A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held Monday, November 10, 2014 at Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre, Kitchener

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

**Student Trustees Present:**
Maria Paz Rodriguez

**Administrative Officials Present:**
Michael Schmitt; Gerry Clifford; David DeSantis; Maria Ivankovic; Shesh Maharaj; Laura Shoemaker

**Special Resources For The Meeting:**

**Regrets:**
Karen Hakim; Derek Haime; John Shewchuk

**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.

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**1. Call to Order:**
The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1.1 **Opening Prayer & Memorials**
M. da Silva welcomed the new trustees. The opening prayer was led by F. Johnson, Pastoral Team Committee. Intentions were offered for P. Reitmeier’s mother-in-law, Mary Pollock, who passed away 11 years ago, and for all our soldiers and those who gave their lives.

1.2 **Approval of Agenda**
2014-171 -- It was moved by W. Price and seconded by J. Anderson:
THAT the agenda for November 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

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**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)**

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**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 October 6, 2014
3.1.2 Items for Action from previous In-camera meeting November 10, 2014

2014-172 -- It was moved by W. Buchholtz 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

5. Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)

6. Actions From Board Committees/Task Forces

6.1 Linkages Committee Direction
M. da Silva opened the item for discussion on the direction for the Linkages committee for next term. P. Reitmeier advised M. Schmitt suggested building relationships with the new mayors in city council, various civic bodies and current partnerships. A. Piscitelli declared a conflict due to his employment at the Region of Waterloo and left the meeting at 6:09 p.m. An invitation to an open house could be extended to all newly elected including the Townships. M. da Silva and M. Schmitt will discuss and come back to the new board with suggestions.

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

7.1 2015 OCSTA AGM/Conference Resolutions
A. Piscitelli returned at 6:22 p.m. M. da Silva advised trustees identified Public Sector Compensation Restraint to Protect Public Services Act, 2010 (the "Restraint Act") a potential resolution. No consultation by the Ministry with trustees on the new Health and Physical Education Curriculum, grades 1-8 was also identified as a resolution.

8. Policy Discussion

8.1 Board Policy II 007 Board Members’ Code of Conduct
F. Johnson gave an overview of the changes between the formal and informal process and having an outside consultant involved in the process. It was suggested that a staff member could also be included to bring forward an alleged breach to the Chair. Trustees recommended the Code of Conduct as presented be placed on the Consent Agenda on November 24th. It was also recommended to send the Code of Conduct to Governance to have a discussion on adding staff to the list of who can bring an alleged breach to the attention of the Board.

9. Assurance of Successful Board Performance

10. Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance

10.1 Monitoring Reports & Vote on Compliance

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10.2 Advice from the CEO

10.2.1 United Way Campaign
M. Schmitt advised this is just information for the Board.

10.2.2 Parent Consultation – Elem Curriculum (Sexual Health)
M. Schmitt referred trustees to correspondence from OCSTA advising the Ministry is seeking input on the new Health and Physical Education Curriculum, Grades 1 – 8 scheduled for implementation September 2015 through a survey completed by one parent representative from each elementary school and in Ontario. The Institute for Catholic Education (ICE) will be involved in the development of resources for use in Catholic schools. Trustees expressed concern they were not consulted for input and that a draft of the curriculum is not available to them nor parents answering the survey questions. Trustees suggested a letter be written to OCSTA with a copy to the Minister of Education. M. da Silva will prepare the letter and M. Schmitt will follow up with ICE.

10.2.3 St. Jerome University Renewal Campaign
M. Schmitt advised St. Jerome's University is undergoing a renewal campaign to rebuild their campus. The university is asking for the support of the Catholic School Boards in the jurisdiction of the Hamilton Diocese by endorsing their campaign. The recommendation will be placed in the Consent Agenda on November 24th.
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

   2014-173-- It was moved by F. Johnson:
   THAT the meeting be now adjourned.
   The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:00 p.m.

Chair of the Board ___________________________ Secretary ___________________________