Minutes

Committee of the Whole Meeting

A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at Holy Rosary Elementary School.

Trustees Present:
Joyce Anderson; Wayne Buchholtz (Chair); Manuel da Silva; Janek Jagiellowicz; Frank Johnson; Anthony Piscitelli; *Wendy Price; **Peter Reitmeier; Greg Reitzel
*attended electronically
**left the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Student Trustees Present:
Erin Jamieson; Carlos Valero

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

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Regrets:
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.

1. Call to Order:
The Chair of the Board called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials
The opening prayer was led by Paul Gladding, principal at Holy Rosary. Intentions were offered for students at Monsignor Doyle who are recovering from surgery.

1.2 Approval of Agenda
Add Item 10.2.2 Boundary Change and remove Item 5.1 Rob Leone unable to attend due to weather
2013-53 -- It was moved by F. Johnson and seconded by J. Anderson:
THAT the agenda for February 19, 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

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 January 21, 2013
2013-54 -- It was moved by G. Reitzel and seconded by M. da Silva:
THAT the Consent Agenda Board of Trustees and the recommendations contained therein be now approved. --- Carried by consensus
3 Delegations

4.1 Nutrition for Learning
L. Clifford welcomed and introduced Kelly-Sue Labus from Nutrition for Learning.

Kelly-Sue provided information on the 136 nutrition programs that are currently offered in Waterloo Region. She advised in our community 13,000 children live in absolute poverty. 31% of elementary students do not eat breakfast in the morning for various reasons due to lack of family financial resources, not enough food, caregivers leave early for work or long bus rides. Nutrition for Learning has 1,300 adult and 400 student volunteers. Research indicates students who ate breakfast most days in a school week achieved better results on their learning skills. Differences were remarkable in the areas of independent work, initiative, problem solving, and class participation. Other benefits include positive socialization, increased self-esteem and improved health.

4.2 “Mission Possible!” – St. Agnes Parish
J. Jagiellowicz introduced Elizabeth Ingle, who is founder and co-ordinator of “Mission: Possible!”.

Elizabeth Ingle explained she began the initiative at St. Agnes Parish as a result of an inspiring homily by Bishop Tonnos’ on the importance of finding opportunities to foster a greater connection between home, school and church. The primary purpose and focus was to create opportunities for our students to put into practice in everyday situations, the Christian values of serving Christ through serving others taught in our parishes and schools. Through events held at the parish level students from St. Agnes, St. Luke, St. Matthew and St. David become involved in leadership roles, and volunteering offering them the opportunity to build relationships and practice their gifts and talents.

4.3 Catholic Curriculum Planning
Jonathan provided an overview of the proposed model: Catholic Curriculum planning framework.

5. Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)

5.1 Rob Leone, MPP Visit
Rob Leone was unable to attend due to the weather. Attempts will be made to reschedule.

5.2 Holy Rosary
Paul Gladding, principal and Michaela Quirk, student at Holy Rosary gave an overview of the school. “I am My Choices” is our school motto. It is a philosophy, a decision-making tool and a guiding principle for a successful life. Holy Rosary is a caring and fun community. They have tons of school spirit, special events and theme days, meaningful assemblies, WE team, monthly virtues presentations and awards, and great special guests. Trustees were given a tour of an early learning kindergarten classroom and a primary and junior classroom.

6. Actions From Board Committees/Task Forces

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

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8. Policy Discussion

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9. Assurance of Successful Board Performance

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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:
- Apr 25th Deanery meeting to be held in St. Mary’s parish hall at the board office.
- Briefing on the role of a superintendent for potential internal candidates
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- Bishop’s Banquet May 8, 2013
- Principal transfers

Student achievement:
- Continuation of School Effectiveness Framework visits
- Approved MISA projects
- Approved Teacher Learning and Leadership Program projects
- Math For Young Children (M4YC) project at St. Bernadette’s
- Fraser Report

Quality:
- Trustee Retreat
- Budget Advisory Committee met
- United Way Recognition for Mark Godin, principal at St. Joseph

Site Improvement:
- Funding received for upgrades at St. Aloysius and Blessed John Paul II and new St. Boniface
- Lock systems at front doors of schools to be complete by March break 2013.

10.2.2 Boundary Change
L. Clifford presented a report for information on the boundary change for St. Agatha re-designating the new development area to St. Nicholas. P. Reitmeier left the meeting at 8:49 pm.

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

W. Buchholtz asked trustees to let B. Pilsner know if they would like tickets to upcoming events.

13. Items for the Next Meeting Agenda/Pending Items
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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

2013-55-- It was moved by M. da Silva and seconded by F. Johnson:
THAT the meeting be now adjourned.
The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:03 p.m.