



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 9, 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	
C. Resendes, Student Trustee	
N. Lau, Student Trustee	
Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain	

Administration:

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

Recorder:

D. Steffens

1. Call To Order - Chair Macri called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer - Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer in memory of Cpl. Andrew Grenon, a former student, who lost his life while on a tour of duty in Afghanistan.
3. Recording of Attendance - All trustees present.
4. Approval of Agenda - Chair Macri noted that the handout pertaining to agenda item 10b(iii) 2007-08 Budget Status Report was at trustee places.

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Holland that the September 9, 2008 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. Blessing of 2008-09 Student Trustees - Fr. Brunet performed a Commissioning and Blessing of the 2008-09 Student Trustees Nils Lau and Chynna Resendes as they commence their duties.
- b. Summer School Program - Joseph Ibrahim, Principal of the Summer School Program was in attendance to present an overview of the 2008 program offerings that provided learning opportunities for 832 students in the area of Improvement Credits, New Credits, Grades 7 and 8 Literacy/Numeracy and English as a Second Language. This year's summer program, administrated through the St. Michael's Alternate High School program, was offered at three high school locations and by E-Learning.

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, August 26, 2008
Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of August 26, 2008 be adopted as distributed. Carried.
 - ii) Minutes of Regular Meeting, August 26, 2008
Moved by Trustee Courtney and seconded by Trustee Keane that the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of August 26, 2008 be adopted as distributed. Carried.
- b. Items from the In-Camera Meeting of September 9, 2008

Vice-Chair Courtney reported the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a closed Committee of the Whole Board meeting on September 9, 2008 pursuant to the Education Act - Section 207, to consider specific personnel, 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. Trustees Courtney, Keane and Porcellini declared a conflict of interest during the September 9, 2008 In- Camera Session and excused themselves from the relevant discussion items.

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the recommendations and directions of the Committee of the Whole Board at its in-camera meeting of September 9, 2008 be approved. Carried.

Vice-Chair Courtney made the following announcements:

- receipt of the Administrative Staff Report, dated September 9, 2008
- appointment of Patrick Murray to the position of Academic Supervisor - Facilities Services

for a three year renewable term, effective September 9, 2008

- the appointment of Cathy Isabella as Modern Languages Department Head at Catholic Central High School, effective September 1, 2008
- the approval to proceed with a Request for Proposal and/or a quote process for a video surveillance and monitoring system
- the receipt of pending arbitration summaries for OECTA, CAW and CUPE bargaining units

10. Communications

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

b. Internal (Reports from Administration)

i) Report: Administrative Staff Report

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive the *Administrative Staff Report* on hiring, retirement and resignation of staff dated September 9, 2008 for information. Carried.

ii) Report: 2007-08 Budget Status Report (*Handout was at trustee places.*)

Trustees received a 2007-08 budget status report projecting a deficit position of \$592,000 at fiscal year-end.

Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Board receive the 2007-08 Budget Status as of September 9, 2008 as information. Carried.

iii) Report: Legal Services - June and July 2008

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Courtney that the Board receive the report Legal Services – June and July 2008 as information. Carried.

11. Unfinished Business: None.

12. New Business: None.

13. Committee Reports: None.

14. Notice of Motion: None.

15. Remarks and Announcements

a. Chairperson Macri offered, on behalf of the Board, condolences to the family and friends of Corporal Andrew Grenon and briefed trustees on his recent conversation with the President and Vice President of the Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association. Trustee Macri thanked everyone for a smooth start to the new year.

b. Director of Education Berthiaume commented on the following activities that support the four pillars of the Board's strategic plan:

- The board's Education Quality and Assessment Office (EQAO) Assessment Results will be released on September 17.

- The board is hosting a Parental Information Session on Combined Classes on September 16 and a teacher workshop on the same topic on September 25.
- Upcoming teacher workshops include: In God's Image for Senior Kindergarten, Literature Circles/book clubs, science, PM benchmark assessment tool, and non-fiction writing.
- The first St. Peter Institute of Catholic Formation session was held last week at the Catholic Education Centre and the Diocese is in process of identifying a date for scheduling an event to celebrate this new partnership initiative.
- An expanded partnership with Windsor Police Services will see three Windsor Police Community Resource Officers dedicated to high schools in the City of Windsor.
- The Director reported that he will be participating in the official dedication of University of Windsor's Alumni Field on Saturday, September 13 and that he has met with new University of Windsor president & vice-chancellor Dr. Alan Wildeman to discuss further partnership opportunities. Dr. Wildeman is looking forward to bringing welcome remarks at this year's system-wide Together in Faith Day that will be held at the University's St. Denis Centre on Friday, November 28.

c. Board Chaplain Fr. Brunet encouraged everyone to take an opportunity to read the inspirational book *The Last Lecture* and asked everyone to keep a staff member in their prayers.

16. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

- Trustee Porcellini welcomed families and students back to school, thanked Sharp Bus Lines for offering the "First Ride Program" to first time riders and their parents, and commented on the merits of the Windsor Police Community Resource Officers in high schools.
- Trustee Soulliere inquired into receiving statistical information on student demographics enrolled in the International Baccalaureate (IB) academic program at Assumption College.
- Trustee Holland thanked administration for the quick response in providing parental information on student success in combined grades and inquired into receiving information on the integration of faith component when students with the University of Windsor's Faculty of Education program participate in practice teaching.
- Trustee Courtney inquired into the possibility of developing a School Healthy Eating policy and of a possible review of the current transportation policy in relation to walking distance criteria.
- Student Trustee Resendes thanked trustees for the opportunity to serve a second year representing the students of this board.
- Student Trustee Lau thanked Fr. Brunet for the Blessing and Commissioning this evening and indicated he is looking forward to serving as a student trustee.

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 at 7:00 p.m.)

- Tuesday, September 23, 2008
- Tuesday, October 14, 2008
- Tuesday, October 28, 2008

- Tuesday, November 11, 2008
- Tuesday, November 25, 2008
- **Tuesday, December 9, 2008 (Organizational Meeting - 7:30 p.m./Mass - 6:45 p.m.)**
- Tuesday, December 16, 2008
- Tuesday, January 13, 2009
- Tuesday, January 27, 2009
- Tuesday, February 10, 2009
- Tuesday, February 24, 2009

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

21. Adjournment - There being no further business, the Regular Board meeting of September 9, 2008 adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Approved.

John Macri
Board Chairperson

Joseph Berthiaume
Director of Education & Secretary-Treasurer