Minutes

Committee of the Whole Meeting

A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre, Kitchener

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

**Student Trustees Present:**
Sebastian Monsalve

**Administrative Officials Present:**
Loretta Notten; Gerry Clifford; David DeSantis; John Klein; Shesh Maharaj

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

**Regrets:**
Joyce Anderson; Greg Reitzel; Karen Hakim; Derek Haime; Laura Shoemaker; 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.

1. **Call to Order:**
The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

1.1 **Opening Prayer & Memorials**
The opening prayer was led by F. Johnson, Pastoral Team. Intentions were offered for Greg Reitzel, Frank Johnson and Laura Shoemaker whose uncle passed away.

1.2 **Approval of Agenda**
2015-98 -- It was moved by A. Fee and seconded by W. Price: THAT the agenda for October 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 Committee of the Whole meeting of September 14, 2015
2015-99 -- It was moved by W. Price and seconded by F. Johnson:
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 Breslau Joint Use Project Update
   L. Ford advised at the Township council meeting last week councillors voted in favour of the project. The Township’s next steps involve a 30-day disposition process in order to sell the land to the WCDSB. We will be applying to the Ministry of Education for funding.

   5.2 Compliance Audit Committee – Trustee Election Expenses
   S. Maharaj said a committee was struck in September 2014. One member has tendered his resignation as he is now employed by the board. The report will be placed in the consent agenda for October 26th board.

   5.3 Call to Leadership
   L. Notten provided an overview of the Call to Leadership evening on October 21st for candidates aspiring to a school leadership position and the need for more robust process for securing our school and system leaders.

   5.4 Diocesan Mass October 1/15
   L. Notten took the opportunity to give thanks to our Waterloo Catholic organizing committee for the successful Diocesan mass on October 1st. Those in attendance enjoyed mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Daniel Miehm and the reception that followed in the Rotunda at City Hall.

   5.5 New Religion Program
   M. Dawson brought resources from the new religion program in Grade One called Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ which compliments the religious education curriculum. The Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario selected Pearson Canada to produce and publish the new religion programs for Catholic schools. She advised the Grade Two program has also just become available from Pearson Canada.

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 committee members discussed inviting priests to offer opening prayer at our Board and Committee of the Whole meetings. There was further discussion on the community partners’ breakfast in the spring. The WRDSB has been extended an invitation to meet with our trustees and senior staff. Christmas cards will be mailed to past trustees and senior administration.

   6.2 Pastoral Care Team
   B. Schmalz advised the retreat for trustee/superintendents will be held on November 18th from 5:00 to 9:00 at St. Francis Parish facilitated by Fr. Joseph de Viveiros. The focus for the retreat will be on mercy.

   F. Johnson will contact Fr. Freitas for dates and his availability to facilitate a Lenten retreat in February or early March.

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
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

   2015-100-- It was moved by F. Johnson and seconded by W. Price:
   THAT the meeting be now adjourned.
   The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:29 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary