Minutes

Committee of the Whole Meeting

A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at John Sweeney Catholic Elementary school.

Trustees Present:
Wayne Buchholtz; Manuel da Silva (Chair); Fr. Robert Hétu; Janek Jagiellowicz; Anthony Piscitelli; Wendy Price; *Peter Reitmeier; Greg Reitzel
*left the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Student Trustees Present:

Administrative Officials Present:
Rick Boisvert; Derek Haime; Susan Hunt; Maria Ivankovic; Shesh Maharaj; Paul Tratnyek

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Regrets:
Joyce Anderson; Marcus Cardoso; Colin Whaley; Gerry Clifford; Fr. Fred Scinto; 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 6:36 p.m.

1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials
The opening prayer was led by J. Jagiellowicz, Board Pastoral Team. Intentions were offered for Michael Schmitt and for our work in selecting a new Director of Education.

1.2 Approval of Agenda
Add item 4.2 Respecting Differences Support Document – Update 2012-93 -- It was moved by W. Buchholtz and seconded by W. Price: THAT the agenda for May 22, 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)
2.1 Catholic Secondary School Graduation Dates 2012-13
R. Boisvert provided a report identifying the dates selected by secondary schools for graduation ceremonies.

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 April 23, 2012 – revised changing location to St. Benedict C.S.S.
3.1.2 Minutes of Board meeting of 2012-94 – It was moved by Fr. R. Hétu and seconded by G. Reitzel: THAT the Consent Agenda Board of Trustees and the recommendations contained therein be now approved. --- Carried by consensus

4 Delegations
4.1 John Sweeney Supporting Students
Nancy Sabo, principal at John Sweeney, introduced the school improvement team. She welcomed the trustees and senior administration to the school and read A Hat For Ivan, by Max Lucado. She said each of us has various gifts and talents.

The School Improvement team talked about the school community, culture and school improvement plan. They are part of Blessed Sacrament parish and a vital connection is their school/home/parish connection. Their School Council provides great support to the school. They celebrate body through sports, PALS, dance club, folk dance and play day. They celebrate mind through reading club, games, math and drama. They celebrate spirit through youth ministry, pastoral initiatives, multicultural club, school spirit and student recognition. They shared their pride in Empower Reading and Corrective Reading programs, after school skills builder, All Star reading support, assistive technology and music therapy. The teachers advised they adjust their style of teaching to how the students learn best. Several students spoke about the focus on student centered learning and that all classrooms have become toolboxes where manipulatives, colour-coded worksheets and word walls are available at all times to help students be successful in their learning. Trustees were taken on a tour of several classrooms where students showed the type of work they do and how they help each other in the classroom.

P. Reitmeier left at 8:08 pm.

4.2 Respecting Differences Support Document - Update
Jonathan Wright gave a presentation at the April 30th Board of Trustees meeting. P. Tratnyek advised we want to ensure where there is a need in a school we listen to the voices of the students and their concerns and respond. We have to provide support for everyone as all are important. An inclusive approach looks at the needs of all. Updates will be provided during the coming year on how our students are supported.

5 Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)

6 Actions From Board Committees/Task Forces

7 Board Education (at the request of the Board)

8. Policy Discussion
8.1 Board Policy IV 003 Treatment of Students
Trustees agreed to have a discussion on the values and worries regarding the policy IV 003 at the Committee of the Whole in September 2012.

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

   2012-95-- It was moved by W. Price and seconded by Fr. R. Hétu:
   THAT the meeting be now adjourned.
   The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:44 p.m.

Chair of the Board                                         Secretary