

Board of Trustees' Meeting

A public meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, October 20, 2014 at the Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre.

Trustees Present:

Joyce Anderson; *Wayne Buchholtz; Manuel da Silva (Chair); Janek Jagiellowicz; Frank Johnson; Anthony Piscitelli; Wendy Price; Peter Reitmeier; Greg Reitzel

*arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Student Trustees Present:

Karen Hakim; Maria Paz Rodriguez

Administrative Officials Present:

Michael Schmitt; Gerry Clifford; David DeSantis; Derek Haime; Shesh Maharaj; Laura Shoemaker

Special Resources For The Meeting:

John Shewchuk

Regrets:

Maria Ivankovic

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 6:00 p.m.

1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials

The opening prayer was led by F. Johnson, Pastoral Care Team.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Remove Item 4.1 St. Mary's High School – Transportation Delegation; add Item 5.1 Trustee Dialogue/Sharing re: School/Community Events Attended, Item 5.2 United Way Event; and Item 8.1 Governance re: Recent Session with External Facilitator; move item 10.2 to before Item 6.

2014-164 -- It was *moved* by **J. Anderson** and *seconded* by **A. Piscitelli**:

THAT the agenda for October 20, 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

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3.1.1 Minutes of Board meeting of Sept 29, 2014

- 3.1.2 Minutes of Code of Conduct Task Force Meeting of Sept 29, 2014
- 3.1.3 Staffing Report as of October 16, 2014, 2014
- 3.1.4 Items for Action from Previous In-camera Meeting of October 20, 2014 related to property

2014-165 -- It was *moved* by **G. Reitzel** 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 St. Mary's High School – Transportation Delegation – delegation was unable to attend.

4.2 Bell Times (St. Teresa K, St. Anne K, St. Joseph, St. Agnes)

Sara Heimpel advised this is a presentation on behalf of a broader number of school communities. They had presented their concerns in the spring and are proposing several solutions this evening with the hope there can be a solution to the late bell times. A. Piscitelli left the meeting at 6:19 p.m. due to his employment with the Region of Waterloo. S. Maharaj will bring a report to the board on the impact of moving bell times. M. da Silva suggested a meeting could be arranged with the newly elected Chairs of each board to discuss parents' concerns with the bell times.

5 Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)

5.1 Trustee Dialogue re: School/Community Events Attended

A. Piscitelli returned to the meeting @ 6:25. M. da Silva asked each trustee to share information on an event they had recently attended.

5.2 United Way

M. Schmitt advised trustees of a United Way event taking place at the Waterloo Region Museum on October 30th. United Way supports programs related to children, youth, seniors and around health and wellness. United Way also provides approximately \$8,000 to Planned Parenthood used for translation services for new Canadian women with language barriers or inability to communicate with professionals due to past trauma.

10.2 Advice from the CEO

10.2.1 Transportation Cost Rural West Waterloo Review

S. Maharaj advised there was a request to cost out transporting students in the northern portion of Baden to Holy Family school beginning in 2015-16. The incremental cost is \$5,000 per year.

10.2.2 Summer Learning

D. Haime introduced Pat Runstedler, principal at St. Dominic and Marilyn Dawson, Family Life & Religion Consultant. He also thanked St. Louis in offering their staff and infrastructure in getting this program organized.

P. Runstedler feels given enough time and intervention all kids can learn. The summer boost program with funds provided by CODE was run by a staff of 15 teachers and in keeping with our mission/vision statement. The program which began July 2nd was offered at four Kitchener schools and one Cambridge school and served approximately 165 students. Students will improve their numeracy and literacy skills, have fun, make new friends, develop a belief in themselves as learners through the power of perseverance, and it will improve parent engagement.

M. Dawson said the day began at 8:30 a.m. with prayer and then moved into the literacy or numeracy block. They played games, role-played and there was music, the arts and physical movement breaks. The focus was on learning, fun and relationship building. She said the students were excited and had a feeling of success and accomplishment.

W. Buchholtz arrived at 7:05 p.m. P. Runstedler said testing before and after for grades 1 to 3 showed evidence of improved literacy and numeracy scores. He felt the pilot program was very successful and parents felt the same.

6 Actions From Board Committees/Task Forces

6.1 Student Trustee Report and Presentations

K. Hakim reported:

St. Mary's – had dress down day and games day; upcoming semi-formal and coffee house

St. Benedict – had homecoming week, blue/yellow shirt day and a club fair; upcoming teachers vs students dodge ball game, Godspell production and a haunted house.

M. Paz Rodriguez reported:

St. David – spirit wear available to order, upcoming dress a teacher for Halloween and Oct 22nd pep rally

Monsignor Doyle – started a cheer squad and an upcoming haunted house.

