

## Special Board of Trustees' Meeting

A special public meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at the Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre.

### Trustees Present:

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

\*attended electronically until 8:48 p.m.

\*\*left the meeting at 8:08 pm.

### Student Trustees Present:

Marcus Cardoso; Colin Whaley

### Administrative Officials Present:

Roger Lawler; Rick Boisvert; Gerry Clifford; Derek Haime; Susan Hunt; Maria Ivankovic; Shesh Maharaj; Paul Tratnyek

### Special Resources For The Meeting:

Fr. Fred Scinto

### Regrets:

Joyce Anderson; Fr. Robert Héту; John Shewchuk

### 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 6:32 p.m.

### **1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials**

The opening prayer was led by C. Whaley, Board Pastoral Team. Intentions were offered for the family of a student at Blessed Sacrament who passed away, for Cardinal Thomas Collins, the family of M. da Silva's daughter's friend whose mother passed away.

### **1.2 Approval of Agenda**

Move Item 7.1 Discussion on Core Values to Item 10.2.4; Item 6.1 will be deferred to a future meeting

**2012-41** -- It was *moved* by **W. Buchholtz** and *seconded* by **G. Reitzel**:

*THAT the agenda for February 21, 2012 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. day-to-day operational matters from the Ministry of Education that the board is required to do)**

## **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 January 23, 2012

3.1.2 Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 13, 2012

**2012-42** -- It was *moved* by **G. Reitzel** and *seconded* by **J. Jagiellowicz**..

*THAT the Consent Agenda Board of Trustees and the recommendations contained therein be now approved. ---  
Carried by consensus*

## **4 Delegations**

### **4.1 Dominican Republic Experience**

P. Tratnyek introduced Garry Boland and Lorrie Temple to speak about the Dominican Republic experience.

L. Temple said students submitted an application and were then interviewed as to why they felt this trip was important and what they could do on their return. 24 students from all the high schools were selected and they learned a great deal about what it meant to have faith and to live in community with others.

G. Boland gave some background on the host families where the students stayed. The program is offered by Encuentro Dominicano recognized and promoted by the local Roman Catholic Diocese of San Pedro de Macoris. They provide opportunities for visitors to gain an initial understanding about the global structure that create and sustain poverty and injustice in our world.

The students spoke of faith and how they attended mass in Spanish. They learned about programs to support seniors created by Sister Catherine O'Shea. They attended a school, in the community, that take children off the streets and educate them. They visited a Health Centre and Water Purification Centre. They spoke about justice and how the workers were exploited. Each evening they had reflections discussing the meaning of the activities that day. Residents shared their homes, stories and daily struggles to survive. The students learned how family is valued and how the children look forward to attending school. The students who attended will share their experiences and encourage students to apply for next year.

### **4.2 Region of Waterloo Child Care**

R. Boisvert introduced Nancy Dickieson from the Region of Waterloo to provide an overview of licensed early learning and child care.

N. Dickieson advised there are not enough spaces in Waterloo Region. She spoke about affordability and the average costs based on the age of the child. Child Care fee subsidies are available for families with children to offset child care costs. The Consolidated Municipal Service Manager has responsibility for service and system management for licensed early learning and child care services for children from birth to twelve years of age and provide funding related to fee subsidies, one time health and safety funding, and funding for transition support. A service plan is produced annually to look at the current system and where we need to go. She advised the Region has been charged with creating a stabilization plan to help operators work through transitions. Capital is available to help with transitions.

## **5 Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)**

### **5.1 Linkages Plan**

W. Buchholtz advised the Linkages Task Force was asked to look at early learning consultation. Linkages Task Force received information from staff on the kind of consultation occurring at the present time. The task force will be bringing a recommendation to review the Consultation policy.

Trustees were asked to review the five slides on declining enrolment received from D. Bennett for discussion at the February Board meeting.

## **6 Actions From Board Committees/Task Forces**

### **6.1 Director of Education Profile - deferred**

## **7 Board Education (at the request of the Board)**

### **7.1 Discussion on Core Values Work – moved to Item 10.2.4**

## **8. Policy Discussion**

## **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**

##### **10.2.1 Ontario Finance Authority By-Law**

P. Reitmeier left the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

L. Isaac highlighted the process for the by-law and the eligible projects. M. da Silva deemed the by-law to have been read three times.

**2012-43** -- It was *moved* by **G. Reitzel** and *seconded* by **W. Buchholtz**:

*THAT the Board of Trustees approve By-Law 2012-02 to authorize a loan from the Ontario Financing Authority in the principal amount of \$3,369,981 pursuant to a loan agreement made in compliance with section 12 of Ontario Regulation 45/10 "Borrowing for Permanent Improvements: Issuance of Debentures". --- **Carried by consensus***

##### **10.2.2 2012-2013 School Year Budget Consultation Process**

L. Isaac provided handouts on the budget consultation process. Trustees were asked to submit their input for consultation with stakeholders to L. Isaac by February 28/12.

##### **10.2.3 School Year Calendar Survey**

G. Clifford advised there was consultation with SEAC and CPIC on the school year calendar. There are no issues that would require a survey. A report on the school year calendar for 2012-13 will come back to the Board at the end of March for approval.

##### **10.2.4 Discussion of Core Values Work**

Reponses from the discussion on core values at the January board meeting were collated and presented tonight for further discussion. Trustees broke into small groups to discuss the responses.

W. Price left the meeting at 8:48 pm.

Trustees returned to the whole group. These responses will come back to the board on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **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 Meetings

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

## **13. Items for the Next Meeting Agenda**

Bell times – talk about the process.

## **14. Adjournment – Confirm decisions made tonight. Closing Prayer**

The Recording Secretary confirmed the meeting decisions.

## **15. Motion to Adjourn**

**2012-44**-- It was *moved* by **J. Jagiellowicz** and *seconded* by **W. Buchholtz**:

*THAT the meeting be now adjourned.*

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:13 p.m.

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Chair of the Board

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Secretary