



1325 California Avenue  
Windsor, ON N9B 3Y6  
Chairperson: Barbara Holland  
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Paul A. Picard

## ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.  
Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre  
1325 California Avenue, Windsor  
(*Mass Assumption Chapel at 6:45 p.m.*)

### MINUTES

#### PRESENT

##### Trustees:

F. Alexander	J. Macri
J. Courtney ( <i>participated electronically</i> )	B. Mastromattei
M. DiMenna	J. McMahan
F. Favot	L. Soulliere
B. Holland	
J. Najem, Student Trustee	
N. Tavares, Student Trustee	
Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain	

##### Regrets:

##### Administration:

P. Picard (Resource)	P. Murray
C. Geml	S. O'Hagan-Wong
J. Bumbacco	M. Seguin
M. Iatonna	J. Shea
E. Byrne	J. Ulicny

##### Recorder:

B. Marshall

1. Call To Order/Welcome - In accordance with Section Two of the Board By-laws, Paul Picard, Director of Education called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and presided over the meeting until the election of the Chair.
2. Opening Prayer/Re-Commissioning - Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer and led a re-commissioning prayer reaffirming trustees' commitment to the provision of Catholic education.
3. Recording of Attendance - All trustees present. Trustee Courtney participated electronically.

#### 4. Election of Chair

The Director of Education asked trustees to approve the appointment of two scrutineers.

**Moved by Trustee Favot and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Board approve the appointment of Fr. Brunet and Executive Superintendent Iatonna as scrutineers. Carried**

As Presiding Officer, Director Picard invited trustees who wished to serve as Chair to stand and declare their candidacy. The following trustees declared their candidacy:

- Trustee Holland

After three requests by Director Picard inviting those who wished to stand to do so, there were no further declarations and the Director called that nominations be closed.

**Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that nominations for the position of Chair be closed. Carried**

Trustee Holland was acclaimed to the position of Chairperson.

At this point, Trustee Holland assumed the Chair and proceeded with election of the Vice-Chair.

#### 5. Election of Vice-Chair

Chair Holland invited trustees who wished to serve as Vice-Chair to stand and declare their candidacy. The following trustees rose and declared their candidacy:

- Trustee DiMenna

After three requests by the Chair inviting those who wished to stand to do so there were no further declarations and the Chair called that the nominations be closed.

**Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Favot that nominations for the position of Vice-Chair be closed. Carried**

Trustee DiMenna was acclaimed to the position of Vice-Chair.

Vice Chair DiMenna thanked trustees for their confidence in her efforts, pledges constant communication as the board approaches this difficult year and is also confident trustees will continue to be respectful toward each other, making the very best decisions for our system.

#### 6. Chairperson's Address – Chair Holland addressed the Board and thanked her colleagues for their continued support and endorsement. Chair Holland mentioned it is an honour and humbling experience to serve the Catholic education community.

At this point, Trustee Alexander brought to the attention of the board that no woman has served as the Chair since the amalgamation of the Essex and Windsor Separate school boards, and the first time a woman chair and vice chair serving at the same time.

Fr. Brunet found Trustee Alexander's comments fitting as December 6<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of the Montreal Massacre where fourteen women were killed for anti-feminist reasons.

7. Establishment of Committees - Chair Holland asked trustees to review the present list of Committee appointments and to contact the Administrative Assistant with their preferences as soon as possible. Committee appointments will be confirmed at a future meeting.
8. Next Regular Meeting of the Board: Tuesday, December 13, 2011.
9. Closing Prayer – Fr. Brunet closed the meeting with a prayer and thanked the former Chairperson, Trustee Alexander for his leadership, commitment and has been a strong advocate to Catholic education for many years. Fr. Brunet wished Trustee Alexander good health.
10. Adjournment – There being no further business, the Organizational Meeting of December 6, 2011 adjourned at 7:46 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

*Approved*

***Barbara Holland***  
*Board Chairperson*

***Paul A. Picard***  
*Director of Education & Secretary of the Board*