Committee of the Whole Meeting

A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held Monday, September 10, 2013 at Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre, Kitchener

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

Student Trustees Present:
Izabella Tyc, Meghan Nemeth

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

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Regrets:

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 6:02 p.m.

1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials
The opening prayer was led by Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, Spiritual Animator and Territorial Acknowledgment was led by Trustee Price.

1.2 Approval of Agenda
Amendment to Agenda, 5.3 will become 5.2 and 5.2 will become 5.3.

2018-19 -- It was moved by Trustee Gravelle and seconded by Trustee da Silva:
THAT the agenda for Monday, September 10, 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

2018-20 -- It was moved by Trustee Reitzel and seconded by Trustee Anderson:
THAT the Consent Agenda for Monday, September 10, 2018 be now approved. --- Carried by consensus.

4. Delegations

5. Advice From the CEO

5.1 Appointment of Spiritual Animator
Director Notten confirmed the reappointment of the Board’s Spiritual Animator, Fr. Joseph de Viveiros. The Spiritual Animator assists, wherever possible, with all Board-wide Eucharistic Celebrations, as well as those for administrators, Senior Administrators and Trustees, as well as Catholic Education Centre monthly masses.

5.2 Grade 9 Summer Pilot Credit Course
Superintendent Olson along with Laura Varriano Lane, Teacher at St. Benedict CSS discussed the new initiative which was piloted at St. Benedict’s this past summer. Incoming Grade 8 students, were offered a Grade 9 credit course. As a result of this initiative, twenty-three incoming Grade 9 students are beginning their high school careers with one credit already secured. Trustees asked clarifying questions which were answered by Superintendent Olson and Ms. Varriano Lane.

5.3 Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (BIPSA) 2018-2019
Superintendent Klein discussed the Board’s Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (BIPSA) for the 2018-2019 school year and the key revisions. The BIPSA sets specific operational direction to ensure that the key components outlined in the WCDSB’s Multi Year Strategic Plan as well as other relevant initiatives and priorities are addressed. Trustees asked clarifying questions and provided feedback with respect to the report.

5.4 Changes to HPE/Sex Ed Curriculum
Superintendent Olson along with Superintendent Foran discussed the provincial government’s recent announcement of their intention to repeal the revised health and physical education curriculum introduced by the previous government in 2015. This interim edition was originally issued in 2010 and is now being prepared for re-issue. As this is an interim document, only an online version of this curriculum will be produced. There will be no changes to the secondary curriculum.

For more than 30 years, our schools, and all Catholic schools in Ontario, have successfully provided a family life and sex education curriculum within a Catholic framework under the guidance of the Catholic Bishops of Ontario. Our classrooms and schools will continue to reflect and support equity and diversity and actively create and provide an inclusive and welcoming environment. Trustees asked clarifying questions and provided feedback with respect to the report.

6. Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)
6.1 Linkages Activity
Linkages discussed upcoming events and initiatives for the 2018-2019 school year including sending correspondence to Ken Seiling, Regional Chair congratulating retirement, Commission of School Council Chairs and Newly Appointed Administrators on November 6th and the Community Leaders Breaks on May 10, 2019.

6.2 Pastoral Care Activity
Pastoral Care discussed upcoming events and initiatives for the 2018-2019 school year including team building events to be planned by the Student Trustees, dinner prepared/served by Trustees, Food Bank Challenge. Discussed inviting Fr. Joseph de Viveiros to upcoming Committee of the Whole meetings, in particular, the Pastoral Care meetings. Director Notten will extend the invitation.

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7. Reports From Board Committees/Task Forces

8. Board Education (at the request of the Board)

8.1 Questions for Discussion OCSTA Fall Meeting
Discussion took place with respect to Questions for Discussion which will be shared at the upcoming OCSTA Regional meeting on September 17th in Walkerton.

8.2. OCSTA Communication
Reviewed various correspondence.

2018-21-- It was moved by Trustee da Silva and seconded by Trustee Conway:
THAT the meeting be moved into in-camera to discuss a student matter at 8:42 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 9:03 p.m.

9. Policy Discussion

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):
• Sept 12 CPIC
• Sept 17 OCSTA Regional Mtg – Walkerton
• Sept 20 - Eleventh Annual Diocesan Celebration of Catholic Education – Halton
• Sept 24 – Board
• Sept 26 - Audit Committee Meeting
• Sept 29 - The Feast St. Jerome Liturgy & 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

2018-20-- It was moved by Trustee Gravelle and seconded by Trustee Conway:
THAT the meeting be now adjourned. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:06 p.m.