Committee of the Whole Meeting

A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held Monday, January 15, 2018 at Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre, Kitchener

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

Student Trustees Present:
Kate Jamieson

Administrative Officials Present:
Loretta Notten, Gerry Clifford, Jason Connolly, John Klein, Shesh Maharaj, Judy Merkel, Richard Olson, Laura Shoemaker

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Regrets:
Meghan Nemeth

Absent:

Recorder:
Alice Figueiredo, 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 6:05 p.m.

1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials
The opening prayer was led by Trustee Schmalz.

1.2 Approval of Agenda
Section 8 will proceed after Section 5.3
Section 9.1 will proceed after Section 8

2018-01 -- It was moved by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Schmalz:
THAT the agenda for Monday, January 15th, 2018 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

3.1.1 Minutes of November 13, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting

2018-02 – It was moved by Trustee da Silva and seconded by Trustee Conway:
THAT the Minutes of November 13, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting and the recommendations contained therein be now approved. --- Carried by consensus

4. Delegations

5. Advice From the CEO

5.1 Waterloo Region Catholic Schools Foundation
Vic DeGutis, president of Waterloo Region Catholic Schools Foundation (WRCSF) presented on the foundation’s areas of focus which include: Program Enhancements, Equity for All Learners and Faith Component of Catholic Education. WRCSF functions were discussed along with success stories. Also highlighted were the 2018 fundraising activity, commitments for the school year and WRCSF’s long term goals.

5.2 Well Being- Healthy Active Living
Adele Parkinson (Region of Waterloo Public Health), Kathy Doherty-Masters (Former WCDSB Healthy Active Living Consultant) and Brigitte Webster (WCDSB Healthy Active Living Consultant) presented on the Foundations for a Healthy School, WCDSB’s partnership with the Region of Waterloo and the role of the Public Health Nurse. WCDSB’s Multi-Year Strategic Plan indicated its system commitment to physical health and its importance to mental and spiritual health.

5.3 Renewed Math Strategy
Sherrie Rellinger (WCDSB Numeracy 1-8 Consultant) and Nancy Snyder (WCDSB Numeracy 7-12 Consultant) provided an update on the Renewed Math Strategy at WCDSB. Numeracy initiatives, student learning needs and the tiered and differentiated system of support for WCDSB were discussed including a focus on learner with learning disabilities/diverse profiles.

The consultant’s also shared the vision for the mathematics learners for elementary and secondary schools and how they are increasing math content knowledge and deepening the math content knowledge within the system.

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

6.1 Linkages Activity
The February 1st clergy dinner will be rescheduled due to low attendance and conflict of dates with many priests. Father Toby is in agreement and will be working on obtaining dates.

Trustee Van Alphen is working on appreciation letters to SEAC, CPIC and Audit Committee inviting Chair/Co-chairs to an upcoming Comminating of the Whole. It was suggested that the letter be carbon copied to the Superintendent appointed to the committee.

6.2 Pastoral Care Activity
Trustee Schmalz reminded the group that Soup Sisters will be taking place on February 27th, 2018.

Discussed continued commitment in getting involved in WCDSB parishes by attending functions. This would require obtaining information from parishes, perhaps setting up a schedule similar to the one for school council events.

Trustee da Silva is looking to reopen the partnership with Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Cambridge. Suggested it might be a good venue for Catholic Education Week mass that Trustees attend as a group.
7. Reports From Board Committees/Task Forces

8. Board Education (at the request of the Board)
8.1 OCSTA Communication

8.2 Bishop's Banquet (attendance & donation)
Contact Alice Figueiredo if you wish to attend the Bishop's Banquet.

9. Policy Discussion
9.1 Glucagon for Students with Type 1 Diabetes in Schools
Trustee Fee brought forth a motion requesting that OCSTA petition the Ministry of Education to review PPM 81, which relates to protocols for the injection of medication to ensure that school boards can create policies that ensure school personnel can be trained to administer glucagon in the event of a severe hypoglycemic reaction as per a student's Individual Care Plan (ICP).

Dialogue took place discussing whether Trustees should motion OCSTA to petition the Ministry of Education. It was concluded that further information on PPM 81 is required and that Trustee Reitzel and Trustee Fee will meet prior to the next Board meeting of January 29th, 2018 to discuss same.

10. Assurance of Successful Board Performance

11. Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance
11.1 Monitoring Reports & Vote on Compliance

12. Potential Agenda Items

13. Announcements (all scheduled for the Catholic Education Centre unless otherwise indicated)
13.1 Upcoming Meetings/Events (all scheduled for the Catholic Education Centre unless otherwise indicated):
Jan 19-20: OCSTA Catholic Trustee Seminar
Jan 29 Board of Trustees
Feb 1: Clergy Dinner

14. Items for the Next Meeting Agenda/Pending Items

15. Adjournment – Confirm decisions made tonight. Closing Prayer
The Recording Secretary confirmed the meeting decisions.

16. Closing Prayer

17. Motion to Adjourn

2018-03 – It was moved by Trustee Fee and seconded by Trustee Gravelle:
THAT the meeting be now adjourned. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:00 p.m.