



**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
Monday, April 14, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.  
Catholic Central Secondary School  
441 Tecumseh Rd. E, Windsor, ON**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT**

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

Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain

**Regrets:** Trustee Courtney, Student Trustees Ellepola and Dellosa

**Administration:** P. Picard (Resource) E. Byrne  
J. Bumbacco P. King  
M. Iatonna C. Norris  
S. O'Hagan-Wong  
M. Seguin  
J. Ulicny

**Recorder:** B. Marshall

1. Call To Order - Chair Holland called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer – Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer.

Chair Holland assured members of the audience that the Board meeting was designed specifically to receive public input on Administration's Recommendations for the Central Windsor area.

Chair Holland outlined the delegation process and time limit and also mentioned trustees will remain after the meeting to speak to the members of the community.

3. Recording of Attendance – Trustee Courtney sent her regret due to a work commitment. Student Trustee Ellepola sent her regrets due to a work commitment. Student Trustee Dellosa sent his regrets due to illness.

4. Approval of Agenda

**Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Mastromattei that the April 14, 2014 Special Regular Board meeting agenda be approved as distributed. Carried**

5. Disclosure of Interest - Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

Trustee Macri disclosed interest in relation to agenda item 6a) Director of Education's Report on the Accommodation Review Study for the Central Windsor Area, including Catholic Central Secondary School, Immaculate Conception and St. Angela Catholic Elementary Schools due to his sons' employment and did not participate in the discussion or vote on any question raised on that item.

6. Communications:

- a. Report: Director of Education's Report on the Accommodation Review Study for the Central Windsor Area, including Catholic Central Secondary School, Immaculate Conception and St. Angela Catholic Elementary Schools

Director Picard provided the following explanation to further clarify administration's recommendations:

An announcement of funding to construct a new Catholic Central on the Windsor Arena/Water World/Glengarry Park site would cause the immediate elimination of the recommendation to close Catholic Central. There are several other factors that contributed to the 2016 closure recommendation:

- a) Potential excess space in Catholic Secondary schools sharing a boundary with Catholic Central, i.e. F.J. Brennan, Holy Names, and Assumption Catholic Secondary Schools. Holy Names is not a viable solution as it is currently above capacity with portables.
- b) Assumption's International Baccalaureate program continues to grow and there is an expressed interest from parents to see it expanded to the intermediate level (grades 7 & 8).
- c) The Riverside community is currently in the midst of Accommodation Review. The entire Catholic Central School community could be accommodated at Brennan. It is unreasonable however, to believe that students would pass by 3 public secondary schools in order to choose Catholic education. Furthermore, it is unacceptable to the Board that a Catholic secondary school presence be abandoned in the Core City area. Administration would not recommend this option.
- d) There is a request before the Ministry to consider funding the accommodation of St. John Catholic Elementary at the Assumption site. It is not reasonable to believe that Catholic Central students would be willing to travel out of the downtown area to either South Windsor or West Windsor.

Director Picard addressed trustees' questions on the potential use of City of Windsor owned property, Wigle Park; sufficient space at the current Windsor Arena site, correspondence received from the Ministry of Education regarding funding for a new school, boundary adjustments should Catholic Central close; and recent correspondence with members of parliament.

**Moved by Trustee Mastromattei and seconded by Trustee Favot that the Board receive as information the Director's Report on the Accommodation Review Study for the Central Windsor Area, including Catholic Central Secondary School, Immaculate Conception and St. Angela Catholic Elementary Schools; and**

**That the Board receive public input concerning the Director's Report, and the matters that are addressed in it and in the Accommodation Review Committee's (ARC's) Report. *Carried***

7. Delegations:
  - a. Delegations Regarding Accommodation Review Committee's and Director of Education's Report on the Accommodation Review Study for the Central Windsor Area, including Catholic Central Secondary School, Immaculate Conception and St. Angela Catholic Elementary Schools

*No Delegation requests were received.*

Chair Holland mentioned to the audience members they are welcome to send comments and/or concerns to trustees or administration. Chair Holland invited trustees to remain after the meeting to speak with members of the audience.

8. Closing Prayer – Fr. Brunet closed the meeting with a prayer.
9. Adjournment - There being no further business, the Special Regular Board meeting of April 14, 2014 adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

*Approved*

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

***Paul A. Picard***  
*Director of Education*