



Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, June 27, 2005

Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre
1325 California Avenue, Windsor

MINUTES

PRESENT

Trustees:

F. Alexander	P. Keane
J. Courtney, Vice-Chair	J. Macri, Chair
M. DiMenna	S. Porcellini
B. Holland	L. Soulliere
Student Trustee N. Deschamps	
Student Trustee (Alternate) E. Limarzi	

Regrets:

C. Janisse, Fr. L. Brunet

Administration:

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

Recorder:

D. Steffens

1. Call To Order - Chair Macri called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer – The meeting opened with a prayer.
3. Recording of Attendance – Trustee Janisse and Father Brunet sent regrets.
4. Approval of Agenda

Amendments:

- Add agenda item 7a Ontario Student Trustee Association - l'Association des Élèves conseillers et conseillères de l'Ontario (OSTA-AECO)
- Delete agenda item 7b Windsor and Essex Parish Reorganization
- Renumber 7a Student Learning to 18 – Intensive Support Pilot Project to 7b
- Amendment (page 53): Item 12f Long Term Financing of Construction Projects - Recommendation #16 to read: *that the Board approve Resolution 2005-01 (below), deemed to be*

read three times, authorizing its participation in one or more of the 2004/2005 Offerings by the issue of debentures over a maximum term of 25 years in the maximum principal amount of \$63,000,000 to the Ontario School Boards Financing Corporation (OSBFC.)

- Amendment (page 103): Item 13a Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting – Recommendation amended to read: *That the Board receive the minutes of the May 26, 2005 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting as information.*

Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the June 27, 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.

Trustee Porcellini declared an interest in item 10b(ii) *Strike Savings and Related Expenses – OECTA Occasional* due to her husband's employment and did not vote on the recommendation.

7. Presentations

- a. Ontario Student Trustee Association - l'Association des Élèves conseillers et conseillères de l'Ontario (OSTA-AECO)

Trustee Holland reported that she attended a meeting with current Student Trustees Deschamps and Limarzi, former Student Trustee Gaspard, Matthew Reid, Past President OSTA-AECO and Patrick Duncan incoming President of OSTA-AECO's English Catholic Board Council. The discussion centred around the recommended revisions to the Board's Student Trustee Policy as it pertains to membership in the Ontario Student Trustee Association. Students Trustees Deschamps and Limarzi briefly introduced Mr. Reid and Mr. Duncan and thanked them for their time and commitment to student trustees across the province.

- b. Student Learning to 18 – Intensive Support Pilot Project Update

Linda Staudt, Supervisor of Student Pathways to Success presented a brief update to the Student Learning to 18 – Intensive Support Pilot Project that the Board approved for implementation at Assumption College and Catholic Central High Schools in January 2005. The Learning to 18 Project funding is intended to support local Board projects to improve credit accumulation and graduation rates, reduce dropout rates and re-engage youth who have left school without a diploma. Students David Hickey, Assumption College and Katie Belmore, Catholic Central, were present to share their success stories since being involved in the Credit Recovery and Workplace Cooperative Education Programs. The Ministry of Education has recently approved an extension and expansion of the original pilot project and approved an additional pilot project proposal which will be implemented at Cardinal Carter Catholic High School.

- c. Windsor and Essex Parish Reorganization - Rev. G. Goyeau and Rev. J. Roche, Episcopal Vicars requested that this presentation be postponed to the new school year.

8. Delegations

a. Delegation Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) – J. Jaco-McKay, SEAC Chairperson

Jennifer Jaco-McKay, Chairperson of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), appeared before the Board to provide background and rationale for two recommendations that were passed at the June 8 meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee. SEAC has recommended that, in preparing the 2005-2006 budget, the Board consider adding two more psychologists to form a Psychology Department, and make every effort to make one a PhD. SEAC is also recommending that the cost of the two additional psychologists be charged to the general budget to offset funds currently being used to provide lunchtime supervision. SEAC believes the addition of these positions would create an integrated team of professional psychologists consistent with the Family of Schools model and support the psychological assessment process and identification of students within the system. Trustees sought clarification from administration with respect to the board's Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) process, the length of the student waiting list, the current status of the Ministry's special education funding model and the timelines for the 2005 – 2006 budget approval.

b. Delegations Regarding Items On the Agenda – None.

9. Action Items

a. Approval of Minutes

i) Minutes of In-Camera Meeting, June 14, 2005

Moved by Trustee Courtney and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the minutes of the In-Camera meeting of June 14, 2005 be adopted as distributed. Carried.

ii) Minutes of Regular Meeting, June 14, 2005

Amendments:

Page 3 Item 7e: The teacher's name in the first sentence to read Steven Richardson.

Page 3 Item 9b: Trustee Keane's vote to read abstained rather than opposed.

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Porcellini that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 14, 2005 be adopted as amended. Carried.

b. Items From In-Camera Meeting of June 27, 2005

Trustee Courtney reported the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a closed Committee of the Whole meeting on June 27, 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 June 27, 2005 In-Camera Session and excused herself from the relevant discussion item.

Moved by Trustee Courtney and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the recommendations and directions of the Committee of the Whole Board at its meeting of June 27, 2005 be approved. Carried.

Vice-Chair Courtney made the following announcement:

- o the appointment of John Kern to the position of Special Education Coordinator

10. Communications

a. External (Associations, OCSTA, Ministry)

- i) Letter from the Durham District School Board dated May 16, 2005

re: Funding for Accessibility Planning

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the letter from the Durham District School Board dated May 16, 2005 be received as information. Carried.

b. Internal (Reports from Administration)

- i) Report: Administrative Staff Report

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Courtney that the Board receive the *Administrative Staff Report on hiring, retirement and resignation of staff dated June 27, 2005* for information. Carried.

- ii) Report: Strike Savings and Related Expenses – OECTA Occasional

Trustee Porcellini declared an interest in this item and did not vote on the recommendation.

Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive the report *Strike Savings And Related Expenditures* as information. Carried.

- iii) Report: Fiscal 2005 Budget Report

Ken Gignac, Controller of Finance reported that, in July 2004, the Board submitted a balanced 2004 – 2005 budget to the Ministry and, in December 2004, a revised budget was filed indicating no change to the bottom line. For Fiscal 2005, the Board will draw \$2,300,000 from reserves to balance the New Pupil Place Grant expenditures and \$3,208,349 from its Special Education Reserve fund. The board has spent 85% of its estimated year-end expenditures as of June 15.

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Keane that the Board receive the *Fiscal 2005 Budget Report for the period ending June 15, 2005* as information. Carried.

- iv) Report: St. Anne Immersion Catholic Elementary School Parking Lot Project Update

Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Keane that the Board receive the *St. Anne French Immersion – New Parking Lot Project Update Report* as information. Carried.

v) Report: Expansion of French Immersion - Feasibility Study

Superintendent Ouellette reported that the report is a follow up to the March 8, 2005 Board motion that the Board consider expanding its French Immersion program and that a committee be established consisting of Trustee(s) and administration to conduct a feasibility study. A study group was established of principals and vice-principals from both legacy boards that were experienced and/or interested in French Immersion, a Superintendent and a consultant. In preparation of this report, several background issues surfaced as very relevant factors, including the historical overview, in considering the expansion of the French Immersion Program.

Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Board receive the report: Expansion of French Immersion: Feasibility Study as information. Carried.

Trustees discussed whether the level of community interest would support successful expansion of the French Immersion program to a school(s) within the county. Director Moher advised that, should the Board proceed to explore the possibility of expanding the program, additional preliminary information should be collected prior to public consultation including the staffing, classroom resource, and bussing costs of implementing an expanded program, and the feasibility of physical accommodation due to existing space limitations and the unknown impact of implementing Ministry initiatives such as primary class size reduction and Best Start programs.

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board direct administration to move forward with public consultation meetings and the survey of parents to determine if there is interest in expanding the elementary French Immersion program and report the findings back to the Board. Carried.

11. Unfinished Business – None.

12. New Business

a. Report: 2005 – 2006 Capital Renewal Plan

Superintendent Marchini and Tim Robins, Controller of Facilities Services presented the 2005 – 2006 Capital Renewal Plan which complements the Good Places to Learn Stage 1 Plan and addresses the highest needs in the system. The projected funding allocation for the 2005 – 2006 Capital Renewal Program is \$3,760,183, including the Good Places to Learn Stage 1 grant of \$580,000 to fund the annual debenture and principal payment associated with \$8,000,000 in capital debentures. Superintendent Marchini noted a clarification with respect to the Capital Strategy Blueprint debenture payments indicating that the annual payment of \$580,000 re the Good Places to Learn grant may not begin until next year and subsequently the amount may be reduced to the interest payment only.

Trustees discussed concerns related to the inadequate cooling capabilities of older HVAC systems located in a number of schools. Several strategies and options to alleviate the extreme heat conditions recently experienced in these schools were explored. Tim Robins

will follow up with specific schools to ensure adherence to the Board's Framework for Window Unit Air Conditioning in Schools and to re-allocate ceiling fans and window air-conditioners from schools that no longer require them.

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Board approve the 2005-2006 Capital Renewal Program. Carried.

- b. Report: Tender Lighting Retrofit 2005 (Good Places to Learn – Stage 1)

Superintendent Marchini verbally reported that the tender for this project closed last Friday. Only two companies closed and the tender was subsequently rejected due to significantly higher than expected bids. The project will continue utilizing our own forces for installation with partial supplementation by outside companies as required.

- c. Report: Tender L. A. Desmarais Catholic Elementary School Renovations
Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Board approve the tender bid from Gulf Construction of \$174,967.47 for school renovations at L. A. Desmarais Catholic Elementary School and that a purchase order contract be issued upon Board approval. Carried.
- d. Report: Tender – Queen of Peace Catholic Elementary School Parking Lot Renovations
Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Porcellini that the Board approve the tender bid from Dunn Paving Limited of \$412,810.00 for school parking lot renovations at Queen of Peace Catholic Elementary School and that a purchase order contract be issued upon Board approval. Carried.
- e. Report: St. Anne's Catholic High School – Construction Management

Superintendent Marchini indicated the Board has acquired land for the construction of the new St. Anne's Catholic High School. It is recommended the Board pursue a construction management process, which may enable the Board to substantially complete the school prior to February 2007. The closure of the existing school by August 31, 2007 is critical since the Board's secondary capacity for St. Anne (1,458 pupil places) will only be reduced if the new facility is occupied in September 2007. 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. Trustee DiMenna volunteered to sit on the St. Anne's Catholic High School Construction Management Committee.

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Board approve the Construction Management approach to the building of the new St. Anne's Catholic High School. Carried.

- f. Report: Long Term Financing of Construction Projects

Superintendent Marchini reported the Ontario School Boards Financing Corporation (OSBFC) is preparing to issue another debenture offering. Upon receiving an updated credit rating, the Board will be prepared to finance various projects that are planned or presently underway through its third debenture issuance. The Board's New Pupil Place Grant Reserve Fund balance at August 31, 2005 is estimated at \$10,500,000. This fund, combined with

annual New Pupil Place Grants, as well as the sale proceeds from St. Joseph's High School, will fund the annual debenture interest and principal payments of \$10,242,000 as provided in Schedule A of the report. Schedule A summarizes the projects to be included in this debenture issue, which will be funded by the New Pupil Place Grants over a 25-year period.

Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Porcellini that the Board approve the Long Term Financing of Construction projects as follows:

the cost of Holy Cross Catholic Elementary School including the addition for \$9,996,025.

the addition at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School at a cost of \$4,893,568.

the addition to St. Rose Catholic Elementary School at a cost of \$1,283,848.

the addition to Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School at a cost of \$3,462,259.

the addition to St. John Vianney Catholic Elementary School at a cost of \$4,714,899.

the addition to H. J. Lassaline Catholic Elementary School at a cost of \$2,788,475.

the addition to St. William Catholic Elementary School at a cost of \$2,417,948.

the cost of \$7,851,873 for the new St. John de Brebeuf Catholic Elementary School.

the cost of \$6,083,678 for the new St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School.

the addition to St. Christopher Catholic Elementary School at a cost of \$5,336,416.

the addition to F. J. Brennan Catholic High School at a cost of \$13,489,405.

the addition to Assumption Catholic High School at a cost of \$14,803,943.

the cost of \$32,295,583 for the construction of St. Anne's Catholic High School.

the cost of \$27,000,000 for the construction of St. Joseph's Catholic High School;

***and*, that the Board approve the revised New Pupil Place Project estimates as listed in Schedule A;**

and*, that the Board approve Resolution 2005-01 (below), deemed to be read three times, authorizing its participation in one or more of the 2004/2005 Offerings by the issue of debentures over a maximum term of 25 years in the maximum principal amount of \$63,000,000 to the Ontario School Boards Financing Corporation (OSBFC.) *Carried.

RESOLUTION 2005 - 01

WHEREAS Ontario School Boards Financing Corporation ("OSBFC") has been incorporated as a non-share capital not-for-profit special purpose corporation to purchase debentures and other prescribed instruments issued by Ontario school boards ("**Boards**") and to sell undivided co-ownership interests in such debentures and other prescribed instruments;

AND WHEREAS CIBC World Markets Inc. ("**CIBC World Markets**") has been appointed to assist OSBFC in connection with OSBFC's offerings from the date hereof to the end of the 2005 calendar year of undivided co-ownership interests in debentures issued by Boards and the proceeds, payments and property received therefrom (individually a "**2005 Offering**", collectively the "**2005 Offerings**");

AND WHEREAS in connection with the 2005 Offerings various Boards (individually a "**Participating School Board**", collectively the "**Participating School Boards**") have authorized or are expected to authorize the issue of debentures having a maximum 25 year

term;

AND WHEREAS the net amounts to be received by OSBFC in connection with the 2005 Offerings, from the sale of undivided co-ownership interests in the debentures issued by the Participating School Boards (the “**Deposited Securities**”), and the proceeds, payments and property received therefrom (after the payment of the fees to the underwriters pursuant to the underwriting agreement entered into in respect of each of the 2005 Offerings), will be applied to pay in full the purchase price payable by OSBFC for the Deposited Securities;

AND WHEREAS the net proceeds from the sale of the Deposited Securities by the Participating School Boards to OSBFC will be used to fund capital works in respect of which Boards are authorized to apply funds from the pupil accommodation allocation reserve fund (the “**Authorized Purposes**”);

AND WHEREAS Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board (the “**Board**”) has resolved to participate in one or more of the 2005 Offerings by the issue of debentures over a maximum term of 25 years in the maximum principal amount of **\$63,000,000** to OSBFC, or, at the sole and absolute discretion of the Treasurer, in such lesser principal amount as the Treasurer in writing advises CIBC World Markets is appropriate;

AND WHEREAS in order to facilitate the purposes aforesaid, CIBC World Markets has suggested that the Board pass this resolution as hereinafter set forth;

NOW THEREFORE WINDSOR-ESSEX CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS :

1. The Board hereby resolves that it may participate in the 2005 Offerings by the issue of debentures, in accordance with the applicable legislation from time to time, in the maximum principal amount of **\$63,000,000** to OSBFC in respect of the Authorized Purposes and in the case of any one 2005 Offering, the Board may participate in the maximum principal amount, or at the sole and absolute discretion of the Treasurer, in such lesser principal amount as the Treasurer in writing advises CIBC World Markets is appropriate.
2. The Board hereby resolves that at any time before the end of the 2005 calendar year, any two of the officers of OSBFC (the “**Officers**”) may negotiate and settle, on the Board’s behalf with CIBC World Markets as a part of any one or more of the 2005 Offerings, subject to the provisions hereof, the terms and conditions in respect of the debentures to be issued, including, without limitation, the applicable rate(s) of interest, the term(s) over which the debentures will be issued, the type(s) of debentures and any other aspect relating to the pricing of the debentures, all as such Officers consider appropriate and expedient, provided that the average annual rate of interest in respect of the debentures shall not exceed 8% per annum.
3. The Board hereby resolves that its Chair and Treasurer be authorized to execute for each 2005 Offering in respect of which the Board constitutes a Participating School Board, an underwriting agreement between the Board, the other Participating School Boards, OSBFC, and the underwriters and any other documents that may be required.
4. The Board hereby resolves that it shall, at least two business days, prior to the fixed date for the completion of the sale of the debentures for each 2005 Offering in respect of which

the Board constitutes a Participating School Board, upon the negotiated terms and conditions in accordance with section 2 hereof, pass a debenture by-law for each series of debentures, which provides for the authorization by the Board of the issue of the relevant series of debentures in respect of the particular 2005 Offering.

g. Fieldtrips:

- i) St. Anne's Catholic High School – Tucson, Arizona - This item was deferred from the Regular Board Meeting of June 14 in order to receive additional information on the planned itinerary. Reservations remained as to the relevance of the activity to classroom curriculum and the availability of experiences of this nature closer to this area.

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Keane that the Board approve the St. Anne's Catholic High School field trip to Tucson, Arizona to participate in a Team Basketball Tournament from December 26, 2005 to January 2, 2006. Carried.

- ii) St. Joseph Catholic High School – Steubenville, Ohio
Moved by Trustee Courtney and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board approve the St. Joseph's Catholic High School field trip to the Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio to attend a High School Students Conference from July 15 to 17, 2005. Carried.

- iii) St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic High School – Winnipeg
Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Porcellini that the Board approve the St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic High School field trip to Winnipeg, Manitoba to attend the Winnipeg High School Hockey League - High School Tournament of Champions from January 4 to January 9, 2006. Carried.

- iv) St. Thomas of Villanova and St. Anne's Catholic High Schools – Europe/France/Italy
Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Keane that the Board approve the St. Thomas of Villanova and St. Anne's Catholic High Schools' Destinations Learning Enrichment Activity to Europe – France and Italy – from March 10 to March 26, 2006. Carried.

- v) St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic High School – England
Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Keane that the Board approve the St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic High School English Enrichment Destinations field trip to England – London, Bath, Stratford – from May 15 to 23, 2006. Carried.

13. Committee Reports

- a. Special Education Advisory Committee – Minutes of May 26, 2005

Trustee Soulliere presented the minutes of the May 26 and highlighted a recommendation that administration appoint a representative from the Principals and Vice-Principals' Association to attend SEAC meetings. Superintendent Ouellette indicated arrangements have been made for an appointed representative.

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Board receive the minutes of the May 26, 2005 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting as information. Carried.

b. Board Policy Review Committee – Board Policy Revisions

The following policies have been reviewed with no recommended amendments and will be brought forward for future review in accordance with the policy review process: *B:06 Access to School Premises* and *A:19 Communicable Diseases*.

A:08 Board Name (Amended Policy)

Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Board approve amended policy A:08 Board Name as presented. Carried.

A:11 Naming of Schools (Amended Policy)

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Porcellini that the Board approve amended policy A:11 Naming of Schools as presented. Carried.

A:12 Code of Ethics / Conflict of Interest (Amended Policy)

Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board approve amended policy A:12 Code of Ethics / Conflict of Interest as presented.

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Board defer approval of amended policy A:12 Code of Ethics / Conflict of Interest to allow input from trustees. Carried.

A:15 Death, Bereavement or Illness (Amended Policy)

Moved by Trustee Courtney and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board approve amended policy A:15 Death Bereavement or Illness as presented. Carried.

A:24 Criminal Background Checks for Service Providers & Others (Non-Employees) (New Policy)

Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Board approve new policy A:24 Criminal Background Checks for Service Providers & Others (Non-Employees) as presented. Carried.

B:03 Vehicles on School Property During School Operating Hours (Amended Policy)

Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Porcellini that the Board approve amended policy B:03 Vehicles on School Property During School Operating Hours as presented. Carried.

H:06 Health and Safety of Employees (Amended Policy)

Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Porcellini that the Board approve amended policy H:06 Health and Safety of Employees as presented. Carried.

SC:14 Emergency Response Plan (Amended Policy – deferred from June 14 Board Meeting)

Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Porcellini that the Board approve amended policy SC:14 Emergency Response Plan as presented. Carried.

ST:08 Grade 8 Graduation Celebrations (Amended Policy)

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Keane that the Board approve amended policy ST:08 Grade 8 Graduation Celebrations as presented. Carried.

ST:15 Accidents / Students (Amended Policy – deferred from June 14 Board Meeting)

Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board approve amended policy ST:15 Accidents / Students as presented. Carried.

ST:22 Home Instruction (New Policy)

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Porcellini that the Board approve new policy ST:22 Home Instruction as presented. Carried.

T:01 Student Trustee (Amended Policy – deferred from June 14 Board Meeting)

Amendment: Page 2 item 6 to read: “Subject to paragraph three (3) of the policy, the Student Trustee shall have the same opportunity as a Board member for participation at meetings of the Board and at meetings of Committees of the Board in a non-voting capacity. [Reference: Education Act., Reg. 461/97 3.(4)]”

Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board approve amended policy T:01 Student Trustee as further amended. Carried.

