



**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

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.  
Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre  
John Paul II Board Room**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT**

**Trustees:**

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

**Regrets:**

Trustee Mastromattei

**Administration:**

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

**Recorder:**

B. Marshall

1. Call To Order – Chair Holland called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.
2. Opening Prayer – Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. Recording of Attendance – Trustee Mastromattei sent his regrets due to his vacation.
4. Approval of Agenda – No amendments this evening.

**Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Tope that the February 24, 2015 Regular Board meeting agenda be approved as distributed. *Carried***

5. Disclosure of Interest - Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act: *None*

6. Presentations: *None*

7. Delegations: *None*

8. Action Items:

a. Previous Meeting Minutes

i) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera Meeting of January 13, 2015

**Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Valentinis that the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of January 13, 2015 be adopted as distributed. Carried**

ii) Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 27, 2015

**Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Alexander that the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of January 27, 2015 be adopted as distributed. Carried**

b. Items from the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of February 10, 2015

Vice Chair DiMenna reported that the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a closed Committee of the Whole Board meeting on February 10, 2015 pursuant to the Education Act - Section 207, to consider specific personnel, pupil, real property matters, potential litigation matters and other matters permitted or required to be kept private and confidential under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Trustee DiTomasso declared a conflict of interest during the In-Camera Session and excused himself from the relevant discussion item.

**Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee DiTomasso that the recommendations and directions of the Committee of the Whole Board at its in-camera meeting of February 10, 2015 be approved. Carried**

Vice Chair DiMenna made the following announcements:

From the February 10, 2015 Committee of the Whole Board in-camera meeting

- One year parking lease agreement for Christ the King Catholic Elementary School – 1201 Grand Marais Road West, Windsor;
- Upon receiving Ministry of Education approval, proceed with sale of 1166 Eastlawn Boulevard and the vacant land on the north side of Adstoll Avenue;
- One year extension to the legal services agreement with Shibley-Righton LLP; and
- Approved the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board's Communications Strategy Plan.

9. Communications:
- a. External (Associations, OCSTA, Ministry): *None*
  - b. Internal (Reports from Administration)
    - i) Report: Community Use of Schools 2013-2014 Annual Report

**AMENDED MOTION: Moved by Trustee Valentinis and seconded by Trustee Costante that the Board receive the 2013-14 Community Use of Schools Annual Report as information; and**

**That senior administration bring forward options to eliminate the Community Use of Schools' deficit. *Carried***

**ORIGINAL MOTION: Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Valentinis that the 2013-14 Community Use of Schools Annual Report be received as information.**

10. Committee Reports:
- a. Report: Minutes of the French Immersion Advisory Committee October 9, 2014

**Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Costante that the Board receive the Minutes of the October 9, 2014 French Immersion Advisory Committee meeting as information. *Carried***

- b. Report: Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) for October 29, 2014

**Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Tope that the Board receive the Minutes of the October 29, 2014 Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting as information. *Carried***

11. Unfinished Business: *None*

12. New Business:

- a. Report: Annual Plan for Policy Review – 2014-15

**Moved by Trustee DiTomasso and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive as information the Annual Plan for Policy Review 2014-2015; and**

**That the Board approve the referral of the policies detailed within section A of the Plan to the 2017 – 2018 policy review cycle, as having been reviewed and requiring no amendment. *Carried***

- b. Report: Grass Cutting and Trimming Services 2014-15

**Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Tope that approval be given to the extend the existing 3 year arrangement with Quality Turf, Dukes Groundskeeping Inc., TLC (Total Lawn Care) and Garlatti Landscaping Inc. for the provision of grass cutting and trimming services for an additional one year**

**term for the 2015 season, as a charge to Groundskeeping accounts 000-40-430031-1-000, 000-40-430031-4-000 and 000-44-430031-6-000. Carried**

*Trustee Alexander left the meeting at 7:50 pm.*

13. Notice of Motion: *None*

14. Remarks and Announcements:

a. Chairperson of the Board Holland wished everyone a safe and restful March Break and remarked on a fond memory of Patrick Murray. Chair Holland congratulated Superintendent Patrick Murray on his retirement.

b. Director of Education Picard provided comments on recent activities supporting the Board's strategic priorities namely;

**Catholic Faith Formation:** During our Lenten journey, our Religion Consultant Betty Brush provides electronically weekly reflections, prayers and resources.

**Employee Development and Student Achievement Initiatives:** The following workshops are scheduled during the month of March: Numerous System Implementation and Monitoring sessions are scheduled for the rest of the month and into March; and Support Staff and Teacher Leadership programs continue.

**Community Engagement and Partnerships:** The 11th Annual Social Justice Forum for grade 8 students was held on Thursday, February 19, 2015. Approximately 170 Grade 8 students from both our Board and the public board were in attendance. The theme for the forum was "Together we can make a difference." The students were involved in 5 workshops dealing with various social justice issues such as poverty and homelessness and the right to clean water. It is a wonderful way to introduce our Catholic Social teachings to our elementary schools and to share with members of other systems.

**Miscellaneous:** Director Picard wished students, staff and their families a safe and restful March Break.

Director Picard congratulated Superintendent Patrick Murray for his many years of service in education both within and outside of the Board.

Superintendent Murray thanked the Board for the many opportunities provided and thanked his colleagues for their guidance, support and friendship.

c. Board Chaplain Fr. Brunet commented on Superintendent Patrick Murray's professionalism, vision and commitment to education. Fr. Brunet suggested during this Lenten season not only fast but consider prayer and almsgiving in your daily routine.

15. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

Trustee Tope shared comments from Geneviève Cano, principal at St. Mary's Catholic Elementary French Immersion School on the success of the French Immersion JK/SK Open House.

Trustee Costante wished Superintendent Patrick Murray a happy retirement.

Trustee Valentinis recognized Superintendent Patrick Murray's commitment and 40 years of service to the Board.

Trustee Soulliere mentioned on February 8<sup>th</sup> the Holy Names Catholic Secondary School Festival Choir performed with the band Foreigner at Caesars Windsor. Trustee Soulliere also congratulated Superintendent Patrick Murray on his hard earned and well deserved retirement.

Trustee DiTomasso thanked Superintendent Patrick Murray for his commitment and dedication to the Board.

Trustee DiMenna mentioned had the pleasure to work with Superintendent Patrick Murray when he was a principal and as a Superintendent and wished him well on his retirement.

Student Trustee Dumlao thanked Superintendent Patrick Murray for his commitment to students over the past 40 years.

Student Trustee Gaspard wished Superintendent Patrick Murray a happy retirement.

Student Trustees Dumlao and Gaspard commented on the following school activities:

- *St. Joseph's* – Cupid's Combat; Couples Game Lunch Activity; Canadian Flag Day; School Musical Hairspray; Chocolate roses; and Candy Gram Serenade.
- *Holy Names* – Heart Game and Candy Grams during the month of February.
- *F.J. Brennan* – Heart attack game; An Orange Day fundraiser organized by a Brennan student with cancer raised \$1800 to benefit the South Western Ronald McDonald House.
- *Assumption* – Valentine's Day grams (roses, candy, singing grams); Pep Rally for senior boys WECDSSA basketball champions; iClimb February 25th in support of United Way.
- *Catholic Central* – Students showed their Valentine's Day spirit by buying Candy Grams, roses and flower bouquets.
- *Cardinal Carter* - Candy Grams and Roses for Valentine's Day; Pep Rally which included a dance battle and a video in honour of Canada's 50th National Flag Day. The school also had guest speaker Matt Fraud to speak about healthy relationships.
- *St. Anne* – Began the month of February with a spirit week and rose grams were sold at the beginning of the month to celebrate Valentine's Day.
- *St. Thomas of Villanova* – Began the month by selling roses for Valentine's Day followed by a Cupid Contest. At the moment, their Student Council is organizing a Dodgeball tournament.

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, 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 please close the meeting with a prayer.
20. Adjournment – There being no further business, the Regular Board meeting of February 24, 2015 adjourned at 8:10 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*