



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre
John Paul II Boardroom**

MINUTES

PRESENT

Trustees:

F. Alexander	P. Keane
J. Courtney, Vice-Chair	J. Macri, Chair
B. Holland	S. Porcellini
C. Janisse	L. Soulliere
Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain	
N. Bradley, Student Trustee	
C. Resendes, Student Trustee	

Regrets:

M. DiMenna

Administration:

J. Berthiaume (Resource)	J. Bumbacco
C. Geml	E. Byrne
M. Iatonna	P. Littlejohns
P. Picard	R. Mousaly
M. Seguin	P. Murray
L. Staudt	S. O'Hagan-Wong

Recorder:

D. Steffens

1. Call To Order - Chair Macri called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer - Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with the reading of intentions and a prayer.
3. Recording of Attendance - Trustee DiMenna sent regrets due to her vacation schedule. Trustee Janisse entered the meeting at 7:59 p.m.
4. Approval of Agenda - Chair Macri noted that the handout pertaining to agenda item 10b(ii) 2007 - 2008 Budget Status Report was at trustee places and was previously emailed to trustees.

Amendments:

- WALK-ON: Children's Safety Village of Windsor and Essex County (*Handout at trustee places and previously emailed to trustees*) (M. Iatonna)

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Keane that the January 29, 2008 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. - None.
7. Presentations
 - a. Cardinal Carter Catholic High School - Stand Up Against Bullying

Vice-Principal Kevin Hamlin was present to provide a brief overview of the Bullying Prevention Plan in place at Cardinal Carter Catholic High School. Students P. Frankfurth and J. Zucatto performed the song “Don’t Laugh at Me,” and trustees viewed an excerpt from the anti-bullying video that was created by the staff and students of Cardinal Carter.

Trustee Janisse entered the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

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, January 15, 2008
Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of January 15, 2008 be adopted as distributed. Carried.
 - ii) Minutes of Regular Meeting, January 15, 2008
Moved by Trustee Courtney and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of January 15, 2008 be adopted as distributed. Carried.
- b. Items From In-Camera Meeting of January 29, 2008

Vice-Chair Courtney reported that the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a closed Committee of the Whole Board meeting on January 29, 2008 pursuant to the Education Act - Section 207, consider specific personnel, real property matters, labour relations matters, litigation matters 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 during the January 29, 2008 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 in-camera meeting of January 29, 2008 be approved. Carried.

Vice-Chair Courtney made the following announcements:

- the receipt of the Administrative Staff Report on hiring, leave of absence, return from leave of absence, retirement and resignation of staff dated January 29, 2008 for information

10. Communications

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

b. Internal (Reports from Administration)

- i) Report: Administrative Staff Report
Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Board receive the *Administrative Staff Report* on hiring, retirement and resignation of staff dated January 29, 2008 for information. Carried.
- ii) Report: 2007 - 2008 Budget Status Report - *Handout was distributed and previously emailed to trustees.*
Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board receive the 2007 - 2008 Budget Status as of January 28, 2008 as information. Carried.
- iii) Report: 2008 – 2009 Budget Schedule
Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Board receive the report on the 2008-09 Budget Schedule as information. Carried.
- iv) Report: Trustee Attendance July – December 2007
Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Alexander that the Board receive the report *Trustee Attendance – August to December 2007* as information. Carried.
- v) Verbal Report: Watson & Associates – Long Term School Accommodation and Boundary Study Report

Superintendent Iatonna reported that administration has provided direction to Watson and Associates to finalize a draft report and to present their findings at meeting in the near future. A comprehensive administrative report will be brought to the Board following receipt and analysis of the Watson & Associates report.

11. Unfinished Business: Nil.

12. New Business

a. Field Trips:

- i) Cardinal Carter Catholic High School - Chicago, IL
Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board approve Cardinal Carter Catholic High School Field Trip to Chicago, Illinois for May 29 to May 31, 2008. Carried.

- b. Report: Board Policy Amendment (for final approval) - Draft Policy ST:05 Student Discipline Policy; Draft Policy SC:15 Code of Conduct; and, Draft Policy SC:18 Bullying Prevention and Intervention

Trustees received an administrative report concerning the final approval of policies and the receipt of procedures related to implementation of Bill 212, an Act to amend the Education Act in respect of behaviour, discipline and safety, and its related regulations, which comes into effect February 1, 2008. Administration will follow-up on the question raised with respect to procedure ST: 05 , *section 3.0* to ensure the language is consistent with the *Act*.

Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board provide final approval to Draft Policy ST: 05 Student Discipline Policy;

and, that the Board provide final approval to Draft Policy ST: 15 Code of Conduct;

and, that the Board provide final approval to Draft Policy SC: 18 Bullying Prevention and Intervention;

and, that the Board revoke Board policies ST: 05 Suspension, ST: 06 Suspension Appeal, ST: 07 Expulsion, ST: 21 Expulsion Appeal, SC: 07 Safe Schools, and ST: 17 Alcohol and Drug Abuse/Students;

and, that the Board receive as information Procedures, Pr ST: 05 Student Discipline Procedure and Pr SC: 18 Bullying Prevention and Intervention. Carried.

- c. WALK-ON REPORT: Children's Safety Village of Windsor and Essex County (*Handout at trustee places and previously emailed to trustees*)

Superintendent Iatonna reported that the board has received a funding request through MPP Sandra Papatello's office to provide funds to the Children's Safety Village of Windsor and Essex County (CSV) to assist with the ongoing operating costs. The request indicates that the CSV is attempting to raise approximately \$70,000 in funding from area school boards, of which this board's prorated contribution would be \$25,900. Given this Board's current financial situation, administration is suggesting a lesser contribution in the amount of \$10,000. Lengthy discussion occurred on the funding request and trustees asked for a further report to provide information on other boards' participation in the annual corporate membership fee and the one-time donation request, the cost of per pupil admission, the Board's status with donations to other organizations, and, if the Board were to donate, an accounting of how the Children's Safety Village of Windsor and Essex County spends the monies.

Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Board approve the payment of the Children's Safety Village of Windsor and Essex County annual corporate membership fee of \$500 and decline the request for a one time donation to assist with the ongoing operating costs. (*Not voted upon*)

Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the matter be deferred to the next meeting and that a further report be provided as per discussion. Carried.

13. Committee Reports:

- a. Report: City of Windsor / School Board Liaison Meeting Minutes of October 30, 2007

Administration will follow-up on concerns raised by trustees including clarification of bus bay funding responsibilities, the mandate of the new Windsor Essex Education Business Partnership Advisory Council, the purpose and validity of the City of Windsor / School Board Liaison Committee, and the status of the survey conducted by the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario's (AMCTO) *Municipal Elections Act Project Team* to gather information on the administration of the 2006 municipal elections in Ontario, including problems linked to the development of the Catholic trustees voters' list.

Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board receive the draft Minutes of the October 30, 2007 City and School Boards Liaison Committee Meeting as information. Carried.

- b. Report: High School Council Meeting Notes of November 8, 2007

Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Board receive the report for the November 8, 2007 High School Council meeting as information. Carried.

- c. Report: Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2007

Clarification was provided on the community partnership activities and proactive strategies in place by both the Board and other community agencies to assist newly settled families with cultural and language barriers they may encounter. It was noted that the Multicultural Council of Windsor & Essex County is a community resource available to assist the Board in communicating to these families by translating pertinent school and board policy information.

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board receive the Minutes of the November 20, 2007 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting as information. Carried.

14. Notice of Motion - None.

15. Remarks and Announcements

- a. Chairperson Macri - No comments this evening.
- b. Director of Education Berthiaume indicated that the Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten Registration Packages were at trustee places, this year's registration dates are February 11 to 22, and the annual Open House evening for all elementary schools has on been scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- c. Board Chaplain Rev. Brunet welcomed Patrick Murray to the meeting.

16. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

- Trustee Porcellini congratulated staff at Canada South Science City on the quality of their educational programming. Trustee Porcellini congratulated Darlene Kennedy upon her induction into the National Academy of Outstanding Principals and congratulated the student at Immaculate Conception Elementary School who won the school's spelling competition.
- Trustee Keane commented on the board's obligation to begin the public meetings at the pre-scheduled time.
- Trustee Alexander inquired into the status of the St. Bernard Catholic School's prohibitive to repair application. Administration advised that the Ministry has not made any recent announcements on this funding and that trustees will be advised as soon as information is received.
- Trustee Soulliere inquired into receiving a report on the status of border crossing issues that affect the board's school communities. Trustee Soulliere asked for a brief report on the City of Windsor's Interim Control By-law and Demolition Control By-law #20-2007, and a recommendation on whether or not the board should provide any input on discussions in the interest of supporting our school communities in that area.
- Student Trustee Bradley reported that she has been appointed to the position of Secretary for Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA- AÉCO) and that she has been selected as a finalist for the Loran Scholarship Foundation.

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, February 12, 2008
- Tuesday, March 4, 2008 (**NEW DATE**)
- Tuesday, April 1, 2008 (**NEW DATE**)
- Tuesday, April 22, 2008
- Tuesday, May 13, 2008
- Tuesday, May 27, 2008
- Tuesday, June 10, 2008
- Monday, June 23, 2008

20. Closing Prayer - Fr. Brunet closed the meeting with a prayer.

21. Adjournment - There being no further business, the Regular Board meeting of January 29, 2008 adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Approved.

John Macri
Board Chairperson

Joseph Berthiaume
Director of Education & Secretary-Treasurer