Committee of the Whole Meeting

A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held Monday, February 10, 2014 at St. Teresa CES, 270 Edwin Street, Kitchener.

Trustees Present:
Joyce Anderson; Manuel da Silva; Janek Jagiellowicz; Frank Johnson; Anthony Piscitelli; *Wendy Price; Peter Reitmeier; Greg Reitzel

*attended electronically

Student Trustees Present:

Administrative Officials Present:
Larry Clifford; Gerry Clifford; David DeSantis; Derek Haime; Shesh Maharaj

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Regrets:
Wayne Buchholtz; Alexandru Gheorghe; Carlos Valero; Maria Ivankovic; Laura Shoemaker; John Shewchuk; Fr. Fred Scinto

Absent:

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:
P. Reitmeier chaired the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials
The opening prayer was led by J. Jagiellowicz. Intentions were offered for a friend of M. da Silva’s nephew who is ill, congratulations to Mario n Thomson Howell on the birth of a grandchild and to M. da Silva who celebrated his daughter and son-in-law’s wedding. There is a memorial ceremony for Kayla Baker. Prayers were requested for the family of a student at St. Teresa Elmira who passed away and for the family of student at St. Benedict who lost her life.

1.2 Approval of Agenda
2014-22 -- It was moved by M. da Silva and seconded by F. Johnson:
THAT the agenda for February 10, 2014 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 January 13, 2014

2014-23 -- It was moved by F. Johnson and seconded by G. Reitzel:

THAT the Consent Agenda Board of Trustees and the recommendations contained therein be now approved. ***Carried by consensus***

4 Delegations

4.1 VIP Awards
4.1.1 P. Reitmeier presented the VIP award to Ema Giovinazzo, a student at St. Bernadette
4.1.2 G. Reitzel presented the VIP award to Marianna Sokolowski, a student at St. Teresa K

The meeting recessed at 6:12 p.m.
The meeting resumed at 6:14 p.m.

4.2 West Waterloo ARC Delegation
Jennifer Rothfischer has two sons who attend St. Clement’s and is an active member of the school and parish. Her concern is with the proposed change in the terms of the ARC to include the possibility of closing St. Clement’s that trustees were asked to consider at the January Board meeting. Discussions to this point have been about the possible closure of St. Agatha. She feels if St. Clement’s were to be included, the current review should be stopped and re-evaluated rather than changed midstream.

4.3 West Waterloo ARC Delegation
Lindsey Dietrich, chair of the parent council for St. Clement school said including the possible closure of St. Clement would not meet the goals of the accommodation review committee. She was also concerned with the high cost to renovate and the concern the community is currently not projected to grow much.

4.4 West Waterloo ARC Update From Jan 27/14 Board
S. Maharaj stated at the January board meeting there was discussion on the report presented by staff and he was requested to approach the Ministry of Education to see if the terms of reference could be changed. The Ministry advised it would be the decision of the board of trustees but notice would need to be circulated. Trustees were asked whether they wished to pursue a change to the terms of reference. They were in agreement to continue with the original terms of reference and report back to the accommodation review committee. It will not be placed on the February 24th agenda.

4.5 Capped Schools
L. Ford advised the cap on Our Lady of Fatima will be removed and a cap on out of boundary students will be added to St. Augustine.

4.6 Charity Republic
D. DeSantis advised WCDSB together with Charity Republic are rolling out Hour Republic which will enable students to find volunteer opportunities in the community and securely record and verify their volunteer and co-op activities online.

4.7 St. Teresa Tour
L. Clifford welcomed Bryan Cinti, principal of St. Teresa (K).

B Cinti spoke about the school community and the needs of the families. Our EQAO scores continue to trend upwards. He said when students are cared for and engaged and learning is relevant and fun they will meet with success. Successes are celebrated weekly with Sunny Salute Recognition Program recognizing many students every Friday. We intentionally message great kids play here, hands are for helping not hurting, and there is always room for one more. We gather for monthly spirit assemblies and host Thursday’s with Father Tom. Trustees were given a tour of the school facilities.

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

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 St. Gabriel Update
G. Clifford advised Fr. Freitas has offered space at St. Mary of the Visitation in Cambridge for Cheryl Casselman, principal and her assistant to prepare for the opening of St. Gabriel. Information will be on the billboards advising families how to register.

10.2.2 Areas of Priority (Strategic Alignment)
L. Clifford reported:
- Heart of the Community (Nurturing Our Catholic Community)
  - International Student Recruitment Trip
  - Corporate Services award for budget presentation from OASBO International
  - Partnership with Rachel Halligan, MD to bring Your Health Matters for CEC and administrators.
  - OCSTA Conference April 24-26
  - Meeting St. Benedict school council regarding the impact of bell times on their community.

- A Place for All (Building Capacity to Lead & Learn)
  - Bishop Miehm booked for Inaugural mass December 8/14
  - 2014 Diocesan mass hosted by French Catholic School Board.
  - Trustees/superintendents and their families celebrating mass on Sunday of Education week
  - Budget advisory Committee to meet the end of the month.

- Success for Each (Student Achievement & Well Being)
  - The Museum’s offer to host Secondary student exhibit
  - JK/K Registration advertisements
  - Principal and vice-principal interviews held.
  - Secondary students attending Culture of Life /Workshop Feb 13/14.
  - Finance Minister meeting re: 21st Century Learning, mental health and special education funding.
  - WCDSB and WRDSB Early Years Learning meeting.

10.2.3 Staff Survey
L. Clifford and trustees discussed the external staff climate surveys completed in 2009 and 2011. Senior staff are currently constructing an instrument for surveying internally. Trustees suggested the use of appreciative inquiry model and addressing staff concerns.

11. Potential Agenda Items
- Draft Terms of Reference for the Code of Conduct Task Force for Feb 24th Board meeting.

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:


The Recording Secretary confirmed the meeting decisions.

15. Motion to Adjourn

2014-24-- 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 8:18 p.m.

Vice-Chair of the Board  Secretary