Committee of the Whole Meeting

A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held Monday, April 7, 2014 at the KW Art Gallery, 101 Queen St., N., Kitchener.

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

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

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

**Special Resources For The Meeting:**

**Regrets:**
Peter Reitmeier; Shesh Maharaj; 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:**
The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

1.1 **Opening Prayer & Memorials**
The opening prayer was led by J. Jagiellowicz, Pastoral Team Committee. Intentions were offered for Nancy Sabo’s mother who is ill, Cheryl Casselman’s brother-in-law who passed away, a family member of Dan Ingoldsby who passed away, and S. Maharaj’s father who passed away. Please keep them in your prayers.

1.2 **Approval of Agenda**
Add 8.1 Policy Governance In-service

*2014-54* -- It was moved by M. da Silva and seconded by J. Anderson:

*THAT the agenda for April 7, 2014 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 March 3, 2014
3.1.2 Items for Action from In-camera Meeting of Apr 7/14 Related to Awards

2014-55 – It was moved by J. Anderson and seconded by W. Price:

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 W. Price presented the VIP award to Emily Masters, a student at Blessed John Paul II
4.1.2 M. da Silva presented the VIP award to Melissa Linares, a student at Holy Family
4.1.3 A. Gheorghe presented the VIP award to Casey Baleshta, Olivia Ingle, Elizabeth VanDam, students at St. Agnes

The meeting recessed at 6:25 p.m.
The meeting resumed at 6:29 p.m.

4.2 KW Art Gallery Tour

N. Neufeld (KW Art Gallery) and Christine Bencina (Arts Consultant) gave trustees a brief overview of the school programs and teacher professional development offered at the Gallery. They gave trustees and senior staff a tour of the Expressions 39 Exhibit. Students from St. Aloysius presented a series of artwork they currently have on display in the gallery.

4.3 2014-15 School Year Calendar

D. DeSantis, M. Ivankovic and a Steering Committee prepared the 2014-15 school year calendar aligning wherever possible with the WRDSB. The calendar will be on the Consent Agenda: Director of Education for approval April 28th.

4.4 Student Leadership Conference

D. DeSantis spoke of the student leadership conference developed for this year titled “Fearless Leadership, Breaking Boundaries, Building Bridges”. Teachers and principals who attended provided positive feedback. Administrators and teachers chose four students from grade 7 and 8 who would most benefit from the conference. The conference provided them with the starting skills to be successful leaders in the future.

4.5 Draft Treatment of Staff Survey

L. Clifford presented a draft Treatment of Staff survey developed by Dr. L. Shoemaker for discussion and input from the trustees. The results of the survey would be used for the Board Improvement Plan and then the School Improvement Plan. Trustees provided comments for consideration. L. Clifford would like to have two trustees work with senior staff on the survey.

5. Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)

6. Actions From Board Committees/Task Forces

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

7.1 OCSTA 2014 AGM Resolutions

Trustees reviewed the resolutions that will be presented for approval at the AGM in April. They discussed the proposed revisions to the by-law and supported presenting a resolution on rural schools.

8. Policy Discussion

8.1 Policy Governance In-service

Governance Committee discussed a review of policy governance and was supportive of obtaining a facilitator to provide professional development for trustees and senior staff if all were interested and available to attend. Trustees agreed Governance would draft a list of questions at the next meeting for all to answer. It will be brought back to the Board.

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:

Heart of the Community (Nurturing Our Catholic Community)
- Diocesan Mass is to be hosted entirely by French Board
- GSNs presented by simulcast.
- United Way luncheon at St. Aloysius school
- School visits by Director are complete
- Grade 12 class visits
- Blessed John Paul II will become St. John Paul II on April 27th. Bishop Miehm will celebrate mass May 16th
- Margo Jones will be the next KW Oktoberfest Chairperson

A Place for All (Building Capacity to Lead & Learn)
- Administrator moves will be announced shortly
- Senior staff at the OCSOA AGM Apr 8 – 11
- EQAO – St. Mary’s grade 9 applied math good news story.

Success for Each (Student Achievement & Well Being)
- Linkages Committee invited MPPs to visit 4 secondary schools.
- Bishop’s Dinner is May 13th
- Staff Recognition is May 6th
- Relay for Life June 13th at 7:00 p.m. organized by Dutton Drive staff. Trustees invited to participate
- Director’s Easter message released April 16th
- CTV News poll – “Should Catholic Schools Receive Government Funding”

10.2.2 WCDSB Promotional Postcards

L. Clifford provided a copy of the postcards to be distributed to schools and real estate offices for distribution. Additional phone contacts and numbers will be added in future additions.

10.2.3 Rural West Waterloo ARC Update

L. Clifford attended the ARC meeting at St. Nicholas on Mar 27th. The committee’s vote selected a preferred closure option. The next public meeting will be April 10th 4 to 6:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary.

10.2.4 Motion to Move to Private, Private, Private

2014-56 -- It was moved by M. da Silva and seconded by F. Johnson:
THAT the Board of Trustees move to a private, private, private meeting. --- Carried by consensus.

The meeting moved to a private, private, private meeting at 8:36 p.m.
The public meeting reconvened at 9:55 p.m.

2014-57 -- It was moved by G. Reitzel and seconded by J. Jagiellowicz:
THAT the Board of Trustees approve the actions arising from the March 24/14 and April 7/14 private, private, private meeting – Carried by consensus

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:


The Recording Secretary confirmed the meeting decisions.

15. Motion to Adjourn

2014-58-- It was moved by J. Jagiellowicz and seconded by M. da Silva:
THAT the meeting be now adjourned.
The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:58 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary