Minutes

Committee of the Whole Meeting

A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held Monday, June 15, 2015 at Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre, Kitchener

**Trustees Present:**
Joyce Anderson; Bill Conway; Manuel da Silva (Chair); Frank Johnson; Greg Reitzel; Brian Schmalz; Melanie Van Alphen

**Student Trustees Present:**
Karen Hakim; Maria Paz Rodriguez

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

**Special Resources For The Meeting:**
Lindsay Ford

**Regrets:**
Amy Fee; Wendy Price; Gerry Clifford

**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 F. Johnson. Intentions were offered for the Clifford family for the passing of Mary Clifford, Rob Haas former student at St. Jerome’s High school who passed away and for Carla Santomero whose mother passed away.

1.2 **Approval of Agenda**
Add Item 10.2 Start Time of June 22nd Board meeting

2015-66 -- It was moved by J. Anderson and seconded by M. Van Alphen:
THAT the agenda for June 15, 2015 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)**

2.1 Institute for Catholic Education – Health & Physical Education Curriculum Resource Support

2015-67 -- It was moved by B. Conway and seconded by B. Schmalz:
THAT the Consent Agenda Director of Education and the recommendations contained therein be now approved. --- Carried by consensus
3. Consent Agenda: Board of Trustees (Minutes of meetings)

3.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular and Special Meetings

3.1.1 Minutes of Committee of the Whole meeting of May 11, 2015

2015-68 -- It was moved by J. Anderson 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. Advice From the CEO

5.1 Student Success Update

D. DeSantis advised the Student Success Learning to 18 strategies are designed to:

- Increase graduation rates and decrease dropout rates;
- Support a good outcome for all students;
- Provide students with new and relevant learning opportunities;
- Build on students' strengths and interests; and,
- Provide students with an effective elementary to secondary school transition

The percentage of students who have graduated over the past five years has improved.

5.2 21st Century Teaching & Learning Update

D. DeSantis introduced Ferdinand Krauss and Patrick Eby to give an update on the 21st century teaching and Learning Blueprint.

P. Eby provided background on the development of the 21st Century Teaching and Learning Blueprint. The Blueprint stipulates key student outcomes that our system will endeavour to meet. We know that our students achieve academic success when:

- They are provided the necessary supports to work to their highest level of ability;
- They have the knowledge, skills and confidence to pursue their desired career and life paths;
- When they are prepared for the challenges and opportunities of an ever-changing world that demands a diverse skill set as well as a broad social conscience aligned with our Catholic values; and,
- When they meet the Ontario Catholic Schools Graduate Expectations.

F. Krauss reviewed the six subcommittees:

- 21st Century Classroom and Environment
- Library as Learning Commons
- Parent and Student Engagement
- Social Media and Digital Citizenship
- Role of Technology
- Community Partnerships

5.3 Multi-year Strategic Plan Update

M. Schmitt reported the Board of Trustees identified Strategic Priorities and Directions from the planning session May 30th. Trustees recommended a change in wording and a final report and recommendations will be brought back to the June 22nd Board meeting for approval.

5.4 APF008 Pupil Accommodation Guidelines

S. Maharaj introduced Lindsay Ford to review the updated Ministry of Education’s Pupil Accommodation Guidelines. She provided a comparison of the changes against the Board's current AP Memo. The 2015 Guideline contains new sections not in the previous 2009 Guideline. Our AP memo will require updating prior to the next accommodation review. At the trustees’ request L. Ford will prepare a draft AP memo of recommended changes to be brought back in September 2015. Trustees to email their suggestions prior to July 15th.

6. Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)

Trustees met as separate groups for Linkages and Pastoral Care.

6.1 Linkages Activity

B. Conway advised letters of appreciation were sent to all school administrators and parishes with a new priest or a priest who is retiring. Additional letters of appreciation will be sent to SEAC, CPIC members and school councils.
6.2 Pastoral Care Team
B. Schmalz reported F. Johnson will arrange time with Fr. Freitas to facilitate a session for trustees, superintendents, principal association co-chairs and chaplains.

7. Reports From Board Committees/Task Forces

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

9. Policy Discussion

10. Assurance of Successful Board Performance
10.1 Graduation Greetings
M. da Silva thanked F. Johnson for preparing a graduation message for trustees to deliver to the secondary students at their graduation ceremonies.

10.2 Start Time of June 22nd Board Meeting
Trustees were in agreement to begin the June 22nd Board of Trustees meeting at 5:00 p.m., and in-camera meeting at 4:00 p.m.

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

2015-69-- It was moved by B. Schmalz and seconded by M. Van Alphen:
THAT the meeting be now adjourned.
The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:13 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary