Committee of the Whole Meeting

A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held Monday, March 6, 2017 at Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre, Kitchener

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

**Student Trustees Present:**
Joseph De Sousa, Samantha Lim

**Administrative Officials Present:**
Loretta Notten, Gerry Clifford, Jason Connolly, David DeSantis, John Klein, Shesh Maharaj, Laura Shoemaker

**Special Resources For The Meeting:**

**Regrets:**

**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 J. Gravelle, Pastoral Team. Intentions were offered for a student who was diagnosed with leukemia. Please keep the family in your prayers.

1.2 **Approval of Agenda**
2017-36 -- It was moved by M. da Silva and seconded by A. Fee: THAT the agenda for March 6, 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)**

3. **Consent Agenda: Board of Trustees (Minutes of meetings)**
3.1 **Approval of Minutes of Regular and Special Meetings**
3.1 Minutes of February 13, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting
2017-37 -- 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

4.1 St. Agatha ARC Delegations

4.1.1 Tessa Jagiellowicz
Tessa Jagiellowicz is a student at St. Agatha and wanted the board to apply for funding for a new school in Wilmot Township as directed from the 2014 ARC and to keep the school open until the new one is built.

4.1.2 Zoe McCabe
Zoe McCabe is a student at St. Agatha who feels the board does not treat rural schools as they do those in the city. She wants the board to apply for funding for a new school in Wilmot and not close St. Agatha

4.1.3 Ron McCormick
Ron McCormick is a parent of three children who are still in St. Agatha and he sat on the Accommodation Review Committee. He said there was no discussion on keeping the school open only where to change the boundaries and which schools the students would attend. He spoke of the school/church connection. He wants staff to find a way to present a case to the Ministry to keep St. Agatha open until a new school can be built.

4.1.4 Michael Harris
Michael Harris, MPP advised they have called for a moratorium on rural school closures and action on funding through a motion in the Legislature. He is asking that the accommodation review be suspended and work together to call on the provincial government to find real solutions to keep schools open.

5. Advice From the CEO

5.1 St. Agatha ARC Review – Questions of Clarification
Tim Robins reviewed a synopsis of the eight key sections of the final staff report presented at the Feb 27th Board of Trustees meeting.

5.2 Renewing the Promise Symposium 2017
L. Notten reported on an initiative that is being undertaken by the Catholic Education community in Ontario. The provincial symposium will focus on the theme “Renewing the Promise: Exploring the Critical Role of Catholic Education in Contemporary Society”. The symposium will be held in partnership with the French Catholic education community in Toronto on November 14 and 15, 2017.

From the Ontario Bishops’ Pastoral Letter Fulfilling the Promise” – The heart and soul of Catholic education is Jesus Christ, and our school system finds its very reason for existence in its communication of the Christian message. The goal of Catholic education is nothing less than a truly holistic formation of persons who will be living witnesses to the faith. We are needed as a full partner in the human question for greater justice.

1. What are some of the ways that Catholic education in Ontario supports students to be living witnesses to their faith?
2. What are some of the current challenges facing Catholic Education in Ontario?
3. What are some of the current opportunities for Catholic Education in Ontario that will help shape a positive future?

We look forward to facilitating local conversations in Waterloo Catholic, focused on those three critical questions offered for our consideration.

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 on appreciation letters that have been sent and the gathering with Clergy which is still in the development stage. Invitations have been sent to the community partners inviting them to one of the Beacons of Hope breakfasts. Reminders for Community Leaders breakfast will be sent after the Apr 3rd. Parish priests will be invited to attend the Community Leaders breakfast.

6.2 Pastoral Care Activity
B. Schmalz advised April 3rd at 5:15 pm was chosen as for the Great Escape a team building evening. Two teams will be chosen on March 27th. B. Schmalz will arrange mass on May 7th at Blessed Sacrament for the trustees/families.
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.

8.2 Motion to Move In-camera
2017-38 -- It was moved by M. da Silva and seconded by M. Van Alphen: THAT the Board of Trustees moved to an in-camera session. --- Carried by consensus

The public meeting moved to private, private at 8:05 p.m.

The public meeting resumed at 8:47 pm.

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

2017-39-- It was moved by B. Conway and seconded by M. da Silva: THAT the meeting be now adjourned. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:48 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary