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CHAIRPERSON: Fred Alexander
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Joseph Berthiaume

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre
John Paul II Boardroom

MINUTES

PRESENT

Trustees:

F. Alexander, Chair	P. Keane
J. Courtney	J. Macri
M. DiMenna, Vice-Chair	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
M. Iatonna	P. Littlejohns
P. Picard	P. Murray
L. Staudt	S. O'Hagan-Wong
Thérèse Barichello	

Recorder:

D. Steffens

1. Call To Order - Chair Alexander called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer - Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer and reading of intentions.
3. Recording of Attendance - All trustees present.
4. Approval of Agenda

Amendments:

- Addition: 8b(i) Delegation - St. Mary Catholic School Advisory Council regarding the Ad Hoc Elementary French Immersion Study Committee Recommendations
- Addition: 8b(ii) Delegation - Terry Marentette, Parent St. Mary Catholic Elementary School regarding the Ad Hoc Elementary French Immersion Study Committee Recommendations
- Addition: 8b(iii) Delegation - Tammy Laforge, Parent St. Mary Catholic Elementary School regarding the Ad Hoc Elementary French Immersion Study Committee Recommendations

- Addition: 8b(iv) Delegation - Rene Deschamps, Holy Name Catholic School Advisory Committee regarding the Ad Hoc Elementary French Immersion Study Committee Recommendations
- Addition: 8b(v) Delegation - Tanya Jobin, Parent St. Mary Catholic Elementary School regarding the Ad Hoc Elementary French Immersion Study Committee Recommendations
- Addition: 8b(vi) Delegation - Dana O'Neil, Parent St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, regarding the Ad Hoc Elementary French Immersion Study Committee Recommendations
- Renumber Agenda Item 12b Ad Hoc Elementary French Immersion Study Committee - Final Report to 9c. Chair Alexander noted that revised recommendations for the report were distributed.

Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee Keane that the January 27, 2009 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: Nil.
8. Delegations:
 - a. Delegation Regarding Items Not on the Agenda - Nil.
 - b. Delegations Regarding Items On the Agenda
 - i) St. Mary Catholic School Advisory Council regarding the Ad Hoc Elementary French Immersion Study Committee Recommendations - (Shawn Fuerth, Roger Bastien, Christine Zahara) - The delegation members brought forward the concerns about the Ad Hoc Committee's communication, stakeholder notification and consultation process; identified local issues and impacts of the proposed solution; and, proposed alternate options for the Board to consider prior to making a final decision.
 - ii) Delegation - Terry Marentette, Parent St. Mary Catholic Elementary School regarding the Ad Hoc Elementary French Immersion Study Committee Recommendations - As a parent of children attending St. Mary's elementary school, Mr. Marentette petitioned the Board consider keeping the French Immersion program at Holy Name Catholic Elementary School and retaining a single-track English program for students enrolled at St. Mary School in Maidstone.
 - iii) Delegation - Tammy Laforge, Parent St. Mary Catholic Elementary School regarding the Ad Hoc Elementary French Immersion Study Committee Recommendations - As a parent of children attending St. Mary's elementary school, Ms. Laforge petitioned the Board consider keeping the French Immersion program at Holy Name Catholic Elementary School as it is centrally located in the County, retaining a single-track English program at St. Mary School in Maidstone and consider a boundary adjustment to relieve accommodation pressures experienced in the English program at Holy Name school.

- iv) Delegation - Rene Deschamps, Holy Name Catholic School Advisory Council regarding the Ad Hoc Elementary French Immersion Study Committee Recommendations - Mr. Deschamps, Vice Chair of the Holy Name Catholic School Advisory Council identified several local issues and impacts of the proposed relocation of the French Immersion program currently located at Holy Name school and asked the Board to consider changing the boundary between Holy Name and St. Mary schools, to proceed with an addition at Holy Name as previously petitioned by the Holy Name school community and to defer the matter in order to have additional public meetings to obtain stakeholder input.
- v) Delegation - Tanya Jobin, Parent at St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, regarding the Ad Hoc Elementary French Immersion Study Committee Recommendations - As a parent of children attending St. Mary's elementary school, Ms. Jobin petitioned the Board to reconsider a permanent single-track French Immersion school at St. Mary School citing concerns about the long-term impact of relocating students in the English program at the Maidstone on the school community, families and parish.
- vi) Delegation - Dana O'Neil, Parent at St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, regarding the Ad Hoc Elementary French Immersion Study Committee Recommendations - As a parent of children attending St. Mary's elementary school, Ms. O'Neil petitioned the Board to defer their decision and consider other viable options including boundary adjustments in conjunction with marketing the French Immersion program at Holy Name or approving a permanent dual-track French Immersion and English program at St. Mary rather than single-track.

9. Action Items:

a. Approval of Minutes

- i) Minutes of In-Camera Meeting, January 13, 2009
Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of January 13, 2009 be adopted as distributed. Carried.
- ii) Minutes of Regular Meeting, January 13, 2009
Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Courtney that the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of January 13, 2009 be adopted as distributed. Carried.

b. Items from the Re-Convened In-Camera Meeting of January 13, 2009 and the In-Camera Meeting of January 27, 2009

Vice Chair DiMenna reported that the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board re-convened a closed Committee of the Whole Board meeting on January 13, 2009 pursuant to the Education Act - Section 207, to consider specific real property matters, 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. Trustee Porcellini declared a conflict of interest during the January 13, 2009 reconvened In-Camera Session and excused herself from the relevant discussion item. In addition, the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a closed Committee of the Whole Board meeting on January 27, 2009 pursuant to the Education Act - Section 207, to consider specific personnel, real property matters, 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.

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Holland that the recommendations and directions of the Committee of the Whole Board at its reconvened in-camera meeting of January 13, 2009 and its in-camera meeting of January 27, 2009 be approved. Carried.

Vice Chair DiMenna made the following announcements:

From the re-convened in-camera meeting of January 13, 2009:

- receipt of a verbal report on the in-camera portion of the Audit Committee Meeting of January 7, 2009

From the in-camera meeting of January 27, 2009:

- receipt of the Administrative Staff Report, dated January 27, 2009
- appointment of Sam Sleiman to the position of *Acting* Administrator at Holy Names Catholic High School, effective January 29, 2009

- c. Report: Ad Hoc Elementary French Immersion Study Committee - Final Report (*Re-Numbered from 12b*) - A document providing revised Ad Hoc Committee and Implementation recommendations was distributed.

ON THE REVISED AD HOC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED IT WAS: Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board approve the following Ad Hoc Elementary French Immersion Committee recommendations:

The designation of St. Mary Elementary School as the permanent site for a single track French Immersion school with full-time JK/SK to commence in September 2009 (including Implementation Recommendations);

***and*, that the Board approve the dissolution of the Ad Hoc Elementary French Immersion Committee in accordance with Board By-Law 4:03;**

***and*, that the Board approve the establishment of a system-wide standing French Immersion Committee which will develop Terms of Reference to be approved by the Board. Included in the Terms of Reference will be provisions for the Holy Name and St. Mary School Communities to advise the committee of ongoing issues and concerns with respect to the transition issues related to single/dual track French Immersion at the St. Mary Catholic school site. (NOTE: *Motion subsequently deferred by recorded vote.*)**

Discussion and debate was held on concerns and issues brought forward by the delegations that appeared at tonight's meeting. A motion to defer the matter was presented to provide time for additional stakeholder input from both school communities and explore the viability of some of the options suggested by tonight's delegations.

ORIGINAL MOTION FOR DEFERRAL: Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the matter be deferred to allow for the additional stakeholder input. (NOTE: *Motion subsequently amended.*)

Following lengthy discussion and debate on the intent and effectiveness of a deferral, its potential impact on the French Immersion program for September 2009, and the type of additional data required from administration, an amended motion was presented and approved by the mover and seconder as follows.

AMENDED MOTION FOR DEFERRAL: Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the matter be deferred for one week to allow for the receipt of additional stakeholder input, and supplementary information from administration to include: additional financial data and statistics, background information on dual- vs. single-track language schools and feedback from the Town of Essex concerning the current property by-law prohibiting the use of portables; and, that a Special Public Board Meeting be held on February 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. for final disposition. (NOTE: The amended motion of deferral was split into two and put to question by recorded vote upon trustee request.)

Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the matter be deferred for one week to allow for the receipt of additional stakeholder input, and supplementary information from administration to include: additional financial data and statistics, background information on dual- vs. single-track language schools and feedback from the Town of Essex concerning the current property by-law prohibiting the use of portables. Carried.

Recorded Vote: In Favour: Trustees Janisse, Keane, DiMenna, Macri and Courtney

Opposed: Trustees Holland, Soulliere and Porcellini

Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that a Special Public Board Meeting be held on February 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. for final disposition. Carried.

Recorded Vote: In Favour: Trustees Janisse, Soulliere, Keane, DiMenna, Porcellini, Macri and Courtney **Opposed:** Trustee Holland

10. Communications:

a. External (Associations, OCSTA, Ministry):

i) Verbal Report: Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Chairs, Vice-Chair and Director's Seminar - Chair Alexander reported that he, Vice Chair DiMenna and Director Berthiaume attended the OCSTA seminar on January 16 and 17 in Toronto. Trustees were advised that they can obtain copies of the seminar presentations from OCSTA's website.

ii) Memorandum from the Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA), dated January 15, 2009 re OCSTA Labour Relations Seminar
Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee Keane that the Board receive the Memorandum from the Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA), dated January 15, 2009 re OCSTA Labour Relations Seminar as information. Carried.

b. Internal (Reports from Administration):

- i) Report: Administrative Staff Report
Moved by Trustee Macri and seconded by Trustee Courtney that the Board receive the *Administrative Staff Report* on hiring, retirement and resignation of staff dated January 27, 2009 for information. Carried.
- ii) Report: 2008 - 09 Revised Estimates - Trustees received a report indicating that Ministry of Education requirements stipulate all school boards must submit Revised Estimates for their 2008-09 budgets based on actual October 31, 2008 enrolment numbers. The Revised Estimates for the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board were submitted to the Ministry on January 16, 2009.

Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive the 2008-09 Revised Estimates report as information. Carried.
- iii) Report: Trustee Attendance July – December 2008
Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Keane that the Board receive the report *Trustee Attendance – August to December 2008* as information. Carried.

11. Unfinished Business: Nil.

12. New Business:

a. Field Trips:

- i) F. J. Brennan Catholic High School - Quebec City
Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee Keane that the Board approve the F. J. Brennan Catholic High School field trip to Quebec City, Quebec from Monday, May 4 – Thursday, May 7, 2009. Carried.
- ii) Assumption College Catholic High School - Cedar Point
Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee Keane that the Board approve the Assumption College Catholic High School Field trip to Cedar Point scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2009. Carried.
- iii) St. Joseph's Catholic High School - Kalamazoo, Michigan
Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee Keane that the Board approve the St. Joseph's Catholic High School field trip to Kalamazoo, Michigan from Tuesday, March 3 to Saturday, March 7, 2009. Carried.

b. Report: Ad Hoc Elementary French Immersion Study Committee - Final Report (*This item was renumbered and discussed under 9c.*)

13. Committee Reports:

- a. Report: Audit Committee Meeting of January 7, 2009 - Administration will follow-up on a clerical correction to the meeting notes.
Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board receive the Notes from the Audit Committee Meeting of January 7, 2009 as information. Carried.

- b. Report: Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of December 11, 2008
Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Board receive the Minutes of the December 11, 2008 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting as information. Carried.

14. Notice of Motion: Nil.

15. Remarks and Announcements:

- a. Chairperson Alexander indicated he had no comments this evening.
- b. Director of Education 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; and, advised trustees on the dates for JK and SK registration activities.
- c. Board Chaplain Fr. Brunet commented on a recent local cable television program he saw describing the International Baccalaureate Programme offered at Assumption College Catholic High School.

16. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

- Trustee Janisse thanked all delegations present tonight for their input into the proposed recommendations for the provision of elementary French Immersion for county students and asked to be advised of any meetings on the matter during the upcoming week.
- Trustee Holland commented on the activities of the East Windsor Accommodation Review Committee and thanked administration for their support of the local programs offered by the Diocese of London's St. Peter's Institute for Catholic Formation.
- Trustee Soulliere inquired into receiving a status report on the board's 2008 Capital Plan.
- Trustee Keane asked his fellow trustees to keep equity in mind when considering transportation provisions for the proposed French Immersion program.
- Trustee DiMenna thanked members of Holy Name Catholic School Advisory Council for attending tonight's meeting and providing their input.
- Trustee Porcellini thanked all parents for coming out tonight, inquired into the status of the information she previously requested about the cost of the International Baccalaureate Programme, and congratulated St. Angela school on their celebrations of St. Angela Merici day.
- Trustee Macri commented on the evening's proceedings in relation to the Ad Hoc Elementary French Immersion Study Committee - Final Report.
- Student Trustee Lau conveyed his gratefulness for having the opportunity to participate in the board's International Baccalaureate Programme.

17. Pending Items: Nil.

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 at 7:00 p.m.)
 - Special Board Meeting - Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.
 - 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 January 27, 2009 adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Approved.

Fred Alexander
Board Chairperson

Joseph Berthiaume
Director of Education & Secretary-Treasurer