

Board of Trustees' Meeting

A public meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, November 25, 2013 at the Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre.

Trustees Present:

Joyce Anderson; Wayne Buchholtz (Chair); Manuel da Silva; Janek Jagiellowicz; Frank Johnson; Anthony Piscitelli; Wendy Price; Peter Reitmeier; Greg Reitzel

Student Trustees Present:

Alexandru Gheorghe; Carlos Valero

Administrative Officials Present:

Larry Clifford; Gerry Clifford; David DeSantis; Derek Haime; Shesh Maharaj

Regrets:

Maria Ivankovic; Laura Shoemaker; Fr. Fred Scinto, C.R; John Shewchuk

Recorder:

Barb Pilsner, 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 of the Board called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials

The opening prayer was led by A. Gheorghe, Board Pastoral Team. Intentions were offered for the students who went to the Dominican Republic, Joseph McKay, former principal; Paul Horgan who passed away and family and friends undergoing medical tests. Please keep them in your prayers.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

2013-158 -- It was *moved* by **M. da Silva** and *seconded* by **G. Reitzel**:
THAT the agenda for November 25, 2013 be now approved. --- Carried by consensus.

1.3 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

- 1.3.1 From the current meeting – A. Piscitelli declared a conflict with item 10.2.1 as he is an employee of the Region of Waterloo
- 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 Special Board meeting of Sept 27/13
- 3.1.2 Items for Action from In-camera meeting of Sept 27/13 – removed to a separate motion
- 3.1.3 Minutes of Board meeting of Oct 28/13
- 3.1.4 Minutes of Special Board meeting of Nov 11/13
- 3.1.5 Minutes of Linkages Committee Meeting Nov 4/13

- 3.1.6 Minutes of Governance Meeting of Nov 4/13
- 3.1.7 Minutes of Elementary Admissions Task Force Nov 18/13
- 3.1.8 Staffing Report as of November 25/13

2013-159 -- It was *moved* by **M. da Silva** and *seconded* by **P. Reitmeier**:

THAT the Consent Agenda Board of Trustees and the recommendations contained therein, with the exception of item 3.1.2, be now approved. --- Carried by consensus

2013-160 -- It was *moved* by **G. Reitzel** and *seconded* by **P. Reitmeier**:

THAT Board of Trustees approved Item 3.1.2 pulled from the Consent agenda. --- Carried by consensus

A.Piscitelli did not vote on the second motion. See September 19, 2013 Special Board of Trustees minutes.

4 Delegations

4.1 VIP Award

- 4.1.1 Janek Jagiellowicz presented the award to Blake Haskell, a student from Monsignor Doyle
- 4.1.2 Frank Johnson presented the award to Maddie Furtado, a student from St. Benedict.
- 4.1.3 Anthony Piscitelli presented the award to Hunter Tyszka, a student from St. Dominic
- 4.1.4 Wendy Price presented the award to Katie Molinaro, a student from St. Matthew

The meeting recessed at 6:25 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 6:28 p.m.

4.2 Fostering Faith

D. Haime introduced and welcomed Fr. Frank Freitas, St. Mary of the Visitation to speak about fostering faith.

Fr. Freitas said the Adult Faith Development is an opportunity to bring principals and vice-principals together to affirm them as Catholic leaders. The goals of the program are:

- to listen to our leaders
- share some ideas, suggestions, concepts that can help us as leaders in Catholic education
- explain the resources that are available
- provide strategies to live small in an upsize world
- put them at ease
- talk about Catholic education

There is an opportunity to focus on the strong partnership between the home, parish and school. There are two sessions – Fall and Winter.

4.3 Beyond Catholic Graduation

L. Clifford introduced Marylin Dawson, Religion and Family Life Consultant.

M. Dawson spoke about a 2012 survey of 6000 graduates from Ontario Catholic secondary schools by OISE developed in collaboration with a research advisory committee. Students were asked what impact Catholic education had on their life and if they are living their faith today. Graduates indicated the experience had a direct impact on the way they live their life through volunteering, social justice initiatives and living in accordance to the goals of the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations.

Catholic Education was important because it...

- Incorporated beliefs, values, morals, ethics and guiding life principles that helped to shape who they are
- Provided a sense of community
- Provided an inclusive environment
- Built and developed their faith
- Provided them with insight and inspiration to guide their decisions

5 Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)

6 Actions From Board Committees/Task Forces

6.1 Student Trustee Report

C. Valero reported for the Kitchener-Waterloo Schools:

Heart of the Community (Catholicity) – St. David, St. Mary's and Resurrection had Christmas assemblies. St.

Mary's winter fundraiser was for Kids Ability. St Mary's and Resurrection had Movember and Resurrection held anti-bullying week in November. Kids Ability spoke to the student presidents about the plasma car races to be held in May
Success for Each (Student Success) – Resurrection had 'Read for the Fun of it Week'. Parent/student grade 8 information nights are November and December
A Place for All (Quality and Site Improvement) – St. David is planning Christmas Spirit week, and St. Mary's had their semi-formal.

A. Gheorghe reported for the Cambridge Schools:

Heart of the Community (Catholicity) – Monsignor Doyle had a Remembrance Day mass. Rachel's Challenge – uncle of the student who died in the Columbine shooting was a guest speaker at both schools. St. Benedict had a live Art battle related to kindness. Students and staff from all secondary schools went to the Dominican Republic.

Success for Each (Student Success) – Monsignor Doyle and St. Benedict will have their parent/student grade 8 information nights in January.

A Place for All (Quality and Site Improvement) – Monsignor Doyle had a float in the Santa Claus parade and hosted a wrestling tournament. St. Benedict is having a Fall fair. Monsignor Doyle and St. Benedict are having their formals. St. Benedict had two productions related to the theme of kindness to end Anti-bullying week.

6.2 Governance Committee Recommendations

6.3 Pastoral Care Team

6.4 Linkages Committee

P. Reitmeier presented draft questions for potential MPP visits for discussion. In addition Trustees would also like questions around Regulation 274 and the diagnostic as a result of the July Memorandum of Understanding

6.5 CPIC

6.6 Audit Committee

J. Jagiellowicz deferred presentation of the 2012-13 Audit Committee report to A. Piscitelli. He advised this is a standard report we provide to the Ministry.

2013-161 -- It was *moved* by **J. Jagiellowicz** and *seconded* by **A. Piscitelli**:

THAT the Board of Trustees approved the following recommendations:

- *This report is provided as monitoring information for the Board of Trustees*
- *Authorizes the Chair of the Audit Committee to submit this report to the Ministry of Education on behalf of the Board of Trustees. --- Carried by consensus*

Trustees requested the date of the report be changed to November 25th.

6.7 Elementary Admissions Task Force

7 Board Education (at the request of the Board)

8. Policy Discussion

9. Assurance of Successful Board Performance

9.1 Board Policy II 004 Advocacy and Advertising

W. Buchholtz asked trustees if we are in compliance with this policy.

2013-162 -- It was *moved* by **G. Reitzel** and *seconded* by **M. da Silva**:

THAT the Board of Trustees reviewed Policy II 004 Advocacy and Advertising and finds we are in compliance. --- Carried by consensus

9.2 Is There a Need to Review This Policy?

Trustees agreed there is no need to review this policy.

10. Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance

10.1 Monitoring Reports & Vote on Compliance

10.1.1

10.2 Advice from the CEO

10.2.1 Bell Times

S. Maharaj advised the report is a summary of the public consultation we undertook regarding the change in bell times. Trustees discussed the concerns of the families, their own concerns and asked questions for clarification.

2013-163 -- It was *moved* by **J. Jagiellowicz** and *seconded* by **W. Price**:

THAT the Board of Trustees receive and approve the report and its appendices in fulfillment of the request to consult with our stakeholders on potential bell time changes and we move to align our bell times with those of the Waterloo Region District School Board.

2013-164 -- It was *moved* by **G. Reitzel** and *seconded* by **P. Reitmeier**:

THAT the wording of the original motion be amended. The motion will now read:

THAT the Board of Trustees receive and approve the report and its appendices in fulfillment of the request to consult with our stakeholders on potential bell time changes and that the board of trustees supports changing bell times at the schools by up to 21 minutes with the potential savings being targeted for the success of our students. --- Carried by consensus

11. Potential Agenda Items

11.1 Trustee Inquiry Report from the CEO

11.2 Shared Concerns

12. Announcements

12.1 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

12.2 Upcoming Meetings/Events (all scheduled for the Catholic education Centre unless otherwise indicated):

Nov 29 5:30 pm. Trustee/Senior Staff Christmas Social
Dec 2 6:00 pm. Inaugural/Board meeting
Dec 4 6:00 pm. CPIC
Dec 4 7:00 pm. SEAC
Dec 5 4:00 pm. ARC Public Meeting, St. Nicholas
Dec 9 5:00 pm. Linkages Committee
Dec 9 6:30 pm. Governance Committee
Dec 16 6:00 pm. Board of Trustees
Dec 19 9:30 am. Board Office Mass/Christmas Luncheon
Dec 21 – Jan 5 Christmas Break

12.3 Pending Items:

12.3.1 Telephone call log for Dec 16th

12.4 Pending Items for OCSTA Consideration

Mental Health Government Funding Continuation

13. Items for the Next Meeting Agenda

14. Adjournment – Confirm decisions made tonight. Closing Prayer

The Recording Secretary confirmed the meeting decisions.

15. Motion to Adjourn

2013-165 -- It was *moved* by **M. da Silva** and *seconded* by **F. Johnson**:
THAT the meeting be now adjourned.
The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:52 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary