A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held Monday, September 14, 2015 at Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre, Kitchener

**Trustees Present:**
Joyce Anderson; Bill Conway; Manuel da Silva (Chair); Amy Fee; Wendy Price; *Greg Reitzel; Brian Schmalz; Melanie Van Alphen
*attended by teleconference

**Student Trustees Present:**
Karen Hakim; Sebastian Monsalve

**Administrative Officials Present:**
Loretta Notten; Gerry Clifford; David DeSantis; Derek Haime; Maria Ivankovic; Shesh Maharaj; John Shewchuk

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

**Regrets:**
Frank Johnson; Laura Shoemaker

**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 6:02 p.m.  M. da Silva welcomed Loretta Notten, new director of education, Sebastian Monsalve, new student trustee, Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, new spiritual animator and our new superintendent John Klein.

1.1 **Opening Prayer & Memorials**
The opening prayer was led by Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, Spiritual Animator.

1.2 **Approval of Agenda**
2015-88 -- It was moved by A. Fee and seconded by J. Anderson:
THAT the agenda for September 14, 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)**
2.1 Feast of St. Jerome Bronze Sponsorship
2.2 Status of Construction Summer

2015-89 -- It was moved by B. Conway and seconded by W. Price:
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

2015-09 -- It was moved by B. Schmalz and seconded by B. Conway:
THAT the Consent Agenda Director of Education and the recommendations contained therein be now approved. - -- Carried by consensus

4 Delegations

5. Advice From the CEO

5.1 Appointment of Spiritual Animator
L. Notten offered a warm welcome to Fr. Joseph de Viveiros on behalf of the Board.

5.2 Facility Partnerships (APF012)
L. Ford advised this AP has been updated as a result of the Ministry of Education guidelines. She reviewed the changes.

5.3 Revised Guidelines For Accommodation Review (APF008)
L. Ford advised of significant changes to the current memo based on the new Ministry of Education guidelines. She reviewed the changes. Consultation with ratepayers is required prior to the trustees approval of the revised memo.

5.4 Health and Physical Education Curriculum
D. Haime explained the curriculum is based on the expectations outlined in the Ontario Curriculum, Health and Physical Education for Grades 1 to 8 and 9-12. Brochures developed by the Institute for Catholic Education (ICE) will be available for families who do not have access to the internet and will also be accessible at the ICE website.

5.5 French Immersion Update
J. Klein advised a business case developed in 2012 regarding implementation of French Immersion was re-examined and registration opened in January 2015. For September 2015 two sites, St. Anne in Kitchener and Sir Edgar Bauer in Waterloo, were open to students entering grade 1. Online registration for grade 1 students for the fall of 2016 will open January 4, 2016. At the end of the pilot period in 2018-19 the FSL Program Review Committee will review the success of the pilot and determine next steps around the expansion or collapse of the current sites, the continuation of a dual-track program or the introduction of a single-track program. The students currently registered in the program would be offered the opportunity to continue following the French Immersion program through to grade 9.

5.6 EQAO Update for Fall 2015
J. Klein advised EQAO will not be publishing a provincial level result this year. School boards that participated will be given their results. The release of the results in primary, junior and grade 9 math will be delayed. When the data is received schools can compare year to year results within their school.

5.7 BIPSA Update for 2015-2016
J. Klein reported 2015-16 marks the final year of the current Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (BIPSA) which was initiated in 2013. This provides an opportunity to create a new three year plan for 2016-19. The BIPSA is supported by four pillars: Catholic Community, Culture, & Caring; Literacy; Numeracy; and Pathways each of which reflect provincial priorities.

6. Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)

6.1 Linkages Activity
A. Fee advised thank you letters will be sent for invitations to events at the schools. There was discussion on community partners’ breakfast and breakfast with parish priests. Christmas cards will be sent to former trustees and directors.
6.2 Pastoral Care Team
B. Schmalz advised Fr. Joseph de Viveiros will be contacted regarding facilitating a workshop for senior admin, trustees and other invited guests. New parish priests will be invited to say opening prayers at the board meetings.

7. Reports From Board Committees/Task Forces

8. Board Education (at the request of the Board)
   8.1 Trustee Planning Calendar 2015-16

9. Policy Discussion

10. Assurance of Successful Board Performance

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

   2015-91-- It was moved by W. Price and seconded by A. Fee:
   THAT the meeting be now adjourned.
   The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:17 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary