

Board of Trustees' Meeting

A public meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, January 30, 2017 at the Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre.

Trustees Present:

Joyce Anderson (Chair), Bill Conway, Manuel da Silva, Amy Fee, Jeanne Gravelle, Wendy Price, Greg Reitzel, Brian Schmalz, Melanie Van Alphen

Student Trustees Present:

Joseph De Sousa

Administrative Officials Present:

Loretta Notten, Gerry Clifford, Jason Connolly, David DeSantis, Derek Haime, John Klein, Shesh Maharaj; Laura Shoemaker

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Regrets:

Samantha Lim

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 of the Board called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials

The meeting opened with prayer by B. Schmalz, Board Pastoral Team. Intentions were offered for the victims at the mosque in Quebec City, for Nancy Sabo whose father passed away, and for Dave Flitton who is ill. Please keep them in prayer.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

2017-16 -- It was *moved* by **M. da Silva** and *seconded* by **A. Fee**:

THAT the agenda for January 30, 2017 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 2016-17 Budget Quarterly Dashboard

2.2 St. Agatha Update

2.3 Educational Excursion Advisory Committee Schedule

3. Consent Agenda: Board of Trustees (Minutes of meetings)

3.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular and Special Meetings

3.1.1 Minutes of December 12, 2016 Board meeting

- 3.1.2 Minutes of December 7, 2016 SEAC meeting
- 3.1.3 Minutes of January 23, 2017 Governance meeting – revised Policy IV 005 should read Policy III 005
- 3.1.4 Items for Action from the Previous In-camera Meeting of January 30, 2017 related to property and Human Resources

2017-17-- It was *moved* by **W. Price** and *seconded* by **G. Reitzel**:
THAT the Consent Agenda Board of Trustees and the recommendations contained therein be now approved with revisions to the Governance Minutes. --- Carried by consensus

4 Delegations

5 Advice from the CEO

5.1 Director's Report

L. Notten highlighted some of the events from December and January. She offered thanks on behalf of the senior team to the trustees for their hosting of the event at St. Clement's Parish. It was an exhibition of their leadership.

- Pastoral Plan Year of Hope – Nov 30th mass celebrated by Bishop Crosby was well attended by pastors, families and schools.
- Meeting with outreach coordinates from WE to discuss a number of opportunities that we will pursue
- Successful meetings with members of federal and provincial parliament in relation to the Indigenous school proposal.
- Meeting with Steve Sider of WLU to discuss WCDSB teachers' involvement in Education Leadership Outreach initiative based in Haiti.
- Participated in the principal, vice principal interviews for secondary and elementary.
- Attended the OCSTA Provincial Symposium with M. da Silva and presented the monitoring process for our Multi-year Strategic Plan
- Attended Steering Committee meeting for the Renewing the Promise Symposium November 2017.

5.2 Ontario's Updated Kindergarten Program

John Klein introduced Julie Tonin to speak about the changes in the kindergarten program.

She reviewed the overall expectations: (universal conditions for learning – all learners need in order for learning to be optimal). These four frames replace subject organization to reflect conditions learners naturally seek and the integrated way learning occurs, to support 21st Century competencies and the lens through which to think about learning and assessment:

- Belonging and Contributing
- Demonstrating Literacy and Mathematics Behaviours
- Self-Regulation and Well Being
- Problem Solving and Innovating

Communicating With Parents About Children's Learning, Draft December 2016: educator support for writing comments

http://edugains.ca/resourcesKIN/OtherResources/Educator_Guide_DRAFT_CommWParents_about_Childrens_Learning.pdf

Ministry eLearning Modules & FAQ's:

<http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/Kindergarten/index.html>

5.3 Numeracy Through the 21st Century Lens

David DeSantis introduced Ferdinand Kraus, Sherry Rellinger and Sandra Hoy (Technology Learning Action Team).

The *Technology Learning Fund – Mathematics* (TLF-M) bridges math curriculum learning and 21st century competencies spanning the junior division. Mathematics content knowledge and big ideas will focus on geometry and spatial sense through the use of math-tech enabled resources.

They reported the goal of this cross-school network is to construct understanding of the curriculum expectations/big ideas and continuum of learning from grade 4 to grade 6. This will be done by building capacity of effective teaching and learning of transformational geometry through classroom embedded collaborative inquiry that incorporates

different school contexts, 21st century competencies and technology. Teams of educators will conduct in-class investigations of student work and lessons in classrooms, using a collaborative inquiry process (i.e. plan, act, observe, reflect). In this process, participants identify and build knowledge about mathematics instruction in reference to the use of technology and the development and assessment of 21st century competencies; that work to improve student learning and achievement.

6 Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)

7 Actions From Board Committees/Task Forces

7.1 Student Trustee Report

J. De Sousa provided highlights from their report on the activities at the secondary schools in the past month. Full details are in the report.

7.2 Governance Recommendations

J. Anderson reviewed the committee's recommendations.

2017-18 -- It was *moved* by **B. Conway** and *seconded* by **M. da Silva**:

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the recommendations from Governance that Policy II 014 be revised adding that gratuities will be capped at 15% consistent with employee expenses. --- Carried by consensus

2017-19 -- It was *moved* by **A. Fee** and *seconded* by **W. Price**:

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the recommendation that Policy III 005 be revised. --- Carried by consensus

8 Board Education (at the request of the Board)

8.1 OCSTA Communications Addendum

J. Anderson advised the communications from OCSTA have been added to the agenda should trustees have any questions or comments.

9 Policy Discussion

10 Assurance of Successful Board Performance

10.1 Board Policy II 006

2017-20 -- It was *moved* by **J. Gravelle** and *seconded* by **M. da Silva**:

THAT the Board of Trustees reviewed Policy II 006 Celebration of Excellence and find we are in compliance. --- Carried by consensus

10.2 Is There a Need to Review This Policy?

Trustees agreed there is no need to review this policy.

10.3 Board Policy III 002 Unity of Control

2017-21 -- It was *moved* by **W. Price** and *seconded* by **G. Reitzel**:

THAT the Board of Trustees reviewed Policy III 002 Unity of Control and find we are in compliance. --- Carried by consensus

10.2 Is There a Need to Review This Policy?

Trustees agreed there is no need to review this policy.

11 Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance

11.1 Monitoring Reports & Vote on Compliance

12 Potential Agenda Items

12.1 Trustee Inquiry Report from the CEO

12.2 Shared Concerns

13 Announcements

13.1 Upcoming Meetings/Events (all scheduled for the Catholic Education Centre unless otherwise indicated):

Feb 1	5:00 CPIC
Feb 8	6:30 SEAC
Feb 13	Committee of the Whole
Feb 21	Governance
Feb 24	Board Office Mass
Feb 27	Board Meeting

13.2 Pending Items:

- Look at building our rural population
- Consider a committee to review the boundaries for future consideration

13.3 Pending Items for OCSTA Consideration

14 Items for the Next Meeting Agenda

15 Adjournment – Confirm decisions made tonight.

The Recording Secretary confirmed the meeting decisions.

16 Closing Prayer

17 Motion to Adjourn

2017-22 -- It was *moved* by **M. da Silva** and *seconded* by **W. Price**:

THAT the meeting be now adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:14 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary