



**WINDSOR-ESSEX CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

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1325 California Avenue
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CHAIRPERSON: Barbara Holland
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Paul A. Picard

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre
John Paul II Boardroom**

MINUTES

PRESENT

Trustees: F. Alexander B. Holland, Chair
J. Courtney J. Macri
M. DiMenna, Vice-Chair B. Mastromattei
F. Favot L. Soulliere

J. Najem, Student Trustee
N. Tavares, Student Trustee
Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain

Regrets: Trustee McMahon

Administration: P. Picard (Resource) P. King
J. Bumbacco P. Murray
C. Geml S. O'Hagan-Wong
P. Littlejohns J. Shea
A. Maghnieh M. Seguin
E. Byrne J. Ulicny

Recorder: B. Marshall

1. Call To Order - Chair Holland called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer - Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. Recording of Attendance - Trustee McMahon sent regrets due to a prior commitment.
4. Approval of Agenda
Moved by Trustee Macri and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the April 10, 2012 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: *None*
8. Delegations: *None*
 - a. Delegation Regarding Items Not on the Agenda
 - b. Delegations Regarding Items On the Agenda
9. Action Items:
 - a. Approval of Minutes
 - i) Minutes of In-Camera Meeting, March 27, 2012

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Courtney that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of March 27, 2012 be adopted as distributed. *Carried*

- ii) Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, March 27, 2012

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Mastromattei that the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of March 27, 2012 be adopted as distributed. *Carried*

- b. Items from the re-convened in-camera meeting of March 27, 2012 and convened in-camera meeting of April 10, 2012

Vice Chair DiMenna reported that the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board re-convened a closed Committee of the Whole Board meeting on March 27, 2012 and convened a closed Committee of the Whole Board meeting on April 10, 2012 pursuant to the Education Act - Section 207, to consider specific personnel, labour relations, litigation 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 Soulliere that the recommendations and directions of the re-convened Committee of the Whole Board meeting on March 27, 2012 and at its convened Committee of the Whole Board in-camera meeting of April 10, 2012 be approved. *Carried*

Vice Chair DiMenna made the following announcements:

from the April 10, 2012 Committee of the Whole Board in-camera meeting

- receipt of the Administrative Staff Report on hiring, leave of absence, return from leave of absence, retirement and resignation of staff, dated April 10, 2012;
- in accordance with Section 194(3)(a) of the Education Act and Ontario Regulation 444/98 *Disposition of Surplus Real Property*, the Board approved the Disposition of Surplus Real Property for St. Bernard (Windsor) and Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary Catholic schools.

10. Communications:
- a. External (Associations, OCSTA, Ministry): *None*
 - b. Internal (Reports from Administration)
 - i) Report: Administrative Staff Report

Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Board receive the Administrative Staff Report on hiring, retirement and resignation of staff dated April 10, 2012. Carried

- ii) Report: Appointment of Student Trustees for the 2012-13 School Year

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive the appointment of Madeline Ellepola of F. J. Brennan Catholic Secondary School and Joseph Najem of Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School as Student Trustees for the 2012 - 2013 school year as information. Carried

11. Unfinished Business: *None*

12. New Business:

- a. Report: Amend the February 28, 2012 Previously Adopted Board Motion on the Mileage Rate Change Implementation

Trustee Favot mentioned, after consideration, does not favour the February 28, 2012 amended motion to lower the mileage rate from forty-six cents to forty cents per kilometre. As the report brought forth is to amend the mileage rate implementation only, Chair Holland advised Trustee Favot to provide a notice of motion to begin the process to reconsider.

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Alexander that the Board, amend the February 28, 2012 previously adopted board motion on the Mileage Rate change implementation to reflect an effective date of September 1, 2012 due to policy change processes and collective agreement language. Carried

- b. Report: School Year Calendar 2012-13

Moved by Trustee Macri and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board approve the School Year Calendar – 2012-2013 for the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board. Carried

- c. Report: Boundary Adjustment Recommendations – Immaculate Conception and St. Angela Catholic Elementary Schools

Superintendent Byrne and Director Picard provided clarification on the enrolment and transportation grandfather clauses for St. Angela and Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary schools.

Moved by Trustee Macri and seconded by Trustee Mastromattei that the Board approve the Boundary Adjustment Review Committee's recommendation - Boundary Adjustment Proposal # 2 – for Immaculate Conception and St. Angela

Catholic Elementary Schools;

and That students attending the newly relocated Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary School crossing both Wyandotte St. and Ouellette Ave. will receive bus transportation;

and That any family that is currently attending Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary School and wishes to remain at Immaculate Conception will be grandfathered to the newly relocated Immaculate Conception School site on Victoria Ave., and will be included in the transportation recommendation above.
Carried

- d. Report: Boundary Adjustment Recommendations – F. J. Brennan Catholic Secondary School/Open Access Secondary Sites

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Mastromattei that the Board approve the Boundary Adjustment Review Committee’s recommendation to move forward with the boundary adjustment to F. J. Brennan Catholic Secondary School;

and That any family currently attending F.J. Brennan Catholic Secondary School will be grandfathered;

and That both F. J. Brennan and Catholic Central Catholic Secondary Schools become “open access” secondary schools. *Carried*

- e. Report: Boundary Adjustment Recommendations – St. Joseph’s Catholic Secondary School

Superintendent Byrne provided clarification on the feeder schools to F. J. Brennan and St. Joseph’s Catholic Secondary schools.

Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Favot that the Board approve the Boundary Adjustment Review Committee’s recommendation to move forward with the boundary adjustment to St. Joseph’s Catholic Secondary School;

and That students that live in the shared parcel area would have the option to walk (3.2kms) to St. Joseph’s Catholic Secondary School or continue on the existing bus route to St. Anne Catholic Secondary School.

and That families who have children currently registered or families who have attended St. Joseph’s Catholic Secondary School will be grandfathered. *Carried*

- f. Report: Play Structures and Surfaces (deferred report: Play Surface Material Standard – Rubber)

Trustee Courtney expressed her concern for the school communities and their ability to

maintain the play structures and surfaces. Director Picard acknowledged her concern but reiterated the financial implications of maintaining such structures with respect to the school renewal budget. In light of the board's deficit, Director Picard the cost to maintain play structures is not the most effective use of board funds.

Trustee Soulliere suggested administration establish a Play Structure and Surfaces policy. The policy would be based on the recommendations provided in the report and reviewed annually with school councils.

Moved by Trustee Courtney and seconded by Trustee Favot that the Board approve the following recommendations:

- 1. That on an annual basis, the Board will conduct an inspection of all play structures at Board cost; and,**
- 2. That reports on play structures and surfaces noted in Recommendation #1 will be provided to the Principal for discussion with the School Council; and,**
- 3. That play equipment deemed to be of no play value and/or beyond repair will be removed at Board cost; and,**
- 4. That for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board will maintain the play structure surfaces in order to ensure safety and regulatory compliance. This recommendation does not include those structures contemplated in Recommendation #3; and,**
- 5. That subsequent to the 2012-2013 school year, the cost of the repair and maintenance of play structures will be borne by the school; and,**
- 6. That subsequent to the 2012-2013 school year, an ongoing maintenance program for the play surfaces will be established and paid for by the school; and,**
- 7. That School Councils may elect to have structures removed at anytime, at Board cost; and,**
- 8. That effective immediately, no new play structures will be installed on any Board property. *Carried***

13. Committee Reports:

- a. Report: Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Minutes of January 26, 2012

Trustee Soulliere questioned the number of agenda items and the length of the meetings. Superintendent Shea explained majority of the items are received from the elementary and secondary parent umbrella groups.

Moved by Trustee Favot and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive the Minutes of the January 26, 2012 Parent Involvement Committee Meeting as information. Carried

14. Notice of Motion: *None*
15. Remarks and Announcements:
- a. Chairperson Holland commended St. Joseph's High School staff and students on celebrating Amy Wagner's life through a fundraiser for the Autism Services and planting a tree in her honour.
 - b. Director of Education Picard provided comment on recent activities supporting the Board's strategic priorities namely;
Catholic Faith Formation: Thank you to teachers and staff for their Lenten and Holy Week Activities leading to our Easter celebration; Special thank you to Betty Brush for educating all of us with respect to our Lenten journey. Many of staff found it worthwhile part of their Lenten activities.
Employee Development And Student Achievement Initiatives: Secondary Mental Health Workshop on April 12; and Behaviour Management Training continues.
Community Engagement and Partnerships: Congratulations to our students and teachers who participated in the 2012 Windsor Regional Science, Technology and Engineering Fair; and the Accommodation Review Committee meetings for the Amherstburg, Fontainebleau and Lakeshore areas should be completed this week. Special meetings of the board will be scheduled during the middle of May to present the Director's report for public input. The public can anticipate on receiving the reports prior to the May dates.
Celebrating Achievements: In memory of Amy Wagner, student of St. Joseph High School, the students and staff at St. Joseph began a fundraiser to raise money for Autism Services. At the conclusion of the fundraiser, a tree planting ceremony was held to celebrate Amy's life.
Miscellaneous: Mark the following dates on your calendars - This year's Elementary Day of Champions will be held May 29th at St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic Secondary school and Secondary Day of Champions will be held on June 7 at Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School.
 - c. Board Chaplain Brunet commented on two *Windsor Star* articles highlighting a Catholic board teacher, Dane Macri's social justice cause and student and former student trustee, Laura Limarzi receiving a prestigious scholarship. Fr. Brunet suggested the board acknowledge, as a former student trustee, Ms. Limarzi's achievements.
16. Remarks/Questions by Trustees
- Trustee Favot acknowledged and thanked Mr. Larry Holmes, Chief Executive Officer of the Windsor Public Library for attending the Parent Involvement Committee meeting and providing his expertise on the subject. He also congratulated Norman Nehmetallah and Katelyn Meloche, members of the Assumption College debate team for their provincial wins and selection to the Nationals in Montreal.
- Trustee Courtney congratulation St. Thomas of Villanova for receiving an eighty-two percentage (82%) score from the Fraser Institute.

Trustee Mastromattei commented on what a privilege to work with Trustee McMahon, Superintendents Byrne and Seguin on the boundary adjustment committees. Congratulated retiring principal Carol Wilk for her thirty-seven (37) years in education.

Student Trustee Najem commented on the number of students from all area boards participating in the United Way Volunteers Changing Lives campaign. He also commented Pulp City Inn, a rock band whose members include former Cardinal Carter students who recently made it to the semi-finals on *Canada's Got Talent* on CTV.

Student Trustee Tavares commented on Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary school special Easter celebration that included the Queen of Peace Catholic Elementary school students; F.J. Brennan Catholic Secondary school community garden; the SearsFest regional competition; and a Senate meeting is scheduled for next week.

17. Pending Items: *None*
18. Continuation of In-Camera, if required: *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, April 24, 2012
 - Tuesday, May 8, 2012
 - Tuesday, May 22, 2012
 - Tuesday, June 12, 2012
 - **MONDAY**, June 25, 2012
20. Closing Prayer – Fr. Brunet closed the meeting with a prayer.
21. Adjournment - There being no further business, the Regular Board meeting of April 10, 2012 adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Approved

Barbara Holland
Board Chairperson

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