeier; John Shewchuk; Paul Tratnyek; Colin Whaley

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 6:03 p.m.

1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials
The opening prayer was led by Fr. R. Hétu of the Pastoral Care team. Intentions were offered for Janet Foote and Fr. Bill Foote as their father passed away.

1.2 Approval of Agenda
Add Items 6.1 Trustee Newsletter and 6.2 Trustee Responses to Meeting Requests
2011-141 -- It was moved by W. Buchholtz and seconded by G. Reitzel:
THAT the agenda for September 19, 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

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 Trustee Newsletter
J. Anderson provided trustees with a draft of the Trustee Newsletter.

2011-142 -- It was moved by J. Anderson and seconded by A. Piscitelli:
THAT the Trustee Newsletter be approved. -- Carried by consensus

6.2 Trustee Response to Meeting Requests
M. da Silva has advised that B. Pilsner will coordinate and respond on behalf of the trustees to all invitations to events and meetings.

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

7.1 Discussion on Governance – Next steps re: session with John Dinner
Trustees discussed the session on governance facilitated by John Dinner and the next steps. The importance of monitoring was identified. M. da Silva will contact M. Thomson Howell to facilitate a workshop on policy governance for the trustees and senior administration in September. R. Lawler to contact Sue Radwan to facilitate a governance session for the trustees on October 13.

7.2 Committee of the Whole presentations/discussion for the 2011-12 School Year. Joint development of a plan with senior administration.
Items 7.2 and 7.3 were discussed simultaneously. Trustees identified topics and goals for 2011-12.

Topics for Committee of the Whole meetings
- Discussion about the by-laws October 17th, 2011
- Student achievement Ongoing at all Committee of the Whole meetings for ½ hour
- Allocation and use of EA’s and CYCW’s (facilities) February 2012
- Community involvement in local schools Student Achievement
- Supporting the use of data Student Achievement
- Specialist High Skills Major Student Achievement
- Bright Link technology Student Achievement
- Magnet schools IB program Pathways committee
- Schools operate on a 12 month schedule Pathways committee
- Msgr. Gleason – surplus to our needs Fall 2012
- Definition of Equity – Guiding Principles April 2012
- Shared facilities discussion January 2012
- Risk management discussion November 21st, 2011
- Consultation in schools October 17th, 2011
- Follow up to treatment of staff survey November 21st, 2011
- Use of reserves March, 2012
- Board Policy IV 003 Treatment of Students February 21st, 2012
- Graduation messages September 19th, 2011
- OCSTA policy proposals November 21st, 2011

Goals for 2011 – 2012

Linkages
- School Councils
- Link with the Deanery
- Speak with various community members (associations)
• Politicians
• Opportunity to meet with staff members
• Meet with youth groups, etc.

Governance
Accommodations – guided by staff
Pathways: elementary and secondary
CEO job description and contract

7.3 Draft Board Calendar for 2011-12.

7.4 Graduation Speeches and Trustee Assignments
M. da Silva finalized the schedule and message for trustees bringing greetings for each of the secondary schools and St. Louis ALC.

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

10.2 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


The Recording Secretary confirmed the meeting decisions.

15. Motion to Adjourn

2011-143 -- It was moved by W. Price and seconded by A. Piscitelli:
THAT the meeting be now adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:48 p.m.