



REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre
John Paul II Boardroom

MINUTES

PRESENT

Trustees:

F. Alexander	P. Keane
M. DiMenna	J. Macri, Chair
B. Holland	S. Porcellini
C. Janisse	L. Soulliere
C. Resendes, Student Trustee	
N. Lau, Student Trustee	
Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain	

Regrets:

J. Courtney, Vice-Chair

Administration:

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

Recorder:

D. Steffens

1. Call To Order - Chair Macri called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer - The opening prayer occurred as part of the Remembrance Day Prayer Service and Presentation.
3. Recording of Attendance - Trustee Courtney sent regrets due to a family commitment.
4. Approval of Agenda
Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the November 11, 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. - Student Trustee Lau disclosed interest in relation to agenda item 12a(i) Assumption College Catholic High School Field Trip to Montreal.
7. Presentations:
 - a. Remembrance Day Prayer Service and Presentation - A special Remembrance Day prayer and video presentation was shown honouring the memory of Corporal Andrew Grenon, a former student who was recently killed during a tour of military duty in Afghanistan. Members of Corporal Grenon's family were given a memento of his time spent in the Muskoka Woods Leadership Experience Program.
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, October 28, 2008
Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of October 28, 2008 be adopted as distributed. Carried.
 - ii) Minutes of Regular Meeting, October 28, 2008
Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Alexander that the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 28, 2008 be adopted as distributed. Carried
 - b. Items from the In-Camera Meeting of November 11, 2008

Trustee DiMenna reported the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a closed Committee of the Whole Board meeting on November 11, 2008 pursuant to the Education Act - Section 207, to consider specific personnel, pupil, labour relations matters, and other matters permitted or required to be kept private and confidential under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Trustees Keane and Porcellini declared a conflict of interest during the November 11, 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 November 11, 2008 be approved. Carried.

Trustee DiMenna made the following announcements:

- the receipt of the Administrative Staff Report, dated November 11, 2008

- the ratification of the a collective agreement with the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association - Secondary Teachers that was tentatively reached on October 26, 2008
- the secondment of Therese Barichello to the position of Elementary Principal, Special Assignment for the period of December 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009 for the purpose of studying the optimal provision of elementary French Immersion in the County

10. Communications:

a. External (Associations, OCSTA, Ministry):

- i) Memorandum from the Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA) dated October 31, 2008 re: Minister of Finance Pre-Budget Consultation

Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Memorandum from the Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA) dated October 31, 2008 re: Minister of Finance Pre-Budget Consultation be received as information. Carried.

- ii) Memorandum from the Ministry of Education dated November 4, 2008 re: Modernization of School Board Governance

The Board received correspondence from Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Education concerning the creation of a Governance Review Committee. The Committee's mandate is to consult with education stakeholders and recommend ways to modernize School Board governance. The Board will be provided with updates as the initiative progresses.

Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that Memorandum from the Ministry of Education dated November 4, 2008 re: Modernization of School Board Governance be received as information. Carried.

b. Internal (Reports from Administration):

- i) Report: Administrative Staff Report

Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive the *Administrative Staff Report* on hiring, retirement and resignation of staff dated November 11, 2008 for information. Carried.

- ii) Report: Legal Services Annual Report - 2007 - 08 Fiscal Year

Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Board receive the report *Legal Services Annual Report* as information. Carried.

- iii) Report: 2007-08 Annual Report on Trustee Expenses - In accordance with Board Policy *T02 Conventions, Meetings, Out of Pocket Expenses*, the Board received a report presenting an annual summary of the expenses of each Trustee for the 2007-08 fiscal year.

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Board receive the *2007-08 Annual Report on Trustee Expenses* as information. Carried.

- iv) Report: Pupil Accommodation Reviews - Status Report as of November 3, 2008 - The Board received a report on the status of the pupil accommodation reviews that were approved by the Board on October 14, 2008. The report included information on the establishment of Accommodation Review Committees (ARC's) for the group of schools located in East Windsor: St. Bernard (Windsor), St. Jules and Our Lady of Lourdes; and, the group of schools located in West Windsor: St. Francis, St. James and St. John.

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive as information this report on the status of the pupil accommodation reviews that have been approved by the Board and on the establishment of Accommodation Review Committees (ARC's) for the group of schools located in East Windsor, including St. Bernard (Windsor), St. Jules and Our Lady of Lourdes, and the group of schools located in West Windsor, including St. Francis, St. James and St. John. Carried.

11. Unfinished Business:

- a. Deferred Notice of Motion (from October 28, 2008): Trustee Soulliere deferred this notice of motion to the December 16, 2008 meeting: *“At the next regular scheduled meeting of the Board, I will move or cause to be moved, that the Board establish a multi-disciplinary committee to review current programs, practices and procedures existing within our school communities regarding prevention of smoking, and alcohol and drug abuse and to provide feedback to the Board on current best practices with recommendations for improvements by the end of April 2009.”*

12. New Business:

a. Field Trips:

- i) Assumption College Catholic High School - Montreal

Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board approve Assumption College Catholic High School Field Trip to Montreal on May 28 to May 31, 2009. Carried.

- ii) St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic Secondary School - Chicago

Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Porcellini that the Board approve the St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic Secondary School Field Trip to Chicago on May 21 to May 24, 2009. Carried.

- b. Report: Appointment to Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board approve the following member to the Special Education Advisory Committee for the balance of the four-year term, December 1, 2006 to November 30, 2010: Melanie Allen representing VIEWS – Support for the Families of Blind And Visually Impaired Children. Carried.

13. Committee Reports:

- a. Report: Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2008

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive the Minutes of the September 18, 2008 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting as information. Carried.

14. Notice of Motion - None.

15. Remarks and Announcements:

- a. Chairperson John Macri commended members of both the Board and OECTA Secondary Unit negotiating parties for their diligence and commitment to work together to achieve a four year agreement so that the focus on student achievement and success can be maintained.
- b. Director of Education Joseph Berthiaume provided comment on the following activities that support the four pillars of the Board's strategic plan: student achievement initiatives, Catholic faith formation, community partnerships, and employee development. Director Berthiaume indicated that trustees are invited to attend the Long Service Banquet celebrating employee milestones that is scheduled for November 21 and the system-wide Together in Faith Day that is scheduled for the morning of November 28. Director Berthiaume congratulated Student Trustee Chynna Resendes upon being chosen as recipient of a YMCA Peace Medallion for 2008. Student Trustee Resendes' contributions to student leadership, peace initiatives in her community, and involvement in causes that support social justice make her a most deserving recipient of this award.
- c. Board Chaplain Fr. Brunet provided a reflection on the sacrifices soldiers make when providing military service to their country.

16. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

- Trustee Porcellini thanked all those involved in tonight's Remembrance Ceremony and thanked the organizers of the recent Autism of Ontario fundraising event held in Leamington.
- Trustee Janisse expressed his appreciation for the Remembrance Ceremony this evening and thanked everyone involved in the Muskoka Woods Leadership Experience for their dedication to the program and their support and encouragement to students on their journey to personal and spiritual growth.
- Trustee Keane congratulated Student Trustees Lau and Resendes for their work in organizing the annual student Faith Development Day and commended Director Berthiaume for representing the Board so well at several recent Catholic leadership community events.
- Trustee Alexander thanked the staff and students at St. Joseph's Catholic High School for their remarkable Remembrance Day Ceremony which was designed to remember and honour Cpl. Andrew Grenon.
- Trustee Soulliere congratulated Student Trustees Lau and Resendes on the success of the recent Student Senate Faith Development Day and commented on how well received the school council chairs found the recent Commissioning Ceremony.
- Trustee Holland thanked administration for their hospitality and support of the recent Open House for the St. Peter's Institute for Catholic Formation and expressed her appreciation to the staff and students of St. Joseph's Catholic High School for their Remembrance Day Ceremony.
- Trustee DiMenna commented on the recent Fashions for Autism fundraising event and congratulate the organizers for their hard work and dedication to the success of the event that raised \$12,500 for the Windsor Essex Autism Society.
- Student Trustee Resendes indicated it was an honour to be chosen for a 2008 YMCA Peace Medallion, remarked on the Remembrance Day Ceremony this evening and thanked campus ministers and Ms. Staudt for their support of the annual Student Faith Development Day.

- Student Trustee Lau thanked Father Chris Gaevart for attending the Student Faith Development Day and Celebrating the Eucharist with approximately 200 students in attendance.
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, 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
 - Tuesday, March 10, 2009
 - Tuesday, March 31, 2009
 - Tuesday, April 14, 2009
 - Tuesday, April 28, 2009
 - Tuesday, May 12, 2009
 - Tuesday, May 26, 2009
 - Tuesday, June 9, 2009
 - **Monday**, June 22, 2009
 20. Closing Prayer - Fr. Brunet closed the meeting with a prayer.
 21. Adjournment - There being no further business, the Regular Board meeting of November 11, 2008 adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved.

John Macri
Board Chairperson

Joseph Berthiaume
Director of Education & Secretary-Treasurer