Committee of the Whole Meeting

A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held Monday, April 13, 2015 at Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre, Kitchener.

Trustees Present:
Joyce Anderson; Bill Conway; Manuel da Silva (Chair); Amy Fee; Frank Johnson; Wendy Price; Brian Schmalz; Melanie Van Alphen

Student Trustees Present:
Karen Hakim; Maria Paz Rodriguez

Administrative Officials Present:
Michael Schmitt; Gerry Clifford; David DeSantis; Derek Haime; Maria Ivankovic; Shesh Maharaj; Laura Shoemaker; John Shewchuk

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Regrets:
Greg Reitzel

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 6:00 p.m.

1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials
The opening prayer was led by Anne Marie Hayman, former student trustee. Intentions were offered for the family of Helen Cipriano whose husband passed away, a former social worker who is ill, Fr. Walter Schnarr who passed away and Arthur Skinner father of Judy Skinner and grandfather of Amanda McGraw who passed away.

Anne Marie Hayman attended St. Kateri, St. Mary’s and was a student trustee from 2010 – 2011. She said it was a wonderful experience. She did a co-op placement here at the board office and now attends St. Jerome’s university in arts specializing in international trade. She is enrolled in the Beyond Borders Program. She advised her religion classes helped prepare her and she is also a volunteer in the community.

1.2 Approval of Agenda
2015-45 -- It was moved by W. Price and seconded by M. Van Alphen:
THAT the agenda for April 13, 2015 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 9, 2015
      3.1.2 Solar Panel Update
      2015-46 -- It was moved by F. Johnson and seconded by B. Conway:
      THAT the Consent Agenda Board of Trustees and the recommendations contained therein be now approved. --- Carried by consensus

4. Delegations

5. Advice From the CEO
   5.1 Graduation Rates
   D. DeSantis reported on our graduation rates which are used to inform 21st Century Learning to improve overall academic success.

   5.2 Sounds of Joy
   D. Haime advised the talents of our Catholic schools will be featured at the Sounds of Joy concert on May 26th at the Hamilton Convention Centre. Our board will be represented by St. Benedict/Monsignor Doyle Concert band and Resurrection’s Funk band. The event is supported by Bishop Crosby.

   5.3 April 17th PD Day
   M. Ivankovic provided an outline on the professional development day with a focus on numeracy.

   5.4 Identification of Multi Year Strategic Plan Session
   M. Schmitt advised the survey available on the website to provide input on the Multi Year Strategic Plan will close near the end of April. The Steering committee will then look at broad themes. He will work through the Chair to select a date to meet with the board to identify strategic priorities and goals.

6. Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)
   Trustees met as separate groups for Linkages and Pastoral Care.

   6.1 Linkages Activity
   A. Fee advised the committee is continuing preparations for the Community breakfast on May 8th.

   6.2 Pastoral Care Team
   B. Schmalz will contact Fr. Freitas to discuss facilitating an informal retreat in the fall for trustees, new director of education, senior staff and principal/vice-principal association executive.

7. Reports From Board Committees/Task Forces

8. Board Education (at the request of the Board)
   8.1 OCSTA AGM Resolutions
   Trustees reviewed each of the resolutions that will be presented at the AGM.

9. Policy Discussion
   9.1 Student Trustee Term of Office
   M. Schmitt advised the legislation is clear the term of office for student trustees is one year. With elections for the OSTA AECO Executive Council held at the Annual General Meeting in May our students would not have the opportunity for a provincial leadership role unless they were re-elected for a second term. M. da Silva will speak with Kevin Kobus at the OCSTA AGM regarding their concerns.
10. Assurance of Successful Board Performance

10.1 Need for Governance Training Session/Core Modules 1 - 10
M. Schmitt suggested trustees may wish to work with the new director moving forward on the governing process. Trustees will look at Module #6 The Strategic Role and Multi-year Strategic Planning at the April 27th board meeting and Module #5 Part A: Performance Review: Director of Education; Part B: Board Self-Assessment: Governance at the May 11th Committee of the Whole meeting.

11. Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance

12. Potential Agenda Items

13. Announcements

14. Items for the Next Meeting Agenda/Pending Items
14.1 Items for the Next Meeting Agenda
14.2 Pending Items

15. Adjournment – Confirm decisions made tonight. Closing Prayer

The Recording Secretary confirmed the meeting decisions.

16. Closing Prayer

17. Motion to Adjourn

2015-47-- It was moved by W. Price and seconded by F. Johnson:
THAT the meeting be now adjourned.
The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:10 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary