Committee of the Whole Meeting

A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held Monday, November 11, 2013 at the Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre.

**Trustees Present:**
Joyce Anderson; Wayne Buchholtz (Chair); Manuel da Silva; Janek Jagiellowicz; Frank Johnson; 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:**

**Regrets:**
John Shewchuk; Fr. Fred Scinto

**Absent:**
*Anthony Piscitelli *see September 19, 2013 Special Board of Trustee minutes

**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 7:30 p.m.

1.1 **Opening Prayer & Memorials**

1.2 **Approval of Agenda**

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2013-155 -- It was moved by P. Reitmeier and seconded by J. Jagiellowicz:
THAT the agenda for November 11, 2013 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**

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2013-156 -- It was moved by M. da Silva and seconded by W. Price:
THAT the Consent Agenda Board of Trustees and the recommendations contained therein be now approved. --- Carried by consensus

The Oct 7th minutes will be revised to read: Absent: *A. Piscitelli *see September 19, 2013 Special Board of Trustee minutes.

4 Delegations

4.1 Pathways Footprint
D. DeSantis provided a handout on the Student Success Learning to 18 Strategy for 2013-14 which has been posted to the website. The Pathways Planner, created by Judy Carley, Pathways and Placement Officer, is given to every grade 8 student to help them discern their pathway. The Entering Secondary School guide is given to every grade 8 student/parent which outlines the pathway initiatives and gives a detailed analysis of each pathway.

5. Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)

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

9.1 Succession Planning
W. Buchholtz advised in the past prior to the election of the chair/vice-chair the trustees had discussion and identified if they would like to stand for one of these roles. He provided background on the responsibilities of the chair and vice-chair. Trustees discussed the need to revise the orientation package that would be available at the pre-election sessions for new trustees prior to the elections in 2014.

10. Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance

10.1 Monitoring Reports & Vote on Compliance

10.2 Advice from the CEO

10.2.1 Areas of Priority (Strategic Alignment)
L. Clifford reported:

Heart of the Community (Nurturing Our Catholic Community)
- Thank you Veterans poster displayed by WCDSB staff at the Kitchener Remembrance Day ceremony. The Chair and Director will write a letter to the Legions regarding the changes to the program in several cities.
- We Day – tickets are still available
- May 7th Catholic Ed Week mass across the province.
- Philippines Disaster – all staff were asked to keep them in prayer and were provided information on where donations could be made.
- Op-Ed article on one school system – promote Catholic education

A Place for All (Building Capacity to Lead & Learn)
- The building of St. Gabriel is progressing and discussions on which principal will be assigned.
- Principals/vice-chair assignments will be announced earlier in the year (2014).
- A media session will be offered November 29th for senior staff/administrators providing information for communicating with the press. Trustees to email L. Clifford if they wish to attend the second session.
- Board Christmas card is in the design stages by Kelly Munroe and her grade 4 students at St. Paul.
- Monsignor Haller, St. Michael and Monsignor Doyle have floats in the Christmas Santa Claus parade on Nov 16th.
Success for Each (Student Achievement & Well Being)
- Science of Sexuality exhibit at the Museum – senior staff and trustees will have an opportunity to view the exhibit prior to the opening.
- Board leadership strategy follow-up

10.2.2 2013-2016 Draft Strategic Plan
L. Clifford advised trustees received an electronic copy of the draft strategic plan. Trustees were asked to provide feedback and will come back with the revisions before going to the stakeholders for their input.

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
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13.2 Pending Items:
   Mental Health Government Funding Continuation

The Recording Secretary confirmed the meeting decisions.

15. Motion to Adjourn
2013-157– It was moved by F. Johnson and seconded by W. Price:
THAT the meeting be now adjourned.
The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:46 p.m.