A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, November 19, 2012 at Monsignor Doyle C.S.S.

**Trustees Present:**
Joyce Anderson; Wayne Buchholtz; Manuel da Silva (Chair); Janek Jagiellowicz; Frank Johnson; Anthony Piscitelli; Wendy Price; Greg Reitzel

**Student Trustees Present:**
Erin Jamieson; Carlos Valero

**Administrative Officials Present:**
Larry Clifford; Rick Boisvert; Gerry Clifford; David DeSantis; Derek Haime; Shesh Maharaj

**Special Resources For The Meeting:**

**Regrets:**
Peter Reitmeier; Maria Ivankovic; John Shewchuk; 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.

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1. **Call to Order:**
The Chair of the Board called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

1.1 **Opening Prayer & Memorials**
The opening prayer was led by F. Johnson, Board Pastoral Team. Intentions were offered for W. Price’s grandson, Henry Gade, a friend of J. Anderson whose grandson passed away and for M. da Silva’s cousin whose parent passed away.

1.2 **Approval of Agenda**
Add Item 7.2 Leadership

2012-156 -- It was moved by W. Price and seconded by F. Johnson:
THAT the agenda for November 19, 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 meeting of October 15, 2012

2012-157 -- It was moved by W. Buchholtz 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 Dr. Katherine Bergman, President, St. Jerome’s University
L. Clifford introduced Dr. Katherine Bergman, President of St. Jerome’s University. K. Bergman was a graduate of our system and is pleased to meet the trustees and work with our Director of Education. St. Jerome’s University is the only Catholic university in the Diocese. The Partnership agreement recently signed recognizes the role of families, parish and school in educating people in the Catholic Christian faith and promoting Catholic education as a lifelong process from kindergarten to university. She advised that leadership development in elementary and secondary is one of the initiatives.

4.2 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
R. Boisvert introduced Rhonda Ruetz, chair of SEAC and John Spinak. J. Spinak, representing Family & Children’s Services on SEAC, provided background on the roles and responsibilities of SEAC. Membership includes trustees, senior staff and local associations appointed by the Trustees for a four year term. Sections of the Special Education Plan are discussed at each monthly meeting and there are presentations from various departments in the Board.

4.3 Monsignor Doyle – Student successes
Chris Woodcroft, principal, spoke of the successes of students at Monsignor Doyle C.S.S.:
- Overall beliefs – heart of the community, instil hope, strive to see success, building God’s kingdom;
- Every student is a child of God;
- 90% of the students obtain eight credits by end of grade 9 – a good indicator for graduation success;
- EQAO results were good;
- School improvement plans key areas – literacy, numeracy and pathways. Added a healthy schools pillar;
- School community culture that is caring;
- Crisis fund for marginalized students;
- Communication between parents and staff is by-weekly and by e-newsletter;
- Safe schools committee – leaning toward restorative justice;
- Healthy schools to improve overall health;
- Speakup grants to hear student voice;
- Transition meetings, link crew (mentorship), seven up day, day in the life tour;
- Full time student success centre, truancy intervention program, progressive discipline approach, supportive co-op program, home build program, integrated art program, alternative program – connection with St. Don Bosco, use of SALS;
Monsignor Doyle is all about our students and staff

The meeting recessed at 7:30 pm
The meeting resumed at 7:36 pm

4.4 34 Credits Plus
D. DeSantis advised students are staying in school to take additional credits beyond the required 30 for their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Funding for credits above 34 is funded at a Continuing Education rate. D. DeSantis to bring back data on the number of students and associated costs to December 17th Board of Trustees’ meeting.

5 Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)

6 Actions From Board Committees/Task Forces

7 Board Education (at the request of the Board)
7.1 OCSTA AGM Resolutions
A. Piscitelli will draft a resolution regarding three external members to sit on the Audit committee. M. da Silva will email trustees for assistance in drafting two resolutions on the need for differentiated staffing and loss of full funding for students taking additional credits above 34.

7.2 Leadership
M. da Silva advised the annual election of the Chair/Vice-chair is December 3rd. Trustees did not have any concerns.

8. Policy Discussion
9. Assurance of Successful Board Performance

9.1 Communication on Behalf of the Board
Trustees received an information package to be used when communicating with associations.

10. Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance

10.1 Monitoring Reports & Vote on Compliance

10.2 Advice from the CEO

10.2.1 Four Pillars
L. Clifford reported on the four pillars.

Catholicity:
- Amalgamation of Catholic to Catholic. Minister of Education has unilateral power to act on amalgamation.
- Invitation letters to MPPs have been sent. No formal responses received to date.

Student achievement:
- Suspension appeal
- Expulsion panel

Quality:
- Superintendent school visits focus on student achievement and EQAO results
- Linkages committee – J. Shewchuk to sit on committee
- Principal retreat
- Trustee retreat. L. Clifford to confirm date/facility

Site Improvement:
- Renaming of schools – positive coverage with St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- Accommodation Review Committee final report presented Nov 26th.

10.2.2 Director’s Annual Report – Trustee Input
L. Clifford presented a list of potential topics for the Director’s Annual Report. Trustees requested to email their input before Nov 30th.

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

13. Items for the Next Meeting Agenda/Pending Items

13.1 Items for the Next Meeting Agenda
None

13.2 Pending Items:
  Mental Health Initiative presentation
  Board Policy IV 003 Treatment of Students – values and worries


The Recording Secretary confirmed the meeting decisions.
15. Motion to Adjourn

2012-158-- It was moved by G. Reitzel and seconded by J. Jagiellowicz:
THAT the meeting be now adjourned.
The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:37 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary