Committee of the Whole Meeting

A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held Monday, October 17, 2016 at Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre, Kitchener

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

Student Trustees Present:
Joseph De Sousa, Samantha Lim

Administrative Officials Present:
Loretta Notten, Gerry Clifford, Jason Connolly, David DeSantis, Derek Haime, John Klein, Shesh Maharaj,

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Regrets:
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 6:00 p.m.

1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials
The opening prayer was led by B. Schmalz, Pastoral Team. Intentions were offered for D. Haime and his family as his mother passed away and for Tonya Reesor and her family as her grandmother passed away.

1.2 Approval of Agenda
Add Item 8.3 Retreat Report
2016-115 -- It was moved by J. Gravelle and seconded by W. Price:
THAT the agenda for October 17, 2016 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)

3. Consent Agenda: Board of Trustees (Minutes of meetings)
3.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular and Special Meetings
3.1 Minutes of September 14, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting
3.2 Items for Action from Previous In-camera Meeting of October 17, 2016 related to Human Resources
2016-116 -- It was moved by M. Van Alphen and seconded by B. Schmalz:
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 Board Improvement Plan For Student Achievement
J. Klein presented the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (BIPSA).

BIPSA is informed by:
- Ministry of Education priorities: Achieving Excellence, Collaborative Professionalism (PPM 159), and Ontario’s Renewed Math Strategy
- Institute for Catholic Education’s (ICE) Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations
- WCDSB’s new Multi-year Strategic Plan (MYSP)
- School Effectiveness Framework (2013)

The WCDSB BIPSA is a broad document that strives for overall increased student achievement and well-being in key areas (Catholic Community, Culture, and Caring; Numeracy; Literacy’ and Pathways to Success). It is connected to the MYSP’s three priority areas, six strategic directions, twelve goals and the focus is Numeracy.

The plan has had extensive revisions and is now a two-sided format. We are committed to know our learners, respond to their needs and monitor our progress. Hyperlinks are added to support and align resources. It is supported by an electronic student achievement and well-being platform known as Compass.

System Inquiry Question
- What impact will collaborative teaching and learning, that focuses on the assessment for learning process, have on increasing the number of students approaching, achieving at or above the provincial standard?

Outcomes
- Student achievement and well-being outcomes are intended to improve
- Via consistent and varied use of concept assessment in all curricula
- Each “pillar” has identified outcomes
- School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (SIPSAs) will each have more specific targets articulated and monitored
- SIPSAs also have a revised template based upon the BIPSA

Student Learning Needs
- Overall needs derived from 21st Century (or Global) competencies
- Added character goals such as resiliency and perseverance
- These call for an instructional “response” from educators
- Needs are derived from various sources i.e. EQAO, CAT4, report cards, resiliency survey

Numeracy
- Focus on curriculum content particularly focussing on the “big ideas” that weave through the curriculum
- Junior division
- Applied level
- Students with a learning disability

Literacy
- Focus on a balanced literacy approach
- Focus on subject-specific vocabulary
- Metacognitive skills

Strategies and Actions
- Goal is to, “increase student achievement and well-being by focusing professional learning on evidence-based instructional strategies, mindfully using a variety of tools and technologies”
5.2 Knights of Columbus Trivia Night
L. Notten advised this is an invitation to attend the Trivia Night hosted by the Knights of Columbus on November 11th.

6. Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)
Trustees, in small groups, discussed items for Linkages and Pastoral Care.

6.1 Linkages Activity
A. Fee advised the Commissioning for New Administrators and School Council on November 16th will begin with a paraliturgy at 6:30. Trustees will be involved in the event. Trustees will identify three to five staff they would like to recognize in appreciation for their hard work at the Community Leaders breakfast May 5, 2017. John Shewchuk to send a Save the Date flyer to the community leaders in early January 2017.

6.2 Pastoral Care Activity
B. Schmalz reported on a few events the committee members would like to offer this year.
   - Escape Room – team building evening
   - Preparing and serving a meal – team building evening
   - Inviting schools to make a video for opening prayer at board meetings
   - Attending mass at different parishes to begin and end Catholic Education week
   - Organize events for trustees, senior administration, spouses and Spiritual Animator

7. Reports From Board Committees/Task Forces

8. Board Education (at the request of the Board)
8.1 OCSTA Resolutions
M. da Silva advised trustees can work on preparing resolutions for the OCSTA AGM in April as issues arise rather than waiting to submit them all at the deadline at the end of January. The package added in the agenda outlines how to set up resolutions.

8.2 OCSTA Communications
M. da Silva advised the OCSTA memos are sent to all trustees. They will also be included in the Committee of the Whole agenda package allowing trustees the opportunity when reviewing to ask questions at the meeting.

8.3 Retreat Report
M. da Silva gave each trustee who attended the retreat hosted by Bishop Crosby in Guelph the opportunity to share their thoughts on the experience. They all enjoyed the retreat, group time sharing, the opportunity to experience prayer in different forms and Bishop Crosby’s sharing of his faith journey and the importance of Catholic education.

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

2016-117– It was moved by W. Price and seconded by B. Schmalz:
THAT the meeting be now adjourned.
The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:58 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary