



Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 26, 2005

Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre
1325 California Avenue, Windsor

MINUTES

PRESENT

Trustees:

F. Alexander	P. Keane
M. DiMenna	J. Macri, Chair
B. Holland	S. Porcellini
C. Janisse	L. Soulliere
Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain	
Student Trustee N. Deschamps	
Student Trustee (Alternate) E. Limarzi	

Regrets:

J. Courtney, Vice-Chair

Administration:

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

Recorder:

D. Steffens

1. Call To Order - Chair Macri called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer – Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. Recording of Attendance –Trustee Courtney sent regrets.
4. Approval of Agenda

Amendments:

- Addition: Special Announcement - St. Joseph Catholic High School (after agenda item 6)

Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the April 26, 2005 Regular Board meeting agenda be approved as amended. Carried.

5. Questions Pertaining to Agenda – None.
6. Disclosure of Interest - Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act. – None.

Special Announcement – St. Joseph Catholic High School

Chair Macri announced that the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board has selected a site for the new St. Joseph Catholic High School. The site (approximately 20 acres) is located in Windsor at the corner of McHugh Avenue and Clover Avenue in the East Riverside area. The selection of the new site took into account several criteria identified by the School Consolidation Committee and other stakeholders. The property acquisition process will proceed by expropriation working cooperatively with the existing owner in order to expedite the planning process.

The meeting recessed at 7:10 p.m. allow questions by the media and resumed at 7:20 p.m.

7. Presentations

- a. Holy Name Catholic Elementary School – Choir and Mission Club

Principal Dave Lozinsky, introduced teacher Lori Market and students who participate in the school's Choir and Mission Club. Students presented a spiritual liturgical dance and provided an overview of the faith development activities and community outreach programs carried out at the school.

Father Brunet left the meeting at this point.

- b. Catholic Education Week - Communication Plan for System-Wide Activities

Linda Staudt - Supervisor Pathways to Success, Lorenzo Pinazza – Information Technologies Consultant and Tim Halford – Communication Services Coordinator, provided an overview of the system-wide Catholic Education Week celebrations that will occur May 1 to May 6. Additional information can be found on the Board's website at www.wecdsb.on.ca or at the Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association website at www.ocsta.on.ca.

8. Delegations

- a. Delegation Regarding Items Not on the Agenda – None.
- b. Delegations Regarding Items On the Agenda – None.

9. Action Items

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - i) Minutes of In-Camera Meeting, April 12, 2005
Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the minutes of the In-Camera meeting of April 12, 2005 be adopted as amended. Carried.

- ii) Minutes of Regular Meeting, April 12, 2005
Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 12, 2005 be adopted as distributed. Carried.
 - iii) Minutes of Emergency In-Camera Meeting, April 14, 2005
Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Holland that the minutes of the Emergency In-Camera meeting of April 14, 2005 be adopted as distributed. Carried.
- b. Items From In-Camera Meeting of April 12, April 14 and April 26, 2005

Trustee DiMenna reported the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board resumed a closed Committee of the Whole meeting on April 12, 2005, convened an Emergency Closed Committee of the Whole meeting on April 14, 2005 and convened a closed Committee of the Whole meeting on April 26, 2005, pursuant to the Education Act - Section 207, to consider specific personnel and real property issues and other matters permitted or required to be kept private and confidential under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Trustees Alexander, Courtney, Keane and Porcellini did not attend the April 14 Emergency In-Camera meeting due to conflict of interest.

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Holland that the recommendations and directions of the Committee of the Whole Board at its meetings of April 12, April 14 and April 26 be approved. Carried.

Trustee DiMenna made the following announcements:

- at the March 29, 2005 In-Camera Meeting - trustees approved the transfer of administrative functions of the Section 20 school at Glengarda Child and Family Services to the Greater Essex County District School Board
- at the April 12, 2005 In-Camera Meeting – trustees approved an extension of the Personal Services Contract for Michael Moher, Director of Education until June 2007
- at the April 14, 2005 Emergency In-Camera meeting – trustees approved the ratification of a two-year collective agreement between the Board and OECTA Secondary teachers
- at the April 26, 2005 In-Camera meeting trustees approved:
 - the extension of retirement for Anne Maurice for one additional school year
 - the appointment of Mary Heath to position of Adult Faith Animator for a one year term with an option for renewal
 - the appointment of Greg Jolicouer as *Acting* Principal at St. Peter Catholic Elementary School, effective May 9, 2005
 - the appointment of Cathy Prekupec as *Acting* Administrator at St. Peter Catholic Elementary School, effective May 9, 2005

10. Communications

a. External (Associations, OCSTA, Ministry)

- i) Memorandum from the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association re: Resolutions to be Considered at the 2005 AGM (*Deferred from April 12, 2005 - full package provided to trustees previously*)

Trustee Soulliere indicated the Board's Ad Hoc OCSTA Resolution Committee reviewed the resolution package received from the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association. At the AGM, the Ad Hoc Committee plans to speak about the Board's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) resolution that was not supported by OCSTA and withdraw it from the floor.

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Porcellini that the memorandum from the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association re: Resolutions to be Considered at the 2005 AGM be received as information. Carried.

b. Internal (Reports from Administration)

- i) Report: Administrative Staff Report
Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive the *Administrative Staff Report* on retirement of staff dated April 26, 2005 for information. Carried.
- ii) Report: Legal Services – February 2005
Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Holland that the report *Legal Services – February 2005* be received as information. Carried.

