



Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

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Joseph Berthiaume, Director of Education John Macri, Board Chairperson

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.
(Preceded by Liturgy of the Eucharist in Assumption Chapel at 6:45 p.m.)
Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre
John Paul II Boardroom

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	

Regrets:

L. Willson, Student Trustee

Administration:

J. Berthiaume (Resource)	C. Geml
M. Iatonna	K. Gignac
P. Marchini	R. Limarzi
J. Ouellette	C. Marier
M. Seguin	P. Picard
L. Staudt	E. Poirier
S. Freeman	W. Wong

Recorder:

D. Steffens

1. Call To Order – In accordance with Section Two of the Board By-laws, Joseph Berthiaume, Director of Education called the meeting to order at 7:32 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.
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 first year of a four-year term.

4. Declaration of Office / Oath of Allegiance / Commissioning – Trustees read and signed their Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance. Afterwards, Father Brunet led a commissioning prayer reaffirming trustees’ commitment to the provision of Catholic education.
5. Recording of Attendance – The Director of Education confirmed that all members of the board were present, have been duly elected or acclaimed, and have taken the Oath of Allegiance and Declaration of Office as required. The members constituting this board are as follows:

Fred Alexander, City of Windsor Ward 4
Joan Courtney, County Area 1 (Amherstburg, LaSalle)
Mary DiMenna, County Area 2 (Essex, Leamington, Kingsville)
Barbara Holland, City of Windsor Ward 5
Chris Janisse, County Area 4 (Tecumseh)
Patrick Keane, City of Windsor Ward 2
John Macri, City of Windsor Ward 1
Lisa Soulliere, County Area 3 (Lakeshore)
Shannon Porcellini, City of Windsor Ward 3

6. 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 Holland and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board approve the appointment of Fr. Brunet and Superintendent Ouellette as scrutineers.

As Presiding Officer, Director Berthiaume invited trustees who wished to serve as Chair to stand and declare their candidacy. The following trustees declared their candidacy:

- Trustee Macri

After three requests by Director Berthiaume 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 Janisse and seconded by Trustee Macri that nominations for the position of Chair be closed.

Director Berthiaume announced that Trustee Macri would serve as Chair of the Board.

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

7. 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:

- Trustee Holland
- Trustee 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 Janisse and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that nominations for the position of Vice-Chair be closed.

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

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

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

8. Chairperson's Address

Chair Macri addressed the Board and thanked his colleagues for their continued support and endorsement. Chair Macri congratulated his fellow trustees for their successful re-election / acclamation and indicated that it was a reflection of their past work and their continued efforts for the betterment of Catholic education. Chair Macri thanked the entire board staff for their dedication and contributions to making Catholic education such a success in Windsor and Essex County. Chair Macri commented on the accomplishments of the Board over the last term, including the construction of two new "state of the art" high schools that will service the school community for many years to come, balanced budgets, stable JK/SK enrolments, increase in academic test scores, and a fully accredited International Baccalaureate Programme at Assumption College Catholic High School. Chair Macri outlined some of the challenges for Catholic education in Windsor and Essex County for the upcoming term, including maintaining a balanced budget, continued stable enrolment projections, efforts to rebuild the St. Bernard school facility, continued increases in academic test scores and working with the ministry to address recommendations resulting from the recent Ministry review.

Vice-Chair Courtney thanked colleagues for their continued confidence and thanked everyone at the board for their support in her role as vice-chair.

9. 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.

10. Next Regular Meeting of the Board

- Tuesday, December 12, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.

11. Closing Prayer – Fr. Brunet closed the meeting with a prayer.

12. Adjournment – There being no further business, the Organizational Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

Approved

John Macri
Board Chairperson

Joseph Berthiaume
Director of Education & Secretary