



Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING Tuesday, October 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre John Paul II Boardroom

MINUTES

PRESENT

Trustees:

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| F. Alexander | P. Keane |
| J. Courtney, Vice-Chair | J. Macri, Chair |
| M. DiMenna | S. Porcellini |
| B. Holland | L. Soulliere |
| C. Janisse | |
| A. Kishek, Student Trustee | |
| J. Devos, Student Trustee (Alternate) | |

Regrets:

Fr. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain

Administration:

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| M. Moher (Resource) | S. Freeman |
| J. Berthiaume | T. Halford |
| P. Marchini | E. Poirier |
| J. Ouellette | W. Wong |
| | L. Staudt |

Recorder:

D. Steffens

1. Call To Order - Chair Macri called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer – The meeting opened with a prayer.
3. Recording of Attendance – All trustees present. Fr. Brunet sent regrets.
4. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Keane that the October 11, 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. Summer Institute 2005

Elaine Poirier, Supervisor of Curriculum provided an overview of the 2005 Summer Institute which was held August 22 to 26. During the five days, 1,030 registrants, including teachers, principals, parents and trustees, attended over thirty workshops. A wide range of topics was provided with an emphasis on literacy and numeracy and each day began with an element of faith development. Director Moher noted the level of capacity building, with our principals and teachers voluntarily participating, demonstrates an exemplary commitment to the Board's goal of enhancing student achievement. The cost for the Summer Institute was covered through a Local Initiative Project funded by the Literacy/Numeracy Secretariat that the Board applied for last spring.

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, September 27, 2005
Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Courtney that the minutes of the In-Camera meeting of September 27, 2005 be adopted as distributed. Carried.
- ii) Minutes of Regular Meeting, September 27, 2005
Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 27, 2005 be adopted as distributed. Carried.

- b. Items From In-Camera Meeting of October 11, 2005

Vice-Chair Courtney reported the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a closed Committee of the Whole meeting on October 11, 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.

Moved by Trustee Courtney and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the recommendations and directions of the Committee of the Whole Board at its meeting of October 11, 2005 be approved. Carried.

10. Communications

a. External (Associations, OCSTA, Ministry) – None.

b. Internal (Reports from Administration)

i) Report: Administrative Staff Report

Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive the *Administrative Staff Report* on hiring, resignation and retirement of staff dated October 11, 2005 for information. Carried.

ii) Report: Summer School Program 2005

Superintendent Ouellette provided an overview of the 2005 Summer School Program that operated from Holy Names, St. Anne's and Catholic Central high schools. Trustees sought clarification on the availability of student transportation, access to classes for county students and the process used to communicate the program to students. Superintendent Ouellette will follow up with communication processes and timelines with respect to the availability of courses that would enable "bridging" from applied to academic programs and the on-line eLearning program.

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Keane that the Board receive the report Summer School Program 2005 as information. Carried.

iii) Report: St. Joseph's Catholic High School "Construction Manager at Risk" - Status Report

Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Alexander that the Board receive the St. Joseph's Catholic High School – "Construction Manager at Risk" – Status Report as information. Carried.

11. Unfinished Business – None.

12. New Business

a. Fieldtrips:

i) Muskoka Woods Leadership Experience – Secondary Schools

Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board approve the Muskoka Woods Secondary Leadership Experience field trip of November 2 – 4, 2005 for the following schools: Assumption College Catholic High School and Catholic Central High School. Carried.

ii) St. John Vianney Catholic Elementary School – Ottawa

Moved by Trustee Courtney and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Board approves the St. John Vianney Catholic Elementary School field trip to Ottawa, Ontario for February 7 – 9, 2006. Carried.

13. Committee Reports

a. Report: Ad Hoc Elementary Uniform Committee

As members of the Ad Hoc Elementary Uniform Committee, Trustees Janisse and Porcellini responded to trustee questions pertaining to the report, including the need to mandate a system-wide policy versus school-by-school implementation, the timing of the implementation of the parental survey, policy enforcement challenges and the suppliers' exposition that has been scheduled during the week of October 24. Trustees provided feedback on the content and wording of the information to be provided in the two sets of parent communications. Of particular concern was that communications sent to parents do not imply that the Board has already approved either a mandatory uniform policy or any supporting policies such as enforcement of uniform regulations. Jim Byrne, administrative resource to the Committee, will assist in incorporating the suggested amendments into the correspondence provided to parents.

Moved by Trustee Alexander that the Board receive the Ad Hoc Elementary Uniform Committee Report and that the report be amended to remove any and all reference to mandatory and further that the parents, in consultation with the principals, be allowed to decide if there should be uniforms allowed in their schools. *No seconder.*

Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee Keane that the Board receive the Ad-Hoc Elementary Uniform Committee Report as information. *Carried.*

Opposed: Trustees Alexander and Soulliere.

14. Notice of Motion – None.

15. Remarks and Announcements

- a. Chairperson – No remarks this evening.
- b. Director of Education Moher announced that a Blessing and Dedication of the new St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School (Harrow) will be held on October 28 at 2:00 p.m. Director Moher indicated that the EQAO Grade 3 and Grade 6 Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics will be provided to school boards on October 18th. Learning Support Services is expected to release the Board results locally either October 19 or 20.
- c. Board Chaplain – Sent regrets this evening.

16. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

- Trustee Porcellini indicated she attended the recent Principals/Vice-Principals Retreat where she enjoyed Father Fragomeni's presentation. Trustee Porcellini reported that the committee to co-ordinate student artwork for the Catholic Education Centre has begun the planning process. Trustee Porcellini encouraged parents to attend the upcoming public consultation sessions on the possibility of expanding the Board's elementary French Immersion program into the county.
- Trustee Keane congratulated Assumption College Catholic High School upon being chosen as one of 35 schools across Canada to receive a \$10,000 musical instrument grant from the

Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences. Trustee Keane indicated the Daily Quality Physical Education Program currently piloted at St. Francis Catholic Elementary School has been very successful and encouraged trustees to visit the school to see it in action.

- Trustee Courtney inquired into the status of a report to the Board on the implementation of the Board's Video Security Surveillance Policy.
- Student Trustee Kishek reported that she and several secondary students across the system will be taking a leadership role in facilitating discussions at the upcoming Youth Town Hall meeting that has been organized by Windsor's Mayor Francis. Student Trustee Kishek encouraged trustees to attend the upcoming Student Senate Faith Development Day that will be held on November 2 at the Fogolar Furlan Club.

17. Pending Items

- a. Deferred from June 27, 2005: Board Policy Review Committee – Board Policy Revisions: *A:12 Code of Ethics / Conflict of Interest (Amended Policy)*
- b. Deferred from August 30, 2005: Notice of Motion - 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.”*

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, October 25, 2005
- Tuesday, November 8, 2005
- Tuesday, November 22, 2005
- Tuesday, December 6, 2005
(Organizational Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.
– Mass at 6:45 p.m. in Assumption Chapel)
- Tuesday, December 13, 2005
- Tuesday, January 17, 2006
- Tuesday, January 31, 2006
- Tuesday, February 14, 2006
- Tuesday, February 28, 2006
- Tuesday, March 28, 2006
- Tuesday, April 11, 2006
- Tuesday, April 25, 2006
- Tuesday, May 9, 2006
- Tuesday, May 23, 2006
- Tuesday, June 13, 2006
- Monday, June 26, 2006

20. Closing Prayer – The meeting closed with a prayer.
21. Adjournment - There being no further business, the Regular Board Meeting of October 11, 2005 adjourned at 8:50 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

John Macri
Board Chairperson

Michael Moher
Director of Education & Secretary