



**WINDSOR-ESSEX CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

1325 California Avenue
Windsor, ON N9B 3Y6
CHAIRPERSON: Fred Alexander
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Joseph Berthiaume

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre
John Paul II Boardroom**

MINUTES

PRESENT

Trustees:

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

Regrets:

P. Keane, C. Janisse

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 Alexander called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer - Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. Recording of Attendance - Trustee Keane sent regrets due to his vacation schedule. Trustee Janisse sent his regrets due to an employment commitment.
4. Approval of Agenda

Chair Alexander noted that the handouts for agenda items 12a(v) Field Trip St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic Secondary School - Canada's Wonderland, and 12a(vi) Field Trip Notre Dame, Christ The King, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Rose, St. Maria Goretti, Elementary Schools' - All Star Band Programme -Canada's Wonderland are at trustee places and were previously provided to trustees electronically

Amendments:

- Addition: 12a (vii) St. John the Baptist Catholic Elementary School - Canada's Wonderland **Moved by Trustee Macri and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the May 12, 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:

- a. St. Francis Catholic Elementary School Dancing with the Stars - Students from St. Francis Catholic Elementary School were present to open the Board meeting with a shortened rendition of their Dancing with the Stars school presentation which is part of the schools healthy active living and physical education 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, April 28, 2009

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of April 28, 2009 be adopted as distributed. Carried.

- ii) Minutes of Special In-Camera Meeting, May 4, 2009

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of May 4, 2009 be adopted as distributed. Carried.

- iii) Minutes of Regular Meeting, April 28, 2009

Moved by Trustee Macri and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 28, 2009 be adopted as distributed. Carried.

- b. Items from the Special In-Camera Meeting of May 4, 2009 and the In-Camera Meeting of May 12, 2009

Vice Chair DiMenna reported the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a Special Closed Committee of the Whole Board meeting on May 4, 2009 pursuant to the Education Act - Section 207, to consider specific personnel and other matters permitted or required to be kept private and confidential under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

In addition, the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a closed Committee of the Whole Board meeting on May 12, 2009, pursuant to the Education Act - Section 207, to consider specific personnel, pupil, real property 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, Macri and Porcellini declared a conflict of interest during the May 12, 2009 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 special in-camera meeting of May 4, 2009 and its in-camera meeting of May 12, 2009 be approved. Carried.

Vice Chair DiMenna made the following announcements:

From the In-Camera meeting of April 28, 2009:

- The following individuals have been added to the 2009 – 2014 Elementary Principal Roster: Fil Greco, Carm Casalena, and Sue Easby
- The following individuals have been added to the 2009 – 2014 Elementary Vice-Principal Roster: Betty Brush, Linda DiPasquale, Jeff Fairlie, Paul LaRocque, Anna Mancini, Jackie O’Bright and Kevin Roberts

From the In-Camera meeting of May 12, 2009:

- receipt of the Administrative Staff Report, dated May 12, 2009
- approval of a restructuring plan for Business, Facilities Services and Human Resources departments
- the following Elementary Principal and Vice Principal Placements for September 2009 were announced:
 - **Louise St. Pierre**, from Principal at St. John the Evangelist School to Principal at L. A. Desmarais School
 - **Carol Wilk**, from Principal at St. James School to Principal at Sacred Heart School
 - **Joan Schell**, from Principal at St. Maria Goretti School to Principal at St. Angela School
 - **Rose Mousaly**, from Principal Information Technology to Principal at St. Anne French Immersion School
 - **Fr. Peter Hrytsyk**, from Principal at St. Mary School to Principal at St. Francis School
 - **Dan Laporte**, from Principal at St. Francis School to Principal at St. James School
 - **Mike Pannunzio**, from Principal at St. Louis School to St. John the Evangelist School
 - **Colleen Arfiero**, from Principal at St. Angela School to Principal at St. Maria Goretti School
 - **Bridget Russo**, from Acting Principal at Stella Maris School to Principal at Stella Maris School
 - **Bill Vaillancourt**, from Acting Principal at St. Alexander School to Principal at St. Alexander School
 - **Suzanna DiMeo-Easby**, from Vice Principal at St. William School to Principal at St. Louis School

- **Carmela Casalena**, from Vice Principal at Holy Name School to Principal at St. Mary School
- **Donna Savage**, from Vice Principal at St. Pius X School to Vice Principal at Holy Cross School
- **Brian Marenchin**, from Vice Principal at Holy Cross School to Vice Principal at Holy Name School
- **Lee Ann Poisson**, from Teacher at St. John the Baptist School to Vice Principal at St. Pius X School
- **Linda DiPasquale**, from Teacher at Holy Cross School to Vice Principal at St. William School
- the following Secondary Principal and Vice Principal Placements for September 2009 were announced:
 - **JoAnne Shea**, from Principal at St. Thomas of Villanova to Principal Information Technology
 - **Ron Donaldson**, from Principal at St. Michael's Alternative Secondary School to Cardinal Carter Secondary School
 - **Kathy Furlong**, from Vice Principal at St. Anne High School to Principal at St. Thomas of Villanova Secondary School
 - **Joseph Ibrahim**, from Vice Principal at St. Michael's Alternative Secondary School to Principal at St. Michael's Alternative Secondary School
 - **Arlene Davis**, from Vice Principal at Cardinal Carter Secondary School to Vice Principal at St. Anne High School
 - **Amy LoFaso**, from Vice Principal at St. Joseph's High School to Vice Principal at St. Thomas of Villanova Secondary School
 - **Laura Guglietta**, from Vice Principal at Holy Names High School to Vice Principal at St. Michael's Alternative Secondary School
 - **Lou Conte**, from Vice Principal at St. Thomas of Villanova Secondary School to Vice Principal at St. Joseph's High School
 - **Sam Sleiman**, from *Acting* Administrator at Holy Names High School to Vice Principal at Holy Names High School
 - **Jeremy Schiller**, from *Acting* Administrator at Cardinal Carter Secondary School to Vice Principal at Cardinal Carter Secondary School
- the following extensions to employee assignments were announced:
 - **Karen Kessler** as Special Education Coordinator for an additional three (3) year term, effective September 2009 to June 2012
 - **Heather Pelisek** as Special Education Program Planner for an additional three (3) year term, effective September 2009 to June 2012
 - **Andrew Spurdza** as a Centrally Assigned Teacher for an additional three (3) year term, effective September 2009 to June 2012
- the extension of the secondment of **Thérèse Barichello** as Elementary Principal, Special Assignment for an additional two (2) year term, effective September 2009 to June 2011
- the extension of the existing three (3) year contract with Coca Cola Bottling Company for a further one (1) year period from September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010 for the provision of cold beverages and vending machine services in the Board's secondary schools

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 DiMenna that the Board receive the *Administrative Staff Report* on hiring, retirement and resignation of staff dated May 12, 2009 for information. *Carried.*

11. Unfinished Business: None.

12. New Business:

a. Field Trips:

i) St. Theresa Catholic Elementary School – Bark Lake Leadership

Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Board approve the St. Theresa Catholic Elementary School field trip to *Bark Lake Leadership and Conference Centre* in Haliburton, Ontario from May 20 to May 22, 2009. *Carried.*

ii) H. J. Lassaline Catholic Elementary School - Eastpark Water Park

Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Board approve the H. J. Lassaline Catholic Elementary School field trips to *Eastpark Water Park* in London, Ontario as outlined. *Carried.*

iii) St. John, St. Pius X, St. William and Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary Schools' East Side All Star Band Programme - Canada's Wonderland

Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Board approve the St. John, St. Pius X, St. William and Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary schools' East Side All Star Band Programme trip to Canada's Wonderland, May 19th 2009 to participate in the Canada's Wonderland School Music Festival. *Carried.*

iv) St. John, W.J. Langlois and Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary Schools' East Side All Star Band Programme - Canada's Wonderland

Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Board approve the St. John, W.J. Langlois and Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary schools' East Side All Star Band Programme trip to Canada's Wonderland, May 27th, 2009 to participate in the Canada's Wonderland School Music Festival. *Carried.*

v) St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic Secondary School - Canada's Wonderland (*Handout was distributed and previously provided to trustees*)

Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Board approve the St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic High School field trip to Canada's Wonderland on Wednesday, May 27, 2009. *Carried.*

- vi) Notre Dame, Christ The King, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Rose, St. Maria Goretti, Elementary Schools' – All Star Band Programme –Canada's Wonderland (*Handout was distributed and previously provided to trustees*)
Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Board approve the Notre Dame, Christ the King, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Rose, St. Maria Goretti elementary schools' - All Star Band Programme trip to Canada's Wonderland, May 26th, 2009 to participate in the Canada's Wonderland School Music Festival. Carried.
- vii) WALK ON: St. John the Baptist Catholic School to Canada's Wonderland (*Handout was distributed and previously provided to trustees*)
Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Board approve the St. John the Baptist All Star Band Programme trip to Canada's Wonderland, May 27th, 2009 to participate in the Canada's Wonderland School Music Festival. Carried.

13. Committee Reports - None.

14. Notice of Motion - None.

15. Remarks and Announcements:

- a. Chairperson Alexander commented on his attendance at the Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Annual General Meeting held in Toronto this past weekend, and noted the proceedings of meeting will be posted on the OCSTA website for trustee reference. Trustee Alexander provided comment on the student art display welcoming staff and visitors to the Catholic Education Centre and asked that a note of appreciation be sent to those involved.
- b. Director of Education Berthiaume provided comment on recent activities supporting the Board's strategic priorities: student achievement, faith development and professional development initiatives. Director Berthiaume noted that World Catholic Education Day will be held on May 21, and reported all schools in the west end of Windsor gathered for Mass at Assumption Church on May 8. Director Berthiaume congratulated Student Trustee Resendes for the recognition she received at the Rotary's Dr. Clare MacLeod Secondary School Youth Awards event.
- c. Board Chaplain Fr. Brunet provided reflection on the recent World Day of Prayer for Vocations, held on May 3, 2009.

16. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

- Trustee Holland welcomed two former student trustees who were present in the audience this evening.
- Trustee DiMenna inquired into the status of a decision on bilingual signage for St. Mary's school.

- Trustee Porcellini inquired into the process for dealing with refuse and recycling in the board's city schools, reminded trustees of the upcoming Catholic Central High School bursary fundraising gala, and provided brief comment on the legislation coming from the Ministry's recent Governance Review.
- Student Trustee Resendes and Student Trustee Lau provided brief comment on the social awareness activities that students participated in during Catholic Education Week.

17. Pending Items:

- a. Draft Board Policy H:07 Selection Process - Principals and Vice Principals (*deferred March 10, 2009*)
- b. Deferred Report: Play Surface Material Standard – Rubber (*Deferred April 28, 2009*)

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 with the In-Camera Session beginning at 6:00 p.m. and the Public Session beginning at 7:00 p.m.)*

- 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 May 12, 2009 adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Approved.

Fred Alexander
Board Chairperson

Joseph Berthiaume
Director of Education & Secretary-Treasurer