



REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 13, 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
M. DiMenna	S. Porcellini
B. Holland	L. Soulliere
C. Janisse	
Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain	N. Lau, Student Trustee Designate
N. Bradley, Student Trustee	
C. Resendes, Student Trustee	

Administration:

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

Recorder:

D. Steffens

1. Call To Order - Chair Macri called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer - Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with the reading of intentions and a prayer.
3. Recording of Attendance - All trustees present.
4. Approval of Agenda - Chair Macri noted the report pertaining to agenda item 10b(ii) 2007 - 2008 Budget Status was at trustee places.

Amendments:

- Addition: 8b (i) Delegations Regarding Items On the Agenda - P. Bezaire, Chair of the St. Anne French Immersion Catholic Elementary School Advisory Council - Long Term School Accommodation Timelines (*handout*)

Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the May 13, 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. Windsor Spitfires Hockey Club - Presentation of Appreciation Plaque - Representatives of the Windsor Spitfires organization made a presentation to the Board of Trustees and the Director of Education recognizing their on-going support of the Windsor Spitfire's program and acknowledging the board's role in meeting the academic needs of young team members whose hometown is out of this area. Player Ryan Ellis, who attended St. Anne Catholic High School, won the Bobby Smith Trophy as the Ontario Hockey League's (OHL) Scholastic Player of the Year. The Windsor Spitfires also conveyed their appreciation for the support the team members received from the Board's Campus Ministry Team as they dealt with the recent loss of their captain.
 - b. Differentiated Instruction Project - Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary School

Students and staff from Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary School and Catholic Central High School provided an overview of the differentiated instruction project "Home Building."
8. Delegations
 - a. Delegation Regarding Items Not on the Agenda - None.
 - b. Delegations Regarding Items On the Agenda
 - i. WALK-ON ITEM:

Ms. Patti Bezaire, Chair of the St. Anne French Immersion Catholic Elementary School Advisory Council briefly spoke on the Board's timelines for addressing the school's long-term student enrolment pressures and provided feedback on behalf of the school community following the Board's April 22 decision to temporarily relocate a portion of the primary student population to St. Angela Catholic Elementary School. Ms. Bezaire petitioned the Board to expedite the timelines for reaching a decision for the school so that a long-term solution is in place by September 2009, to include the current site as part of the long-term solution, and to consider the St. Anne French Immersion school community as part of, or a major resource to, the Ad Hoc French Immersion Committee.
9. Action Items
 - a. Approval of Minutes
 - i) Minutes of In-Camera Meeting, April 22, 2008
Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of April 22, 2008 be adopted as distributed. Carried.

ii) Minutes of Regular Meeting, April 22, 2008

Amendments:

- Page 4: Amend the commentary summarizing the parent delegations to include "... a single site solution at the St. Anne's site on Monmouth, ..."

Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 22, 2008 be adopted as amended. Carried.

b. Items from In-Camera Meeting of May 13, 2008

Vice-Chair Courtney reported that the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a closed Committee of the Whole Board meeting on May 13, 2008 pursuant to the Education Act - Section 207, to consider specific personnel, pupil, real property matters, Security of the Property of the Board 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.

Moved by Trustee Courtney and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the recommendations and directions of the Committee of the Whole Board at its In-Camera meeting of May 13, 2008 be approved. Carried.

Vice-Chair Courtney made the following announcements:

- From the In-Camera meeting of **March 4, 2008** - approval of a lease agreement with the John McGivney Children's Centre for the temporary use of the former St. Anne High School while construction takes place on its Matchette Road location
- From the In-Camera meeting of **May 13, 2008**:
 - the receipt of the Administrative Staff Report, dated May 13, 2008
 - the appointment of Paul Picard to the position of Superintendent of Education, effective May 14, 2008, pending approval by the Minister of Education
 - the receipt of the Audit Committee In-Camera Notes from its meetings of April 10 and April 22, 2008

10. Communications

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

b. Internal (Reports from Administration)

i) Report: Administrative Staff Report

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board receive the Administrative Staff Report on hiring, retirement and resignation of staff dated May 13, 2008 for information. Carried.

- ii) Report: 2007 - 2008 Budget Status Report (*Handout*)

Trustees received the 2007 - 2008 Budget Status report as of May 11, 2008. The projection of the 2007-08 budget to year end remains unchanged from the previous budget status report and reflects a negative variance of \$1,292,000.

Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Board receive the 2007-08 Budget Status as of May 11, 2008 as information. Carried.

