



**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, May 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre
John Paul II Board Room**

MINUTES

PRESENT

Trustees:

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

Regrets:

Chair Holland

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

Recorder:

B. Marshall

1. Call To Order – In the absence of Chair Holland and in accordance with Board By-Law 7:01 Presiding Officer, Vice-Chair DiMenna called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Opening Prayer – Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. Recording of Attendance – Chair Holland sent her regrets due to her vacation.
4. Approval of Agenda – No amendments this evening.

Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Mastromattei that the May 26, 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:
a. Fr. Michael O'Brien, Holy Family Retreat House

Priest in Residence, Fr. Michael O'Brien presented the Holy Family Retreat House promotional video to make available throughout our school system in order to bring a greater awareness and support of this "Holy Ground" and gift to our area.

7. Delegations: *None*

8. Action Items:

- a. Previous Meeting Minutes

- i) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera Meeting of April 14, 2015

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Valentinis that the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of April 14, 2015 be adopted as distributed. Carried

- ii) Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 28, 2015

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Tope that the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 28, 2015 be adopted as distributed. Carried

- b. Items from the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of May 12, 2015

The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a closed Committee of the Whole Board meeting on May 12, 2015 pursuant to the Education Act - Section 207, to consider specific personnel, real property matters, labour relations matters, 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 Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Mastramattei that the recommendations and directions of the Committee of the Whole Board at its in-camera meeting of May 12, 2015 be approved. Carried

From the May 12, 2015 Committee of the Whole Board in-camera meeting:

- Approval of Essex Civic Centre 2015 Building Operating Fund Budget;
- Approval to extend the External Audit Services Agreement with BDO Canada LLP for one year; and
- Approval to renew Absence Placement System Agreement for a three year term.

9. Communications:

- a. External (Associations, OCSTA, Ministry): *None*
b. Internal (Reports from Administration): *None*

10. Committee Reports: *None*

11. Unfinished Business: *None*
12. New Business:
 - a. Report: Boundary Adjustments for St. John de Brebuef and Queen of Peace/
St. Louis Catholic Elementary Schools – final approval

Moved by Trustee DiTomasso and seconded by Trustee Costante that the Board provide final approval for the boundary adjustments for future English students in the current St. John de Brebeuf, Queen of Peace/St. Louis Catholic Elementary School boundary; and

That the Board approve the Committee’s recommendation to grandfather students who currently reside in the boundary adjustment area and attend Queen of Peace and St. Louis Catholic Elementary schools, and St. Louis families who can provide proof of purchase of property within the boundary adjustment area by August 31, 2015; and

**That the Board, as per Board By-Law 4:03 upon delivery of the final committee report, dissolve the Ad Hoc Special St. John de Brebeuf and Queen of Peace/
St. Louis Boundary Review Committee. *Carried***

13. Notice of Motion: *None*
14. Remarks and Announcements:
 - a. Pro-Tem Chairperson of the Board DiMenna announced a Special Regular Board meeting scheduled for June 9th at 7:00 pm.

At this point in the meeting, Director Picard congratulated Fr. Larry Brunet with a presentation and gifts on the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination.

Director Picard read the following message from Barbara Holland, Chair of the Board:
Dear Fr. Larry;

I wish I could be there and be part of tonight’s celebration of fifty outstanding years of service to God’s people. Instead, I send my thoughts and prayers from 15 Wing in Moosejaw, Saskatchewan hoping that you feel the love and gratitude sent from afar. As a young student at Brennan, you were a major influence during my formative years. For the past fourteen years, I have relied on your wise council as Trustee and Chair. You have been a blessing to me and to countless people in our Catholic school system. May those blessings be returned a thousand fold this very special year.

Director Picard also made the following announcement:

To assist students from financially vulnerable families who may have difficulty registering for our sports academies, a “Pucks for Bucks” fundraiser will be held on Saturday, June 20th. Four adult teams, mainly employees of the board will play in a friendly two game tournament at Central Park Athletics. At the same time, weather permitting, there will be a youth ball hockey tournament which will consist of a 4 on 4 tournament with 9 players per team. This event will be coordinated by the students in the Hockey Canada Skills Academy program and will be offered throughout our Board.

The Pucks for Bucks tournament will be an annual event. In honour of Fr. Larry's service to Catholic education, the tournament and its trophy will be named the Fr. Larry Cup.

