A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held Monday, May 8, 2017 at Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre, Kitchener

**Trustees Present:**
Bill Conway, Manuel da Silva, Jeanne Gravelle, Wendy Price, Brian Schmalz, Melanie Van Alphen

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

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

**Special Resources For The Meeting:**

**Regrets:**
Joyce Anderson (Chair), Amy Fee, Greg Reitzel

**Absent:**

**Recorder:**
Barb Pilsner, Executive Administrative Assistant

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**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.

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1. **Call to Order:**
The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.1 **Opening Prayer & Memorials**
The opening prayer was led by Jeanne Gravelle, Pastoral Team. Intentions were offered for the family of a student at John Sweeney whose father passed away. Please keep the family in prayer.

1.2 **Approval of Agenda**
Add Item 8.2 Motion to Move In-camera

2017-68 -- It was moved by J. Gravelle and seconded by M. da Silva: THAT the agenda for May 8, 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 April 10, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting
2017-69 -- It was moved by B. Conway 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 Summer Boost

Pat Runstedler and Heather Papp spoke about the Summer Boost program as one of the strongest interventions in our school system. The Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE) in partnership with the Ministry of Education provide funding for the program. This is the third year Summer Boost has been offered and it is designed for students approaching the provincial standard who require a little additional support in the areas of numeracy and literacy. We have requested and received additional funding after the first year to offer more classes at more schools.

The 15-day program runs from July 3rd to 21st and H. Papp outlined the timetable for the day with classes beginning at 8:30 and ending at 1:00 pm.

We offer a blended literacy and numeracy program from Grade 1 to Grade 6. This year classes will be held at St. John, St. Bernadette, Monsignor Haller, Christ the King, Holy Spirit, Our Lady of Lourdes and Sir Edgar Bauer.

To ensure accountability and monitoring of student achievement the metrics used to assess the efficacy of the program include STAR testing - Ministry diagnostic administered at the beginning and end of the program. Students have shown good gains in both literacy and numeracy. It is a fully inclusive model, also have some students not from our board.

5.2 Student Re-engagement

L. Notten advised the graduation rate is a true celebration of what we do K to 12. Our 5-year graduation rate has shown some good gains.

D. DeSantis introduce Shaun Reagan is our Re-engagement officer. His role is facilitating credit accumulation for those students who have left the system.

S. Reagan advised we have a Re-engagement Steering Committee comprised of a Superintendent, Guidance Program Head from each high school and a Guidance counselor from Continuing Education who meet monthly. They have created a strategy that included targeting our “Early Leavers” and being proactive with our current on-roll student's who are at risk.

We support Re-engaged students through:

Compulsory credits
1. St. Louis enrolment
2. Independent Learning Course support through Student Success in home schools
3. Recovering credits with packages sent home

Elective Credits
1. Enrolment in Continuing Education at St. Louis
2. Independent Learning Course support through Student Success in home school
3. Recovering credits with packages sent home
4. Credit at work Coop Program through St. Don Bosco

Community Involvement Hours
1. Directing student to volunteer programs
2. Encouraging students to complete hours

5.3 Social Media

J. De Sousa and S. Lim provided an overview of how to navigate Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, YouTube and Facebook some of the social media used today.

6. Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)

Trustees, in small groups, discussed items for Linkages and Pastoral Care
6.1 Linkages Activity
B. Conway reported the Community Leaders breakfast was well attended. Linkages would like to continue holding the breakfast during Education Week but the date should not conflict with events planned at the City or Region. Appreciation letters will be prepared for school council chairs, administrators, folk dance organizers and Dan Hutter in recognition of his award. L. Notten suggested letters also be sent to those schools involved in the Mud puppy race in support of KidsAbility. The committee would like to hold the school chair commissioning again in the fall using the same format.

6.2 Pastoral Care Activity
B. Schmalz advised mass during Education week was well attended. Pastoral Care team would like to offer a retreat for trustees and senior admin in the fall. They also spoke about offering their services for some of the initiatives at the schools. Bishop Crosby will host a barbecue for trustees at his residence on Saturday, September 9th. L. Notten advised Julie McNab and her students are making a prayer table in honour of Frank Johnson.

7. Reports From Board Committees/Task Forces

8. Board Education (at the request of the Board)
8.1 OCSTA Communications
J. Anderson asked trustees if there were any comments or questions on the attached OCSTA communications.

8.2 Motion to Move In-camera
2017-70 -- It was moved by M. da Silva and seconded by J. Gravelle: THAT the Board of Trustees move to an in-camera Private, Private session. --- Carried by consensus

The public meeting moved in-camera at 8:37 p.m.
The public meeting resumed at 9:20 p.m.

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

2017-71-- It was moved by B. Schmalz and seconded by M. da Silva: THAT the meeting be now adjourned.
The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:22 p.m.

Vice-Chair of the Board

Secretary