A regular public meeting of the Committee of the Whole Board was held on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at the Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre.

**Trustees Present:**
Wayne Buchholtz (Chair); Denise Blum; Manuel da Silva; Louise Ervin; Joseph Gowing; Judy Nairn*; Marion Thomson Howell

* = arrived @ 6:25

**Student Trustees Present:**
Ian McKellar; Brendan Steven

**Administrative Officials Present:**
Bruce Rodrigues; Bryan Mahn; Rick Boisvert; Gerry Clifford; Heather Cullen; Glenn Sheculski; Bernie Kowalczyk;

**Special Resources For The Meeting:**
Chuck Yates – Former Chair: WCDSB
Anne Marie Sehl – Former Chair: WCDSB
Frank Clifford – Former Director of Education: WCDSB
John Klein – Principal: St. Vincent de Paul CES

**Regrets:**
Fr. Robert Hétu; Greg Reitzel; Roger Lawler; John Shewchuk; Helen Mitchell

**Recorder:**
Bryan Mahn

**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 of the Board called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

   1.1 -- **Opening Prayer & Memorials**
   The opening prayer was led by the Chair of the Board. Intentions were offered for: Sister-in-law of Roger Lawler; Joan MacDonnell; Mother of Ed Tell; Mary Clifford; Sister of Gail Daly.

   1.2 -- **Approval of Agenda**

   2008-37 -- It was moved by J. Gowing and seconded by M. da Silva:
   THAT the agenda for March 25, 2008 be now approved. -- Carried by consensus.

2. **Consent Agenda: Director of Education**

   **NIL**

3. **Consent Agenda: Board of Trustees**

   3.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular and Special Meetings
3.1.1 – Minutes of the special public Committee of the Whole Board meeting – March 3, 2008
3.1.2 – Items for action from the previous meeting – NIL
3.1.3 – Minutes of the Governance Committee -- NIL
3.1.4 – Minutes of the Linkages Committee – March 3, 2008
3.1.5 -- Minutes of the Visioning Committee – NIL
3.1.6 -- Minutes of the Task Force on Catholic Education – NIL

2008-38-- It was moved by M. Thomson Howell and seconded by M. da Silva:
THAT the Board of Trustees Consent Agenda be now approved. ---Carried by consensus

4. Delegations/Presentations

NIL

5. Ownership Linkage

NIL

6. Reports From Board Committees / Task Forces

6.1 – Catholic Distinctiveness

Chuck Yates – Former Chair: WCDSB; Anne Marie Sehl – Former Chair: WCDSB; Frank Clifford – Former Director of Education: WCDSB; and, John Klein – Principal: St. Vincent de Paul CES addressed Trustees on the issue of Catholic distinctiveness and the past, present and future of Catholic education in Ontario. Trustees asked questions.

7. Board Education

NIL

8. Policy Discussion

8.1 – Board Work on Policies

Deferred until the next meeting.

9. Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance

9.1 – Monitoring Reports & Votes on Compliance

9.2 – Challenges to Monitoring

9.3 – New Operational Worries

9.4 – Next Monitoring Assignment

10. Board self-Assessment Against Board Means Policies

NIL

11. Announcements

11.1 – Reports Posted on Web Site

The following reports are posted on the Board web page: www.wcdsb.ca
a) Minutes of SEAC Meetings
b) Minutes of Parent Involvement Committee Meetings
c) Minutes of Budget Advisory Committee Meetings
d) Minutes of Family Life Advisory Committees.

12. Adjournment

2008-39….-- It was moved by M. Thomson Howell:
THAT the meeting be now adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:20 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary