



**WINDSOR-ESSEX CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

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1325 California Avenue
Windsor, ON N9B 3Y6

CHAIRPERSON: Barbara Holland

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Paul A. Picard

**SPECIAL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, January 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre
John Paul II Board Room**

MINUTES

PRESENT

Trustees:

F. Costante	B. Mastromattei
M. DiMenna, Vice-Chair	L. Soulliere
F. DiTomasso	S. Tope
B. Holland, Chair	F. Valentinis
K. Dumlao, Student Trustee	
V. Gaspard, Student Trustee	
Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain	

Regrets:

Trustee Alexander

Administration:

P. Picard (Resource)	E. Byrne	C. Norris
C. Geml	S. Fields	S. O'Hagan-Wong
J. Bumbacco	P. King	M. Seguin
M. Iatonna	R. Lo Faso	J. Ulicny
	P. Murray	

Recorder:

B. Marshall

1. Call To Order – Chair Holland called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. Opening Prayer – Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. Recording of Attendance – Trustee Alexander sends his regrets due to a prior commitment.
4. Approval of Agenda
Amendment:
Delegation a) Sherri Ristanovic is unable to make tonight's meeting. David McNamara, Treasurer of St. Anne Catholic Elementary French Immersion School will speak on behalf of the school's Parent Council.

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Costante that the Special Board Meeting of January 19, 2015 be approved. Carried

5. Disclosure of Interest - Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act: *None*
6. Presentations: *None*
7. Delegations:
 - a. David McNamara, Treasurer of St. Anne Catholic Elementary French Immersion School - Catholic School Council, to speak in support of French Immersion programs.

Mr. McNamara supports the expansion of French Immersion and encourages the board to grandfather transportation to students currently attending St. Anne Catholic French Immersion school in the Forest Glade and Riverside areas.

- b. Shannon Porcellini, Lisa Nelson and Stephanie Arneaud from Canadian Parents for French – Windsor-Essex, to speak in support of the investment and expansion of French Immersion.

Ms. Porcellini commented on the role and responsibilities of the Canadian Parents for French. Ms. Porcellini applauds the board for expanding the French Immersion program to further enhance accessibility to all parents and students in Essex County.

8. Action Items: *None*
9. Communications: *None*
 - a. External (Associations, OCSTA, Ministry):
 - b. Internal (Reports from Administration)
10. Committee Reports: *None*
11. Unfinished Business: *None*
12. New Business:
 - a. Report: Expansion of Elementary French Immersion Programs

Addressing Trustees' questions, senior administration provided historical, financial, boundary and projected enrolment figures for the elementary French Immersion programs.

Moved by Trustee Mastromattei and seconded by Trustee Tope that approval be granted for the designation of the former St. Gregory Catholic Elementary School site as a Phased-in single track French Immersion school beginning September 2015; and

That approval be granted for the establishment of a dual track English and French Immersion programs at St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School beginning September 2015; and

That approval be granted to implement boundary adjustments for the above designated French Immersion sites. *Carried*

13. Notice of Motion: *None*

14. Remarks and Announcements: No remarks or announcements this evening

15. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

Trustee Tope thanked representatives who took the time to attend tonight's meeting and looks forward to the January 20, 2015 open house at Tecumseh Library.

Trustee DiTomasso applauded the expansion of French Immersion and also thanked those in attendance.

16. Pending Items: *None*

17. Future Regular Board Meetings: *Unless stated otherwise, all meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre - 1325 California Avenue, Windsor beginning at 7:00 p.m.*

- Tuesday, January 27, 2015
- Tuesday, February 24, 2015
- Tuesday, March 24, 2014
- Tuesday, April 28, 2015
- Tuesday, May 26, 2015
- **MONDAY**, June 22, 2015

Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm (closed sessions).

18. Adjourn to In-Camera meeting, if required: *Not Required*

19. Closing Prayer – Fr. Brunet closed the meeting with a prayer.

20. Adjournment – There being no further business, the Regular Board meeting of January 19, 2015 adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Original signed by B. Holland and P. Picard

Barbara Holland
Chairperson of the Board

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