A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, January 21, 2013 at St. Louis Adult Learning and Continuing Education.

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

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

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

**Special Resources For The Meeting:**

**Regrets:**
Anthony Piscitelli; 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 6:11 p.m.

1.1 **Opening Prayer & Memorials**
The opening prayer was led by P. Cox, St. Louis ALC. Intentions were offered for A. Piscitelli’s grandfather who passed away.

1.2 **Approval of Agenda**
Defer Item 10.1.1 External Monitoring of Treatment of Staff to January 28/13; Item 10.2.2 Budget Development 2014 is for Information, add Item 4.0 St. Louis Presentation, Item 2.1 is for information.

2013-19 -- It was moved by P. Reitmeier and seconded by W. Price:
THAT the agenda for January 21, 2013 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. **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act**

2013-20 -- It was moved by G. Reitzel and seconded by J. Anderson:
THAT the Consent Agenda Director of Education and the recommendations contained therein be now approved. --- Carried by consensus
3. Consent Agenda: Board of Trustees (Minutes of meetings)

3.0 Approval of Minutes of Regular and Special Meetings

3.0.1 Minutes of meeting of November 19, 2012

2013-21 -- It was moved by F. Johnson and seconded by W. Price:
THAT the Consent Agenda Board of Trustees and the recommendations contained therein be now approved. ---
Carried by consensus

4 Delegations

4.0 St. Louis Adult Learning and Continuing Education Presentation
P. Cox introduced Roberta Rodrigues, a current student, to share her experience at St. Louis.

Roberta Rodrigues said she was born in Nicaragua. When she moved to Kitchener she heard about St. Louis through Lutherwood and started the chef training program in September 2010. She said it has been a very happy and exciting experience and she is now volunteering in the kitchen showing her passion for food to the students.

P. Cox provided a brief overview of St. Louis and introduced Lou Bellini, vice-principal and Michele Breault, program manager. In 2011-12 they celebrated 25 years. Their first graduation class had 17 students and now between 600 and 800 students graduate each year. Students enrol to earn their last secondary school credits or to learn/improve their English. The four areas of focus are: granting secondary school credits, language training, literacy and numeracy support and supportive services. They have a summer skills builder program, homework and math clubs, HeadStart and largest provider to Conestoga College. The main campus is in Kitchener with campuses at St. Mary’s, St. Francis, Cambridge and many satellite locations.

4.1 Southeast Accommodation Options
L. Ford sent options by email to the trustees. Option 1 is the same as the recommendation in the final report and, option 2 uses St. Anne. The options look at the difference between using Lincoln Avenue versus using St. Anne. It provides a comparison of the two sites, number of walkers, capital costs and renewal cost estimates for both sites. Trustees asked questions. L. Ford will post this report on the website.

4.2 Southeast Accommodation Delegations

4.2.1 Michael Nie
M. Nie provided trustees with a handout stating his concerns around the recommendation to close three elementary schools and feels we are in a rush to push forward the plans. He was concerned with having one large school and was advised the students from the three schools proposed to close would be distributed among the other schools.

4.2.2 Diane Da Silva
D. Da Silva, a mother of three students at St. Anne, came to present for the best interest of the students. She said connected communities are safer and healthier communities and that there was potential for expansion with the availability of the Alison Park land adjacent to St. Anne. Diane Da Silva sat on the Accommodation Review committee but as she arrived late in the process was not able to vote. She said that meant only one person voted from the St. Anne community. She was advised that the principal also had a vote.

4.2.3 Diane Da Silva on behalf of St. Anne School Council
D. Da Silva, presented on behalf of school council where the focus is the value to the students. She said the four factors to consider when looking at a school’s value is learning environment, ability of the school’s physical space to support students, the ability of the schools grounds to support healthy physical activity and extra-curricular activities and safety of the school.

The meeting recessed at 7:19 p.m.
The meeting resumed at 7:29 p.m.

4.3 Catherine Fife, MPP Visit
Trustees and senior staff introduced themselves.
Catherine’s response to the questions:
#1 and 2: Supports the continuation of the current funding model. She sees opportunities for both boards to work more collaboratively in the future.
#3: Catholic ratepayers in Ontario should have the ability to direct their support to the board of their choice.
#4: New Democrat party did support the full day kindergarten program and will remain committed to the program.
#5: Recommendation from the Drummond report called for a full review of the funding around spec education. She feels it is better to invest early in students. The New Democrat party is aware of the concern and will be pushing for it.

#6: We will be looking to tie future capital investments to upgrading and will ensure that boards have adequate funding to make schools accessible.

#7: The New Democrat party did not support Bill 115. We will continue to try to rebuild the trust by rebuilding the goodwill lost in the system.

#8: “lifelong learning” – feels it is so important for children to see their parents as learners as well. We need strong advocates. We will work to ensure it is fully funded and accessible to all adults.

Trustees asked questions.

4.4 International Exchange Program
D. Haime advised a parent asked if we could accommodate their grade seven student to exchange in Switzerland. As a result St. John’s will be hosting an exchange student for two months. It is great for St. John’s to have a native French student at their school.

4.5 SpeakUp Projects
D. DeSantis presented a report on the SpeakUp projects. As part of student success our goal by 2013 is to have all of our schools engage in at least one project.

5 Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)
5.1 Catherine Fife, MPP Visit moved to 4.3

6. Actions From Board Committees/Task Forces
6.1 Ends Statement Planning Team
W. Buchholz presented a draft plan from the planning team to the trustees for their input. Trustees support moving forward with this process. Recommendation to be added to the Consent Agenda: Board of Trustees on January 28/13.

7. Board Education (at the request of the Board)
7.1

8. Policy Discussion
8.1

9. Assurance of Successful Board Performance
9.1

10. Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance
10.1 Monitoring Reports & Vote on Compliance
10.1.1 External Monitoring of Treatment of Staff deferred to Jan 28/13

10.2 Advice from the CEO

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

Catholicity:
- Administrators’ Retreat – visioning day. Excellent community building led by Fr. Roger and Sister Margaret. All secondary and elementary were there together
- Trustee Retreat – appointments have been set up for the trustees to meet the facilitator.

Student achievement:
- BIPSA

Quality:
- Announcement on radio for students registering for JK
- CEO Conference January 23 to 25/13
Site Improvement:
- Southeast Galt Accommodation Review Recommendations for decision January 28/13

10.2.2 Budget Consultation 2014
S. Maharaj presented the proposed budget consultation plan for the 2013-14 school year for information.

10.2.3 Student Leadership Conference
L. Clifford advised trustees of the Student Leadership conference in Hamilton on February 1st. The conference is an excellent opportunity for our high schools and students.

11. Potential Agenda Items

12. Announcements
12.1 The following reports are posted on the Board web page: www.wc dsb.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

   2013-22-- It was moved by W. Price and seconded by J. Jagiellowicz:
   THAT the meeting be now adjourned.
   The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:41p.m.

   Chair of the Board

   Secretary