11. Unfinished Business – None.

12. New Business

a. Report: Revised Good Places to Learn - Stage 1 Plan

Superintendent Marchini reported that the Ministry has provided additional information since the Board received the March 8th Good Places to Learn document which was prepared in anticipation of the Ministry of Education's grants under Stage 1 of the Good Places to Learn initiative. Since the release of Ministry Memorandum 2005:B4 on March 18 and gaining full access to the Ministry's ReCAPP database, the Facilities Services Department has been reviewing the original plan and making the necessary adjustments to Stage 1 projects in order to conform with the urgent and high needs capital renewal needs listed in the Ministry data. Projects not included in ReCAPP but identified as urgently required will be presented under the 2005/06 Capital Renewal Budget.

Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee Porcellini that the Board approve the *Revised Good Places to Learn – Stage 1 Plan*;

and, that the Board approve that funding for the Revised Good Places to Learn – Stage 1 Plan be used to address repair projects that have been identified as urgent and high needs in the ReCAPP database. Carried.

b. Report: Tender - Roofing 2005 (A)

Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Board approve the tender bids from Gillett Roofing, Horizon Roofing, Kingsville Roofing, Rauth Roofing and Semple Gooder Roofing for various roofing projects as listed on the attached spreadsheet and that purchase order contracts be issued upon board approval. Carried.

c. Report: St. Joseph Catholic High School – Construction Management

Superintendent Marchini indicated the Board has acquired land for the construction of the new St. Joseph Catholic High School. It is recommended the Board pursue a construction management process, which may enable the Board to complete the school prior to August 31, 2006. The closure of the existing school by August 31st, 2006 is critical since the Board's secondary capacity for St. Joseph (1,059 pupil places) will only be reduced if the new facility is occupied in September 2006. Trustees sought clarification on the potential of increased costs under the construction management process, the sequential tendering procedure, and discussed options for accommodating future enrolment growth. A full report containing options, costs and timelines will be presented to the Board for review and final approval when the request for proposals process is completed. Trustees Alexander, Holland and Porcellini volunteered to sit on the St. Joseph Catholic High School Construction Management Committee.

Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Board approve the Construction Management approach to the building of the new St. Joseph Catholic High School. Carried.

d. Fieldtrips:

i) Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School – Camp Queen Elizabeth

Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Keane that the Board approve the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School field trip to Camp Queen Elizabeth, Honey Harbour, Ontario from June 1 - 3rd, 2005. Carried.

ii) St. Angela Catholic Elementary School – Cedarwin Scout Camp

Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Keane that the Board approve the St. Angela Catholic Elementary School field trip to Cedarwin Scout Camp from June 8 – 10, 2005. Carried.

13. Committee Reports – None.

14. Notice of Motion – None.

15. Remarks and Announcements

a. Chairperson – None.

- b. Director of Education – Director Moher reported that the Board has received approval from the Ministry of Education for the modified 2005 – 2006 School Year Calendar. The calendar is available to the public on the Board’s website at: www.wecdsb.on.ca.
- c. Board Chaplain – Not present.

16. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

- Trustee Porcellini congratulated students and staff of both Catholic Central High School and the students of Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary School on the success of their recent concerts.
- Trustee Janisse inquired into the status of a report concerning the feasibility of a central maintenance building.
- Trustee Keane indicated that Fr. John Reddy, from Assumption Parish, is being transferred to Texas and expressed his appreciation for his support of our Catholic school system. Trustee Keane indicated he would not be in attendance at the May 10th meeting due to surgery.
- Trustee Alexander congratulated members of the Christ the King Robotics Team four placing fourth in the World Robofest 2005 Championships. Trustee Alexander also commended the staff for their hard work in preparing the students for competition
- Trustee Soulliere extended an invitation to trustees to attend Cardinal Carter Catholic High School’s fundraising event - Jody Raffoul Concert - on June 3rd. The concert will also feature area students who have been successful in the local Battle of Bands.
- Trustee Holland extended her congratulations and welcome to the Board’s new Adult Faith Animator Mary Heath and thanked fellow trustees for supporting the new location for St. Joseph Catholic High School.
- Trustee DiMenna congratulated two grade 7 students at Queen of Peace Catholic Elementary School who placed first in their divisions at the recent Optimist Club Oratorical Contest in Sarnia. Each student was awarded a \$1,500 post-secondary scholarship.

17. Pending Items

- a. Trustee Porcellini Amended Notice of Motion from March 29, 2005: *“that the Board request from administration a report detailing and discussing the enrolment pressures facing Catholic Central High School, identifying possible solutions and next steps.”*

18. Continuation of In-Camera – Not required.

19. Future Board Meetings: (unless stated otherwise all meetings will be held at the Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre - 1325 California Avenue, Windsor)

- Tuesday, May 10, 2005 – 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 24, 2005 – 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 14, 2005 – 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 27, 2005 – 7:00 p.m. (**NOTE REVISED DATE**)

20. Closing Prayer –The meeting closed with a prayer.
21. Adjournment - There being no further business, the Regular Board Meeting of April 26, 2005 adjourned at 8:48 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

John Macri
Board Chairperson

Michael Moher
Director of Education & Secretary