A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held Monday, September 9, 2103 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

**Student Trustees Present:**
Alexandru Gheorghe; Carlos Valero

**Administrative Officials Present:**
Larry Clifford; Gerry Clifford; David DeSantis; Derek Haime; Maria Ivankovic; Shesh Maharaj; Laura Shoemaker

**Special Resources For The Meeting:**
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.

### 1. Call to Order:
The Chair of the Board called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

#### 1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials
The opening prayer was led by J. Jagiellowicz, Pastoral Care Team. Intentions were offered for the uncle of M. da Silva’s wife and to keep the families in your prayers for the following who passed away – Camila Lopez a student at St. Mary’s, Sue Sherry a staff member at the Board office, Betty Flynn wife of Joe Flynn former Chair of the Board for Halton CDSB, Jim Sherlock former trustee of Halton CDSB, and Mr. Woodstock the husband of a former French teacher of L Clifford. We offered blessings for all new students to our Board and for all administrators.

W. Buchholtz welcomed Drew Gheorghe our new student trustee and Laura Shoemaker our new superintendent. He congratulated A. Piscitelli on the birth of his son.

#### 1.2 Approval of Agenda
Item 4.5 Literacy/Numeracy Plan will be deferred and Construction Update will be added as item 4.5

2013-130 -- It was moved by M. da Silva and seconded by W. Price:

THAT the agenda for September 9, 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 June 17, 2013
      3.1.2 Items for Action from In-camera meeting September 9, 2013
      2013-131 – It was moved by F. Johnson and seconded by P. Reitmeier:
      THAT the Consent Agenda Board of Trustees and the recommendations contained therein be now approved. ---
      Carried by consensus

4. Delegations
   4.1 OASBO Certificate to Past President
   Russ Coles, president of Ontario Association of School Business Officials presented a plaque to thank the Board of Trustees and the WCDSB for their support as Shesh Maharaj worked with OASBO. He has completed his term as president. He was also vice-president and chair of the finance committee. S. Maharaj provided his expertise, enhanced our recognition programs and stimulated our mentoring program. It has been a pleasure to work with him.

   4.2 2013-14 Parent Reaching Out Grants (PRO)
   D. Haime advised our Board has received notification of funds for PRO grants. 19 schools successfully applied for the grant this year. Last year many supports were put in place to assist school councils in applying for the grants.

   4.3 October 4/13 Spiritual Development Day
   D. Haime thanked the central and school pastoral teams for their fine work in preparation for our spiritual development day. Rediscovering Joy and Faith is the theme. Trustees were invited to join us in the morning for a site-based spiritual development day beginning with mass at 9:00 a.m. at St. Mary's church and then listen to our guest speaker, Anne Jamieson.

   4.4 OCSTA: Summit on Children and Youth Mental Health
   L. Shoemaker was pleased to announce that our new mental health lead is Jacquie McLaren who is well researched and experienced with respect to mental health. She has a well-defined role from the Ministry of Community and Social Services and will be offering a series of professional development sessions for our administrators.

   4.5 Construction Update
   J. Bigelow distributed an update on the construction projects during the summer in our schools.

   4.6 Tell Them From Me Survey
   D. DeSantis advised we are continuing our contract for the Tell them from Me Survey. The results of the survey, which are completed every two years, provide meaning data from our students to the administrators. He reviewed the areas of improvement and concern. Information is shared with the administrators to put strategies in place to address these concerns through their school improvement plan. A. Piscitelli requested the electronic results be forwarded to all trustees. L. Clifford indicated staff would follow through.

5. Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)

6. Actions From Board Committees/Task Forces
   6.1 Ends Task Force – Consultation Plan
   The Ends Committee met August 29th and developed an Ends Consultation Plan and a series of questions for consultation with the community regarding our draft Ends Statements. Trustees agreed the committee should proceed with the consultation process.

   6.2 2013-14 Draft Committee Assignments
   W. Buchholtz presented a draft committee/task force structure for the year based on response from the trustees. They discussed the positions that were still available and were requested to email the Chair. Revisions will be made and resent to the trustees.

7. Board Education (at the request of the Board)
   7.1 Draft Board Calendar 2013-14
   Trustees reviewed the board calendar of events/meetings for 2013-14.
7.2 2012-13 Board Evaluation
W. Buchholtz asked trustees to review the board evaluation completed last June and identify which areas the board should focus on. Trustees referred trustee support around strategic planning and dealing with in-camera business to the Governance Committee. L. Clifford will bring the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Strategic Direction for Our Improvement Plan to the October 7th Committee of the Whole.

7.3 2013-14 Work Plan of the Board
W. Buchholtz presented a 2013-14 work plan of the Board for discussion. Trustees agreed to go forward with the work plan.

8. Policy Discussion

9. Assurance of Successful Board Performance

10. Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance
10.1 Monitoring Reports & Vote on Compliance
10.1.1

10.2 Advice from the CEO
10.2.1 Areas of Priority (Strategic Alignment)
L. Clifford reported he presented the draft document to the principals, board office and facility services staff and it will also be going to the Deanery. The superintendents looked at aligning strategically with the mission/vision. Reporting on the areas below will be at the Committee of the Whole meetings:
- A Place for All (Building Capacity to Lead & Learn)
- Success for Each (Student Achievement & Well Being)
- Heart of the Community (Nurturing Our Catholic Community)

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

2013-132-- It was moved by M. da Silva and seconded by G. Reitzel:
THAT the meeting be now adjourned.
The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:22 p.m.