Committee of the Whole Meeting

A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held Monday, November 18th, 2019 at the Catholic Education Centre, Kitchener.

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

Student Trustees Present:
Meghan Cymborn, Rori Schaefer

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

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Regrets:
Kevin Dupuis

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 6:00 p.m.

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

1.2 Approval of Agenda
Amendment, agenda should state date of November 18th not November 11th, 2019. The meeting of Monday, November 11th, 2019 was canceled due to inclement weather.

2019-31 -- It was moved by Trustee da Silva and seconded by Trustee Van Alphen:
THAT the agenda for Monday, November 18, 2019, 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.
1.4 Items for Action:
1.4.1 Committee of the Whole In-Camera Meeting on November 18th, 2019 regarding Real Estate matters.

2019-31 -- It was moved by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Reitzel:
THAT the Items for Action from Monday, November 18, 2019 regarding Real Estate Matters be now approved. --- Carried by consensus.

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 October 7, 2019 Committee of the Whole Minutes

3.1.2 Minutes from In-Camera meeting of September 23rd, October 3rd and October 28th, 2019 in relation to Human Resources matters.

2019-32 -- It was moved by Trustee da Silva and seconded by Trustee Schmalz:
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 Teacher Learning and Leadership Program (TLLP)
The Board of Trustees were provided with an update on the most recent TLLP projects. It was confirmed that the Ministry did not support any projects for the current year.

Michael Leonard and Justyna Knopinska discussed their project “Developing Deeper Learning Competencies in Mathematics” including the project focus, teaching methods used and outcome.

Michael Kearns, Tara Townes and Tammy Frayne discussed their project “Developing Interactive, Engaging Learning through e and m (mobile) Learning Courseware, Simulation, and Gamification”. The project initiatives and goals for 2019-2020 were discussed.

Trustees asked clarifying questions and provided feedback. Teachers were thanked for their work and dedication to these projects. Trustees discussed the possibility of raising concerns with OCSTA with respect to lack of Ministry funding.

5.2 Pastoral Plan Update
Superintendent Olson presented on the 3 Year Pastoral Plan: Called to Belong, Gathered to Become and Sent to Build. A debrief was given on the activities and celebrations that took place during “Called to Belong” and an introduction to “Gathered to Become” was given.

5.3 Period Poverty in Ontario schools
Superintendent Ivankovic provided the Board of Trustees with the data from the principals surveyed in October 2019 regarding feminine hygiene product practices in their schools. All schools make feminine hygiene project available to students who require them. In order to increase awareness for students, schools are asked to highlight availability with signage of where the products are accessible. Superintendent Ivankovic confirmed that she is in the midst of obtaining information on costs and possible corporate sponsorship programs.

Trustees asked clarifying questions and provided feedback including whether student voice has been considered, a pilot project and cost of outfitting all schools. A follow up was requested for Spring from the Trustees.
6. Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)

6.1 Linkages Activity
Trustees reported back from the Linkage Committee. Highlights included debrief of November 6th Commissioning, rescheduling of networking date with WRDSB Trustees, possibilities of combining the Parish Hall Blessing and Clergy Dinner and promoting Winter Walk day.

6.2 Pastoral Care Activity
Trustees reported back from the Pastoral Care Committee. Highlights included debrief of Trustee/Senior Admin Retreat on October 29th, interest in booking Soup Sisters, interest in supporting the Stocking Stuffing Campaign and collection of Trustee Christmas funds to support St. Mary’s Outreach Program.

7. Reports From Board Committees/Task Forces

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

8.1 OCSTA Communications
OCSTA Communication were reviewed.

8.2 OCSTA Modules:
Module 11: Conflict of Interest, Quasi-Judicial Proceeding
Module 12: Running Effective Meetings
Trustees engaged in discussion with respect to Module 11 & 12.

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

12.1 Reinstatement of the Trustee Log

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):
- Nov 14 - 41st Annual Justice Dinner
- Nov 15 - St. Louis Grad
- Nov 20 - CPIC Meeting
- Nov 22 - St. Louis Grad
- Nov 25 - Board of Trustees Meeting
- Dec 2 - Inaugural Election Chair/Vice-chair
- Dec 4 - SEAC
- Dec 6 - Spiritual Development Day
- Dec 9 - Board of Trustees' Meeting
- Dec 12 - Christmas Social (Blackshop)
- Dec 19 - CEC Christmas Mass/Lunch

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

2019-33-- It was moved by Trustee da Silva and seconded by Trustee Gravelle:
THAT the meeting be now adjourned. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:25 p.m.

[Signature]
Chair of the Board

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Secretary