A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at the Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre.

**Trustees Present:**
Joyce Anderson; Wayne Buchholtz (Chair); Manuel da Silva; Janek Jagiellowicz; Frank Johnson; *Anthony Piscitelli; Wendy Price; Peter Reitmeier; Greg Reitzel
*arrived at 6:19 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:**
Lindsay Ford; John Bigelow

**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.

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1. **Call to Order:**
The Chair of the Board called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

1.1 **Opening Prayer & Memorials**
The opening prayer was led by F. Johnson, Pastoral Care Team. Intentions were offered for victims of the tornadoes in the U.S., Ralph Borrelli the Associate Director of Dufferin Peel, and a friend of M. da Silva whose father passed away. A.Piscitelli arrived at 6:19 p.m. For all our staff do to engage students in learning at elementary and secondary and prayers for Rosemary Wehrle retired principal.

1.2 **Approval of Agenda**
Item 4.2.2 Bonnie Bryant is not here to present, remove item 10.2.3, add item 4.1a New Student Trustee 2013-93 -- It was moved by J. Jagiellowicz and seconded by M. da Silva: THAT the agenda for May 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)**

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 April 15, 2013
3.1.2 Staffing Report as of May 16, 2013
3.1.3 Items for Action from In-camera meeting May 21/13

2013-94 -- It was moved by G. Reitzei and seconded by W. Price:
THAT the Consent Agenda Board of Trustees and the recommendations contained therein be now approved. ---
Carried by consensus

3 Delegations
4.1a New Student Trustee
D. DeSantis introduced Alexandru Gheorghe a student at St. Benedict CSS as our new student trustee for 2013-14. He advised Alexandru was also appointed to the 2013-14 Minister’s Student Advisory Council. The council is a group of 60 students from all parts of the education system and regions of the province who share their ideas and advice with the Minister of Education on how to ensure Ontario’s schools remain the best in the world.

4.1 VIP Awards
4.1.1 M. da Silva presented the VIP Award to Christian Schleimer, Blessed Sacrament
4.1.2 J. Jagiellowicz presented the VIP Award to Vanessa Vongnhay, St. Anne K
4.1.3 F. Johnson presented the VIP Award to Brigg Medensky, St. Daniel
4.1.4 A. Piscitelli presented the VIP Award to Jessica LeBlanc, St. Mary’s High School
4.1.5 W. Price presented the VIP Award to Jesse Joseph, St. Vincent de Paul

The meeting recessed at 6:38 p.m.
The meeting resumed at 6:41 p.m.

4.2 Delegations – St. Boniface
4.2.1 Maggie Pooran
Maggie Pooran spoke about St. Boniface being the heart of the community and the strong relationship with the church. She is requesting that trustees not remove St. Boniface from Maryhill.

4.2.2 Bonnie Bryant
Bonnie Bryant forwarded her concerns as she was unable to attend the meeting tonight.

4.2.3 Mary Ann Stroh
Mary Ann Stroh felt consultation with the public should have preceded the application for funding. She feels the present location is more central as well as the proximity to the church. She said the majority of parents who attended the two public consultations were from Maryhill.

4.3 St. Boniface Maryhill – questions of clarification
L. Ford advised the Ministry approved the business case we submitted for a new school in Breslau. The only new residential growth in the St. Boniface boundary is in Breslau. Trustees discussed the cost to upgrade St. Boniface. A. Piscitelli declared a conflict due to his employment with the Region of Waterloo and the Region’s Official Plan.

4.4 Numeracy Update
Petra Le Duc, numeracy consultant for JK - 6 and Nancy Snyder, numeracy consultant for 7 to 12 provided highlights for Collaborative Learning in mathematics. Our numeracy day in April was very successful and teachers commented they can build on the information presented at the workshops to help prepare the students. Trustees received a pamphlet on the 2012 Numeracy Cross Panel CI (Collaborative Inquiry) at grades 7, 8 and 9 and Math for Young Children (M4YC). Understanding and applying the big ideas and math processes takes time. We need to sustain what we have built and continue to build on it. We need to maintain a consistent culture of collaborative learning, understanding of the instructional core, use and understanding of differentiation. M. Ivankovic advised the team presented the action plan in the fall and this was a consolidation of that action plan.

4.5 Supporting Students of a Sexual Minority
D. Haime advised we have standing clubs at all secondary schools. APC041 is our administrative procedures memorandum on supporting students of a sexual minority. Fr. Fred Scinto provided information on the theological framework. He advised the Church’s truth is God loves all people equally. The Church accepts the person totally in his/her personhood but not the sexual activity. The Church does not push anyone out. The Church’s basic stance comes from the scriptures.

4.6 Mental Health
Susan Hunt provided an update on Board’s Mental Health and Addictions initiatives as well as Open Minds, Healthy
5. **Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)**

5.1 **Rob Leone, MPP**

2013-95 -- It was moved by A. Piscitelli and seconded by P. Reitmeier: THAT the Board of Trustees extended the meeting by one hour. --- Carried by consensus

The meeting was extended at 8:47 p.m.

Rob Leone provided the following responses:

1. As a party we have been talking about the deepening fiscal crisis in the province. We feel it is a valuable investment to continue full funding of Catholic schools.

2. As an individual MPP I support the continued full funding of Ontario’s Catholic school system.

3. We recognize the value in the full day kindergarten program and feel it is better to identify the needs of students early. We would see a delay in full implementation until the budget is balanced. We would also do a study to analyse the benefits and implications of the program.

4. He is unsure where the review of special education funding is at. He advised he wanted to avoid over promising and not delivering and will continue to lobby. E. Jamieson left the meeting at 9:18 pm.

5. In connection with ministry funding for continuing education Rob said his white paper is higher learning for better jobs. We have to improve our adult numeracy/literacy skills. We should be encouraging creating life-long learning and investing in people.

P. Reitmeier thanked Rob Leone for coming to the meeting and addressing our questions.

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

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

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 **Four Pillars** – deferred to May 27/13

10.2.2 **Accommodation Review Recommendation**

L. Ford advised the report was a response to the questions asked by trustees at the previous meeting. There were no further questions. The recommendation will be on the May 27th agenda for decision.
10.2.3 Minister’s Student Advisory Council – removed

10.2.4 Capped Schools – deferred to May 27/13

10.2.5 The One Called Jesus – Art Exhibit – deferred to May 27/13

10.2.6 Board/Committee of the Whole Meetings 2013-14
L. Clifford advised staff recommended holding board/committee of the whole meetings on a Tuesday or Wednesday for consistency and having space between the meetings. W. Buchholtz advised we don’t have consensus. He suggested trustees consider the suggestions and it will be on the agenda for May 27th for decision.

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

13.2 Pending Items:
Mental Health Government Funding Continuation

The Recording Secretary confirmed the meeting decisions.

15. Motion to Adjourn
2013-96-- It was moved by F. Johnson and seconded by W. Price:
THAT the meeting be now adjourned.
The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:39 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary