



## ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.  
Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre  
1325 California Avenue, Windsor  
(*Mass Assumption Chapel at 6:45 p.m.*)

### MINUTES

#### PRESENT

##### Trustees:

F. Alexander	C. Janisse ( <i>entered meeting at 7:43 p.m.</i> )
J. Courtney	P. Keane
M. DiMenna	J. Macri
B. Holland ( <i>electronically</i> )	S. Porcellini
Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain	
N. Bradley, Student Trustee	
C. Resendes, Student Trustee	

##### Regrets:

L. Soulliere

##### Administration:

J. Berthiaume (Resource)	K. Gignac
C. Geml	P. Littlejohns
P. Picard	C. Marier
M. Seguin	S. O'Hagan-Wong
J. Bumbacco	R. Sasso
E. Byrne	W. Wong

##### Recorder:

D. Steffens

1. Call To Order/Welcome - In accordance with Section Two of the Board By-laws, Joseph Berthiaume, Director of Education called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and presided over the meeting until the election of the Chair.
2. Opening Prayer/Re-Commissioning - Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer and led a re-commissioning prayer reaffirming trustees' commitment to the provision of Catholic education.
3. Recording of Attendance - Trustee Soulliere sent regrets. Trustee Holland participated electronically. Trustee Janisse entered the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

#### 4. 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 Keane that the Board approve the appointment of Fr. Brunet and Superintendent Geml 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
- Trustee Alexander nominated Trustee DiMenna for the position of Chairperson. Trustee DiMenna respectfully declined the nomination.

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.

Trustee Macri was acclaimed as Chairperson.

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

#### 5. 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 Courtney

*Trustee Janisse entered the meeting at 7:43 p. m.*

- Trustee Alexander nominated Trustee DiMenna for the position of Vice-Chair. Trustee DiMenna respectfully declined the nomination.

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.

Trustee Courtney was acclaimed as Vice-Chair.

Vice-Chair Courtney briefly addressed the indicating that the leadership role of Vice-Chair is not one she takes lightly and that she looks forward to working with trustees and administration in this position for the coming year.

6. Chairperson's Address - Chair Macri addressed the Board and thanked his colleagues for their continued support and endorsement. 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 and outlined some of the challenges for Catholic education in Windsor and Essex County for the upcoming year.

7. 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.
8. Next Regular Meeting of the Board: Tuesday, December 11, 2007
9. Closing Prayer – Fr. Brunet closed the meeting with a prayer.
10. Adjournment – There being no further business, the Organizational Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

*Not-approved*

***John Macri***  
*Board Chairperson*

***Joseph Berthiaume***  
*Director of Education & Secretary*