- b. Director of Education Picard provided comments on recent activities supporting the Board's strategic priorities namely;
- Catholic Faith Formation:** The Catholic Education Centre school year-end Mass at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, June 25th at the Assumption High School chapel. All are welcome to attend.
- Employee Development and Student Achievement Initiatives:** EQAO testing occurring this and next week.
- Community Engagement and Partnerships:** Congratulations to Kristine Pedro of Cardinal Carter who won a King's University College \$5000 scholarship. The scholarship was granted to first year students enrolled in the Catholic Studies for Teachers program who demonstrated that they are Catholic leaders in their high schools as well as accomplished students.
- Celebrating Achievements:** On May 19th, the Annual Elementary Day of Champions was held for students in grades 6, 7 and 8 who will be entering the Life Skills programs in high school. This event promotes a sense of community among elementary students, staff members, and volunteers from our Life Skills programs in local Catholic high schools; Secondary Day of Champions is scheduled for Friday, June 5th at Cardinal Carter High School; The Board's Retirement Banquet will be held June 12th at the Ciociaro Club; and The All-Star Band Night took place to a packed house Wednesday, May 20th at St. Joseph's High School. The performers, who came from Catholic elementary schools across Windsor and Essex County, dazzled the audience with their outstanding performances. The evening concluded with the award presentation of the winners of the Phil Gignac Music Competition.
- c. Board Chaplain Fr. Brunet thanked God for the gift of vocation as a priest. He commented on the presentation and sincerely thanked administration, Trustees and Student Trustees for this evening's celebration.

15. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

Trustee Alexander congratulated Fr. Brunet on his 50th Anniversary.

Trustee Tope thanked Fr. Brunet for his service to Catholic education. Trustee Tope commented on the Open House at St. André French Immersion Catholic Elementary School and St. Pius X Catholic Elementary school outdoor education presentation.

Trustee Mastromattei congratulated Fr. Brunet on his 50th Anniversary.

Trustee Costante also congratulated Fr. Brunet on his anniversary.

Trustee Valentinis commented on Fr. Brunet's ability to make people feel welcome, comfortable and special at any venue or situation and congratulated Fr. Brunet.

Trustee Soulliere congratulated Fr. Brunet.

Trustee DiTomasso also congratulated Fr. Brunet on his 50th Anniversary. Trustee DiTomasso commented on the events that occurred during Catholic Education Week at St. Joseph Elementary School.

Student Trustee Dumlao congratulated Fr. Brunet on his anniversary and thanked Fr. Brunet for inspiring students.

Student Trustee Dumlao commented on her attendance at the Ontario Student Trustee Association Annual General Meeting.

Student Trustee Gaspard also congratulated and thanked Fr. Brunet and commented on Fr. Brunet's impact on schools.

Student Trustees Dumlao and Gaspard provided the following high school report:

Assumption: Developing a new Student Council bulletin board outside of the office; Car wash to assist Parent Council with a school wide BBQ; beginning Senior Day preparations as well as an IB Grade 8 Day.

St. Joseph's: Mind, Body and Spirit week at the end of April; Diversity Week first week of May; Lip Dub will be shown at the last pep rally June 2nd; Lip Sync contest; and elections for new AC members.

F.J. Brennan: Planning the end of the year prep rally; Prom was May 22; Grad Week June 1 to 5; and SAC elections in June.

Holy Names: Dress Down day with proceeds towards running final events; Tug-of-war competition; Prime Minister/Deputy Prime Minister elections, executive interviews, grade representative interviews; and Spring semi-formal.

St. Anne's: Student Council elections; Art in the courtyard; and Spirit Week.

Cardinal Carter: Spirit Week; Student Council campaign; Prep Rally; and a Dress Down to support local OPP.

St. Thomas of Villanova: Social Justice conference; Road Hockey tournament May 29th with the proceeds towards Students Helping Students.

Catholic Central: Comic Con event and Easter Raffles; Sold flowers for Mother's Day; Elections for Student Councils; and to thank staff members, students made breakfast for all the staff.

Vice Chair DiMenna thanked and congratulated Fr. Brunet. Vice Chair DiMenna commented on St. Louis elementary school's math carnival held on May 7th and thanked administration and staff for their tireless efforts for the students.

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, June 9, 2015 – Special Regular Board meeting
 - **MONDAY**, June 22, 2015
 - Tuesday, September 22, 2015
 - Tuesday, October 27, 2015
 - Tuesday, November 24, 2015

- Tuesday, December 1, 2015 (Organizational Meeting – 7:45 pm start)
- Tuesday, December 15, 2015
- Tuesday, January 26, 2016
- Tuesday, February 23, 2016
- Tuesday, March 29, 2016
- Tuesday, April 26, 2016
- Tuesday, May 24, 2016
- **MONDAY**, June 27, 2016

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 May 26, 2015 adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Original signed by M. DiMenna and P. Picard

Mary DiMenna
*Vice Chairperson of the Board
 (Chair Pro-Tem)*

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