14. Notice of Motion – None.

- Trustee Soulliere – “At the next Board meeting, I shall move or cause to be moved that the Board add two (2) more psychologists to its psychology department for a total of four (4), and that the cost be applied to the general budget to offset the cost of educational assistant lunch supervisor to the Special Education budget.”
- Trustee Holland – “At the next Board meeting, I shall move or cause to be moved that administration prepare a report exploring the expansion of the Campus Ministry Program in our Catholic secondary schools which would include special accommodations for St. Michael’s Alternate High School.”
- Trustee Courtney – “At the next Board meeting, I shall move or cause to be moved that a Committee of trustees and administration be appointed to creatively explore the resources that exist within this Board which could be of assistance to the three struggling Catholic schools in Newfoundland. This Committee would communicate with the St. Clair Catholic District School Board to investigate the possibilities of merging our respective efforts in this endeavour.”

15. Remarks and Announcements

- a. Chairperson Macri thanked and congratulated all teachers, support staff, members of administration and students for a successful school year. Macri thanked Student Trustees for their hard work and dedication and wished fellow trustees a happy and safe summer.

- b. Director of Education Moher presented the *Director's Annual Report to Our Community 2004* and indicated that a primary focus during the year was the employee development pillar of the system priorities as evidenced by the student and staff achievement throughout the system. Director Moher thanked trustees, administration, teachers and support staff for their dedication throughout the school year.
- c. Board Chaplain – Fr. Brunet sent regrets.

16. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

- Trustee Porcellini thanked Kelly Power for the work she is doing with the Turn Around Program at Immaculate Conception and thanked administration for supporting programs to increase student achievement in the “at risk” schools. Trustee Porcellini suggested that administration explore the possibility of utilizing the psychological assessment services of our coterminous boards in response to the SEAC delegation discussion.
- Trustee Keane thanked the teachers and support staff who work with Safety Patrollers and thanked outgoing Student Trustees for their friendship and for everything they have done for Catholic education in Windsor and Essex County. Trustee Keane commented on the Fraser Institute report card that was recently published and thanked teachers for the fine work done in our schools and, in particular, the additional assistance that was provided in the west Windsor schools this past year. Trustee Keane thanked everyone for their concern and prayers during his recent hospital stay.
- Trustee Alexander inquired into the requirement for trustees to undergo criminal background checks and extended congratulations and best wishes to Student Trustees Deschamps and Limarzi as they embark on their post secondary education.
- Trustee Soulliere provided clarification with regard to SEAC’s recommendation to hire two additional psychologists and the advantage of utilizing on staff employees who would take ownership by being connected to the schools. Trustee Soulliere inquired into the need for criminal background checks for trustees and, if necessary, when they would need to be submitted. Trustee Soulliere thanked outgoing student trustees for their contributions during the year and wished well in their future endeavours.
- Trustee Holland commented briefly on her meeting with the OSTA-AEGO student representatives and indicated there is continuity in the organization and amongst the young people that speaks highly of their commitment to Catholic education.
- Trustee DiMenna thanked the entire staff for their hard work during this school year; without them our system would not run properly and wished the best to the outgoing student trustees.
- Trustee Courtney commented on her recent attendance at the Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association (CCSTA) 2005 Convention in Edmonton and on the difficulties faced by of Newfoundland trustees as they struggle to preserve Catholic education in their province. Trustee Courtney wished the outgoing student trustees the best of luck as they continue their education and wished her fellow colleagues a wonderful summer.
- Student Trustees Deschamps and Limarzi briefly commented on the benefits of the OSTA-AEGO and the activities/workshops held at the OSTA-AEGO AGM held in May. Deschamps and Limarzi thanked the Board for their support of student trustees and their commitment to Catholic education throughout the system.

17. Pending Items – None.
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, August 30, 2005
 - Tuesday, September 13, 2005
 - Tuesday, September 27, 2005
20. Closing Prayer – The meeting closed with a prayer.
21. Adjournment - There being no further business, the Regular Board Meeting of June 27, 2005 adjourned at 10:55 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

John Macri
Board Chairperson

Michael Moher
Director of Education & Secretary