- iii) Report: St. Anne French Immersion Elementary School

Trustees received a report on the details of implementing the move of some primary classes from St. Anne French Immersion (FI) School to St. Angela School commencing in September 2008. Trustees will be advised of the school bell times once the schedule has been finalized.

Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Board receive as information the report on the implementation of the move of a segment of the primary classes from St. Anne French Immersion School to St. Angela School commencing in September 2008. Carried.

- iv) Report: 2008 Electricity Supply Contract

Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Courtney that the Board receive as information the report on the 2008 Electricity Supply Contract. Carried.

- v) Report: 2007 - 2008 Play Structure and Play Field Inspection Report

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Board receive the 2007 - 2008 Play Structure and Play Field Inspection Report as information. Carried.

- vi) Report: Legal Services - February and March 2008

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Board receive the report Legal Services – February and March 2008 as information. Carried.

11. Unfinished Business

- a. Notice of Motion from the Regular Board Meeting of April 22, 2008: Trustee Courtney: *At the next regular scheduled meeting of the Board, I will move or cause to be moved, that the Board reinstate the opportunity for trustee observation at contract negotiations. It is understood that the Municipal Conflict of Interest laws would apply.*"

Trustee Courtney deferred the Notice of Motion to the next meeting.

12. New Business

- a. Field Trips: Nil.

b. Board Policy Amendments: Nil.

13. Committee Reports

- a. Report: Audit Committee Report - Meeting Notes of April 10, 2008
Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive the Notes from the Audit Committee Meeting of April 10, 2008 as information. Carried.
- b. Report: Audit Committee Report - Meeting Notes of April 22, 2008
Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Board receive the Notes from the Audit Committee Meeting of April 22, 2008 as information. Carried.
- c. Report: High School Council - Meeting Notes of March 6, 2008
Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee Porcellini that the Board receive the report for the March 6, 2008 High School Council meeting as information. Carried.

14. Notice of Motion - None.

15. Remarks and Announcements

- a. Chairperson Macri - No remarks this evening.
- b. Director of Education Berthiaume briefly commented on his attendance at the Rotary Club Secondary School Volunteer Awards luncheon, guest speaking at the Principals Qualification Program Course at the University of Windsor and meeting with the Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of London. Recent visit by the ADM Steven Marshall. Director Berthiaume extended his congratulations to Paul Picard on being named Superintendent of Education.
- c. Board Chaplain Rev. L. Brunet commended Betty Brush and Mary Heath for their organization of the upcoming Day of Reflection for new teachers as part of the Board's New Teacher Induction Program.

16. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

- Trustee Porcellini congratulated members of the French as a Second Language (FSL) Renewal Project Global Advisory Committee on the organization of "Frenchstock", inquired into principal attendance at the Joint Health and Safety Committee meetings, congratulated Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary School upon being awarded with Earth School Status through the Society, Environment and Energy Development Studies (SEEDS) Foundation, and congratulated teacher M. Parent upon her retirement.
- Trustee Janisse congratulated St. Mary's Elementary school community on their receiving a 2008 Rotary Peace School designation.
- Trustee Keane provided an update on the activities of the Windsor-Essex Safety Patrol Association and expressed his appreciation to the members of the Committee and all the sponsored teachers who assist the safety patrollers on a daily basis.

- Trustee Alexander commented on his attendance at the Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Annual General Meeting and provided a summary of the Minister of Education's address to the delegates.
- Trustee Soulliere invited her colleagues to attend the upcoming Literacy Exposition that is being hosted by the St. William school community next Wednesday. Trustee Soulliere reported on her attendance at the Aboriginal Education workshop held during the OCSTA AGM and inquired into the self-identification process for aboriginal students at this board.
- Trustee Holland commented on the positive media stories on the Board's Opportunity Diploma Program.
- Trustee DiMenna commended the efforts of grade two teachers and students at Queen of Peace elementary school and the teacher and grade 11 students at Cardinal Carter secondary school who partnered to build bird houses for Mother's Day gifts.
- Student Trustee Resendes commented on her attendance at the recent Rotary Peace Summit and the Media Violence Workshop held in London.
- Student Trustee Bradley invited trustees and senior administration to attend the "We Care for Kids" Walk-a-Thon on May 29 and commented on her attendance at the upcoming OSTA-AECO Annual General Meeting.

17. Pending Items - None.

18. Continuation of In-Camera - *The Board reconvened to In-Camera Committee of the Whole meeting following adjournment.*

19. Future Board Meetings: (unless stated otherwise all meetings will be held at the Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre - 1325 California Avenue, Windsor)

- 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 May 13, 2008 adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Approved.

John Macri
Board Chairperson

Joseph Berthiaume
Director of Education & Secretary-Treasurer