Resurrection – had mass on Oct 9th, harvest barbecue on Oct 10th, coffee house on Oct 15th for Dominican Encounter; upcoming Academic Awards night is Oct 22nd.

Upcoming Events:

November – Prostate Cancer Awareness

November 6th – Homecoming at The Museum

November 9th to 11th – Ontario Student Leadership Conference

November 11th – Remembrance Day Mass

November 24th – 28th Resurrection Reads Week

6.2 Rural West Waterloo ARC Recommendation

2014-166 -- It was *moved* by **P. Reitmeier** and *seconded* by **G. Reitzel**:

THAT the Board of Trustees reconsider board motion 2014-120 – June 23, 2104 -- for the purpose of clarifying the student grandparenting and student transportation decisions resulting from the Rural West Waterloo Elementary School Accommodation Review. --- no consensus

W. Buchholtz advised as he was not present for the original motion he will abstain from this vote.

In Favour: 7

Opposed: 1

Motion Carried: vote of 7 to 1

2014-167 -- It was *moved* by **P. Reitmeier** and *seconded* by **G. Reitzel**:

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the following recommendations related to the Rural West Waterloo Accommodation Review:

- 1. That the boundaries of St. Agatha and St. Nicholas (Vista Hills /Wilmot Line) be modified in accordance with Phase 1 of the Second Option (Option 1d), effective immediately.*
- 2. That the boundaries of St. Agatha and Holy Family be modified in accordance with Phase 2 of the Second Option (Option 1d), effective September 2015.*
- 3. That the Board applies for funding from the Ministry of Education to construct a new St. Agatha Catholic Elementary School in Wilmot Township.*
- 4. That the Board applies for funding from the Ministry of Education to renovate St. Clement Catholic Elementary School.*
- 5. That the Board grandparents students already enrolled (and their siblings) in the year of implementation (September 2015) to finish their elementary schooling at their existing school. Transportation would be provided.*
- 6. That the principals assigned to the schools where students are impacted develop a transition plan to facilitate the transition of students to their new school assignment.*
- 7. That the boundaries of St. Agatha and Holy Family be modified in accordance with Alternative 4: Baden Option 2 effective upon the construction of a new school in Wilmot Township.*
- 8. That the Board grandparents students, entering grade 8 in the year of implementation to finish their elementary schooling at their existing school. Transportation would be provided.*
- 9. That the principals assigned to the schools where students are impacted develop a transition plan to facilitate the transition of students to their new school assignment. --- No consensus*

In Favour: 8

Opposed: 1

Motion Carried: vote of 8 to 1

7 Board Education (at the request of the Board)

8. Policy Discussion

8.1 Governance re: Recent Session with External Facilitator

M. da Silva advised a workshop was held with an outside facilitator for trustees and senior administration around worries and values in connection with elementary admissions.

2014-168 -- It was *moved* by **A. Piscitelli** and *seconded* by **W. Price**

THAT Governance draft a policy with respect to elementary admissions based on the session held on Oct 15th with an outside facilitator and report back to the board of trustees by no later than February 2015. --- **Carried by consensus**

9. Assurance of Successful Board Performance

9.1 Board Policy II 003 Board Job Description

2014-169 -- It was *moved* by **F. Johnson** and *seconded* by **A. Piscitelli**:

THAT the Board of Trustees reviewed Policy II 003 Board Job Description and finds we are in compliance. --- **Carried by consensus**

9.2 Is There a Need to Review This Policy?

Trustees agreed there no need to review this policy

10. Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance

10.1 Monitoring Reports & Vote on Compliance

10.1.1

10.2 Advice from the CEO – moved to before Item 6

10.2.1 Transportation Cost Rural West Waterloo Review

10.2.2 Summer Learning

11. Potential Agenda Items

11.1 Trustee Inquiry Report from the CEO

11.2 Shared Concerns

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

12.2 Upcoming Meetings/Events (all scheduled for the Catholic education Centre unless otherwise indicated):

12.3 Pending Items:

- Look at building our rural population
- Consider a committee to review the boundaries for future consideration

12.4 Pending Items for OCSTA Consideration

- *Public Sector Compensation Restraint to Protect Public Services Act, 2010* (the “Restraint Act”)

13. Items for the Next Meeting Agenda

14. Adjournment – Confirm decisions made tonight. Closing Prayer

The Recording Secretary confirmed the meeting decisions.

15. Motion to Adjourn

2014-170 -- It was *moved* by **F. Johnson**:

THAT the meeting be now adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:00 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary