Committee of the Whole Meeting

A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held Monday, February 13, 2017 at Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre, Kitchener

**Trustees Present:**
Joyce Anderson (Chair), Bill Conway, Manuel da Silva, Amy Fee, Jeanne Gravelle, *Wendy Price, 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, Laura Shoemaker

**Special Resources For The Meeting:**

**Regrets:**
Greg Reitzel

**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 6:01 p.m.

1.1 **Opening Prayer & Memorials**
The opening prayer was led by J. Gravelle, Pastoral Team. Intentions were offered for Luca a grade 6 student at St. Kateri and for the co-worker of A. Fee who is ill. Please keep them in your prayers.

1.2 **Approval of Agenda**
Move Item 8.1 Superintendent Appreciation to follow Item 5.4

2017-23 -- It was moved by M. da Silva and seconded by J. Gravelle: THAT the agenda for February 13, 2017 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 January 16, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting

3.2 Items for Action from Previous In-camera Meeting of February 13, 2017 regarding Human Resources.

2017-24 -- It was moved by B. Conway and seconded by A. Fee:

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 OCSOA Presentation to Director of Education

J. Anderson introduced John Kostoff, Executive Director of OCSOA.

J. Kostoff acknowledged Loretta Notten for her role in support of Catholic Education as President and past President of OCSOA. L. Notten advised of the exceptional colleagues from across the province she met and offered thanks to John Kostoff and Theresa Harris for their mentorship.

L. Notten introduced Leah Ann Erickson, Arts Program Head and four students, Oman Akot, Josiah Bossé, Anastasia Flitton and Annaliese Schropp from Resurrection CSS. Sara Pantea was not able to be present. The students created artwork to be hung at the Catholic Education Centre in recognition of Loretta Notten’s leadership.

L. Notten invited each student to share their inspiration for the artwork they created.

5.2 STSWR Annual Report

B Bourgault advised safety is always our priority. We continue to focus on student safety and offer training to students, parents, school staff and school bus drivers through the following events:

- First Rider program for Kindergarten students
- Bus patrols, standing patrols (student crossing guards) and trailblazers (walking school bus leaders)
- Bus evacuation training for all elementary students
- Bus driver professional development day

Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region is also a member of the Active and Safe Routes to School Committee.

In summary transportation continues to be very safe for students, with no injuries reported. We have met with the Region and vendor of the cameras and will continue to work with the Region to pursue the stop arm cameras.

Trustees spoke of drafting a resolution to OCSTA to lobby the Ministry to include in the new Safe School Zone bill.

5.3 Dominican Experience

D. Haime introduced Larry Scanlon from St. David CSS and two students Kennedy Bourque and Makenna Gomes, to share their experiences. He advised L. Scanlon was the lead of the 2016 trip with Jennifer Ertel, John Schneider, Nancy Arruda DeMarco, Lisa Collins and Luisa Vona and 25 students from the five secondary schools. L. Scanlon said the Dominican experience is most significant for the effect it has on our students.

K. Bourque and M. Gomes shared pictures taken from the trip which allowed them to see the other face of the Dominican aside from the resorts.

They met many wonderful people who shared remarkable stories that changed us and made us question our lives. The people were always welcoming. Our visit to the Batays brought happiness to those who lived there. Those who were fortunate to work for the resorts ensured they could then provide for their families. The students appreciated the opportunity to experience the faith and culture.

J. Ertel said “We plant seeds that one day will grow and water seeds already planted knowing that they will give the future promise”. Going there and meeting the people reminded me of who we are. This is an investment not just in teachers and students to make a change and be transformed.
5.4 MYSP Survey
L. Notten introduced the campaign we are launching to engage responses from all our stakeholder to gather feedback on what awareness and impact the MSYP is having. The intent is to see if adjustments are necessary and gather input as we look to the development of the new MYSP in a year and a half. An invitation will be included in every report card and the survey can be translated to any language using Google Translate.

5.5 Superintendent Appreciation
J. Anderson acknowledged and thanked Derek Haime on behalf of the board for his devotion to social justice and work with the most marginalized. He recently received his PHD which is an example inspiring our students to continue learning. We hope your new position will be a rewarding experience. D. Haime said he has definitely received more than he has given and will in turn pay that forward.

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 reported invitations for the Community Leaders breakfast have been sent. L. Notten spoke with Fr. Toby Collins who will speak to the clergy regarding a gathering for all. He will also speak to the Deanery about the Toonies for Tuition campaign and L. Notten will speak to the administrators at their February meeting. Community Partners will again be invited to attend the Beacons of Hope breakfast. Several appreciation letters have been sent.

6.2 Pastoral Care Activity
B. Schmalz asked Joseph De Sousa to speak to the Adventure Rooms Canada activity for trustees and senior administration. April 3rd was the date suggested for the event. W. Price will work with committee members to reschedule the Governance meeting that was set for that date.

J. Gravelle suggested inviting students who attend the Dominican Experience or the Vimy Ridge trip to lead us in prayer at a board meeting and give us their perspective before and after attending the excursion. L. Notten will investigate the opportunity to invite students.

7. Reports From Board Committees/Task Forces

8. Board Education (at the request of the Board)
8.2 OCSTA Communications
J. Anderson asked trustees if there were any comments on the attached OCSTA communications. J. De Sousa and S. Lim are attending the OSTA-AECO Board Council Conference this week and will report back to 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
13.1 Upcoming Meetings/Events (ass scheduled for the Catholic Education Centre unless otherwise indicated):

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

2017-25-- It was moved by J. Gravelle and seconded by M. Van Alphen:
THAT the meeting be now adjourned.
The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:51 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary