Minutes

Committee of the Whole Meeting

A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held Monday, March 4, 2019 at Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre, Kitchener

Trustees Present:
Bill Conway (Chair), Manuel da Silva, Kevin Dupuis, Jeanne Gravelle, Greg Reitzel, Brian Schmalz, Melanie Van Alphen, Tracey Weiler

Student Trustees Present:
Meghan Nemeth

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

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Regrets:
Wendy Price, Izabella Tyc, Manuel da Silva

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.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

2019-11 -- It was moved by Trustee Dupuis and seconded by Trustee Schmalz: THAT the agenda for Monday, March 4, 2019 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 February 11, 2019 Committee of the Whole Minutes

2019-12 -- It was moved by Trustee Van Alphen and seconded by Trustee Gravelle:
THAT the Consent Agenda of Board of Trustees and the recommendations contained therein be now approved. ---
Carried by consensus

4. Delegations

5. Advice From the CEO

5.1 Innovation Learning Update

Superintendent Merkel provided the Board of Trustees with an update on Innovation Learning. Alignment with our MYSP
were discussed along with strategic goals, data/trends, Global Competency Development Strategy, Support for
Administrators and New Teachers, Innovation Design Lab (IDL) -Apps Focus, Transforming Libraries into Learning
Commons, Innovative Learning Committee, Technology Equipment and Infrastructure Upgrades and next steps.

5.2 Assessment & Evaluation

Superintendent Klein provided a background on the Assessment and Evaluation Practice in Schools and introduced Beth
Wolf, Literacy Consultant and Suzanne Smart, Learning Innovation Consultant. Ms. Wolf and Ms. Smart discussed the 7
Fundamental Principles of Assessment and Evaluation and the alignment to the MYSP, BIPSA, Growing Success and
Curriculum Documents. The cornerstones of assessment were also discussed along with current work and next steps.

Trustees were provided with a hands-on activity.

6. Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)

6.1 Linkages Activity

Trustees reported back from the Linkage Committee. Highlights include Clergy dinner, invitation to Audit, SEAC and CPIC
to the May 13th Committee of the Whole and Community Leaders Breakfast. Terms of Reference are being finalized.

6.2 Pastoral Care Activity

Trustees reported back from the Pastoral Care Committee. Highlights include discussion of Trustees cooking dinner for
senior staff, Catholic Education Week Mass at St. Agnes on May 5th and possible retreat. Terms of Reference are being
finalized.

7. Reports From Board Committees/Task Forces

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

8.1 OCSTA Communications

Trustees discussed OCSTA communications.

8.2 OCSTA Modules:

Module 3: Right from the Start: Roles and Responsibilities
"What new learning can you share?"
"What you can bring into practice to the board?"

Module 4: Common Ground, Common Purpose: Relationships in School Boards
"What new learning can you share?"
"What you can bring into practice to the board?"

Trustees discussed Modules and shared learning.

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9. Policy Discussion

9.1 Discussion for Board Policy I 001 Ends – Broad Policy Provision

No comments, discussion was closed.

9.2 Discussion of reasonable interpretation as it relates to III 004 Delegation of the CEO

Trustees discussed reasonable interpretation and shared concerns. It was concluded that there is no absolute answer and should be case by case basis. Considered bringing issue back to Committee of the Whole.

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):
- Mar 6: SEAC
- Mar 7: Beacons of Hope: Mon. Doyle FOS
- Mar 18: Governance – St. Benedict CSS
- Mar 25: Board of Trustees- St. Benedict CSS
- Mar 26: Beacons of Hope Resurrection FOS
- Mar 28: Doyle/Benedict's Service Learning Fundraiser
- Apr 2: Beacons of Hope St. Benedict FOS
- Apr 2: Audit Committee Meeting
- Apr 2: Dave Jaworsky's State of the City Breakfast
- Apr 6: Maple Syrup Festival (Mayor’s Breakfast & Pancake flipping
- Apr 8: Committee of the Whole – St. Benedict CSS
- Apr 11: Kitchener’s State of the City Address
- Apr. 13: Mayor’s 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

2019-13– It was moved by Trustee Van Alphen and seconded by Trustee Gravelle:

THAT the meeting be now adjourned. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:15 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary