



Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre
1325 California Avenue, Windsor

MINUTES

PRESENT

Trustees:

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

Regrets:

P. Keane

Administration:

M. Moher (Resource)	T. Robins
P. Marchini	L. Staudt
J. Ouellette	C. Geml
T. Halford	E. Poirier
P. Littlejohns	K. Power
C. Marier	

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 Keane sent regrets.
4. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the May 10, 2005 Regular Board meeting agenda be approved as distributed. *Carried.*

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

- a. Design of Public Spaces in the Catholic Education Centre

Superintendent Ouellette introduced Elaine Carr, Visual Arts Teacher and Department Head of Arts and Languages who has approached Senior Administration with a plan encompassing an overall artwork design for the public spaces of the Catholic Education Centre. The project will involve selected classes of students and teachers to prepare artwork designs and transfer murals intended to enhance the values, mission and vision of the board through artistic expression. The first phase of the project, encompassing the main public hallways and the entrance, will be completed in the 2005/06 school year. Trustee Porcellini indicated an interest in participating on Steering Committee.

Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Board support the art design project for the public spaces of the Catholic Education Centre. Carried.

- b. Building a Culture of Excellence: The Use of Data to Enhance Academic Achievement

Superintendent Ouellette reported that, since the development of our board's "*Blueprint for the Future*" – *Strategic Plan*, our Board has been involved in many initiatives with respect to improving student academic achievement. Kelly Power, Assessment and Evaluation Consultant provided an update on the Board's Assessment for Learning Plan. The presentation described the various uses of assessment data to assist in terms of student learning and achievement and to identify best practices and strategy supports for teachers.

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 26, 2005
Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the minutes of the In-Camera meeting of April 26, 2005 be adopted as distributed. Carried.
- ii) Minutes of Regular Meeting, April 26, 2005
Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Holland that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 26, 2005 be adopted as distributed. Carried.

b. Items From In-Camera Meeting of May 10, 2005

Vice-Chair Courtney reported that the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a closed Committee of the Whole meeting on May 10, 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.

Trustee Porcellini declared a conflict of interest in the May 10, 2005 In-Camera Session.

Moved by Trustee Courtney and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the recommendations and directions of the Committee of the Whole Board at its meeting of May 10, 2005 be approved. Carried.

Vice-Chair Courtney made the following announcements:

- the following individuals have been appointed for a two-year period (with an option to renew for an addition two-years) as follows:
 - Steve Freeman as Supervisor of Faith Development;
 - Elaine Poirier as Supervisor of Curriculum Support Services;
 - Paul Picard as Supervisor of Human Resources – Academic; and
 - Cathy Geml as Supervisor of Special Education Support Services.
- the Board approved extensions of retirement for one additional school year for J. Marquis, P. Bondy and M. Kraith Bolton

10. Communications

a. External (Associations, OCSTA, Ministry)

- i) Letter from Community Social Planning Council Kingsville Leamington dated April 28, 2005 re: Permanent Board Position Representative.

Trustees are to inform the Chair of interest in an appointment to this community committee.

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the letter be received as information. Carried.

b. Internal (Reports from Administration)

- i) Report: Administrative Staff Report
Moved by Trustee Courtney and seconded by Trustee Alexander that the Board receive the *Administrative Staff Report* on hiring, retirement and resignation of staff dated May 10, 2005 for information. Carried.

11. Unfinished Business – None.

12. New Business

a. Report: Tender – Lighting 2005 (Good Places to Learn – Stage 1)

Subsequent to the recent Board approval of the Good Places to Learn Stage 1 Capital Renewal Plan, a tender opening for “Lighting 2005” took place on Friday, May 6, 2005. Seven companies were sent a package and five of them closed. As a result of the favourable tender, the Board will be able to complete all school lighting projects (Stage 1 and 2) rather than the budgeted 23 school projects.

Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board approve the tender bids from Valulite and Nedco for lighting fixture requirements as listed on the attached spreadsheet and that purchase order contracts be issued upon board approval. Carried.

b. Report: 2005 – 2006 Student Trustee Appointment

Trustee Porcellini reported that on Monday, May 9, five student representatives were interviewed for the position of Student Trustee and Alternate Student Trustee for the 2005/2006 school year. The Committee, consisting of Trustee Porcellini, Student Trustee Natalie Deschamps and Jim Byrne, reached consensus on both the Student Trustee and the Alternate. Trustee Porcellini indicated that the Committee was very impressed with the calibre of all students interviewed and congratulated each for being selected to represent their schools as potential student trustee candidates.

Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board appoint Amy Kishek of F. J. Brennan Catholic High School as Student Trustee and Jennifer Devos of Holy Names Catholic High School as the Alternate Trustee for the 2005/2006 School Year. Carried.

c. Fieldtrips:

i) St. Anne Catholic High School – Quebec City

Moved by Trustee Courtney and seconded by Trustee Porcellini that the Board approve the St. Anne Catholic High School’s Quebec City field trip for the study of French Culture and History from October 19th – 23rd, 2005. Carried.

ii) St. James Catholic Elementary School – Cedar Point, Ohio (A revised Form A had been distributed for this field trip request.)

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board approve the St. James Catholic Elementary School Cedar Point Culminating Activity field trip for June 14, 2005. Carried.

13. Committee Reports – None.

14. Notice of Motion – None.

15. Remarks and Announcements

- a. Chairperson – Chair Macri indicated he had no remarks this evening.
- b. Director of Education – Director Moher reminded trustees of the May 17 mass and reception for graduates of the Support Staff Leadership Program and indicated that the provincial Throne Speech will occur tomorrow at 4:00 p.m.
- c. Board Chaplain – Father Brunet congratulated the individuals who were appointed to the four supervisor appointments and commented on the Catholic Education Week events held by schools across the system.

16. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

- Trustee Porcellini thanked the Muskoka Woods Team for their invitation to attend the spring Muskoka Woods Leadership Experience, thanked M. Sagat, St. Thomas of Villanova School Council for volunteering to represent our region for the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education, and congratulated John McLaughlin for the success organization of the Windsor & District Labour Council Annual Education Advocacy Awards.
- Trustee Alexander congratulated T. Shoemaker, St. Joseph Catholic High School who won the Gertrude Löwengren Award for Best Film in Toronto's annual Jump Cuts Young Filmmakers Showcase. A special screening will be held at St. Joseph High School on May 14 at 7:00 p.m. Trustee also congratulated Student Trustee Deschamps for receiving a scholarship award of \$30,000 from the University of Western Ontario.
- Trustee Soulliere voiced her support of the Spring Muskoka Woods Leadership Experience, which she visited after the Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA) AGM.
- Trustee Holland commented on the format of the recent OCSTA AGM and asked that trustees be provided with a copy of Fr. Jim Mulligan's new book when it is published.
- Trustee DiMenna congratulated the Muskoka Woods Leadership Team for the quality of the students' leadership experience program and congratulated the three winners of the recent Battle of the Bands who will continue on to perform at the Jody Raffoul Concert at Cardinal Carter High School on June 3.
- Trustee Courtney commented on the Board's grade 8 graduation policy and the varied community, parish and school celebration expectations. Trustee Courtney thanked Superintendent Ouellette for participating as a sponsor of the recent Kiwanis Music Festival that involves thousands of children in Windsor and Essex County.
- Student Trustee Alternate Limarzi commented on the value of the Grade 10 literacy tests for ESL students and congratulated the new student trustees on their appointments.

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 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 – Fr. Brunet closed the meeting with a prayer.
21. Adjournment - There being no further business, the Regular Board Meeting of May 10, 2005 adjourned at 8:45 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

John Macri
Board Chairperson

Michael Moher
Director of Education & Secretary