



# Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

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Michael B. Moher, Director of Education John Macri, Board Chairperson

## ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**Tuesday, December 7, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.**  
(Mass Assumption Chapel at 6:45 p.m.)  
**Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre**  
**1325 California Avenue, Windsor**

## MINUTES

### PRESENT:

#### **Trustees:**

F. Alexander	P. Keane
J. Courtney	J. Macri
M. DiMenna	S. Porcellini
B. Holland	L. Soulliere
C. Janisse	

Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain  
Natalie Deschamps, Student Trustee  
Emily Limarzi, Student Trustee (Alternate)

#### **Administration:**

M. Moher (Resource)	T. Halford
J. Berthiaume	P. Littlejohns
P. Marchini	C. Marier
	T. Robins

#### **Recorder:**

D. Steffens

1. Call To Order – In accordance with Section Two of the Board By-laws, Michael Moher, Director of Education called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and presided over the meeting until the election of the Chair.
2. Opening Prayer – Rev. Larry Brunet, Board Chaplain opened the meeting with prayer. Afterwards, trustees recited a commissioning prayer reaffirming their commitment to the provision of Catholic education.
3. Welcome – The Director of Education welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board for the second year of a three-year term.
4. Recording of Attendance – All trustees present.

## 5. Election of Chair

The Director of Education read the bylaws and procedures pertaining to election of the Chair. Trustees were asked to approve the appointment of two scrutineers.

**Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee Courtney that the Board approve the appointment of Father Brunet and Superintendent Marchini as scrutineers. Carried.**

Trustees who wished to serve as Chair were invited to stand and declare their candidacy. The following trustees responded:

- John Macri
- Lisa Soulliere

After three requests by the Director inviting those who wished to stand to do so, there were no further declarations and the Director called that nominations be closed.

**Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Porcellini that nominations for the position of Chair be closed. Carried.**

Candidates Macri and Soulliere provided their comments to the assembly in support of their respective nominations.

Scrutineers Father Brunet and Superintendent Marchini distributed the ballots and tallied the results. The Director of Education announced that Trustee Macri would continue to serve as Chair of the Board.

**Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the ballots for the election of the Chair of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board be destroyed. Carried.**

At this point, Chair Macri assumed the Chair and proceeded with election of the Vice-Chair.

## 6. Election of Vice-Chair

Chair Macri invited trustees who wished to serve as Vice-Chair to stand and declare their candidacy. The following trustees rose and declared their candidacy:

- Barbara Holland
- Joan Courtney

After three requests by the Chair inviting those who wished to stand to do so there were no further declarations and the Chair called that the nominations be closed.

**Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Janisse that nominations for the position of Vice-Chair be closed. Carried.**

Candidates Holland and Courtney provided their comments to the assembly in support of their respective nominations.

Scrutineers Father Brunet and Superintendent Marchini distributed the ballots and tallied the results. The Chair announced that Trustee Courtney would continue to serve as Vice-Chair of the Board.

**Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the ballots for the election of the Vice-Chair of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board be destroyed. Carried.**

Vice-Chair Courtney indicated that she would share comments at the next Board meeting.

7. Chairperson's Address

Chair Macri extended his sincere appreciation for the support of his nomination this evening. In the ensuing year, he pledged to represent the interests of all trustees to the best of his ability. Chair Macri stated the newly constituted Board has operated with common goals and with a unified purpose. It is this spirit of co-operation and unity that has allowed the Board to flourish and to take pride in its achievements. Chair Macri thanked trustees for their hard work, dedication, co-operation and for all that they bring to the Board table each and every meeting.

The Chair also thanked Board personnel, including the Director, Superintendents, administrative staff, teachers and support staff, for their hard work and dedication to make our Catholic education system a success. Chair Macri outlined some of the achievements and challenges during the past year. He closed by conveying his confidence that the Board, through dedication and determination, will continue to provide quality Catholic education for the students they so proudly serve.

8. Establishment of Committees

Chair Macri asked trustees to review the present list of Committee appointments and to contact him with their preferences as soon as possible. Committee appointments will be confirmed at a later meeting.

9. Next Regular Meeting of the Board

- Tuesday, December 14, 2004 – 7:00 p.m.

10. Closing Prayer

11. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

*John Macri*  
*Board Chairperson*

*Michael Moher*  
*Director of Education & Secretary*