



**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, October 27, 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, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	S. Tope
F. DiTomasso	F. Valentinis
B. Holland, <i>Chair</i>	
J. Bowers, Student Trustee	
M. Diab, Student Trustee	
Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain	

**Regrets:**

<b>Administration:</b>	P. Picard (Resource)	E. Byrne	C. Norris
	C. Geml	S. Fields	S. O'Hagan-Wong
	M. Iatonna	P. King	M. Seguin
	T. Lyons	R. Lo Faso	J. Ulicny

**Recorder:** B. Marshall

1. Call To Order – Chair Holland called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
2. Opening Prayer – Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. Recording of Attendance – All present

Chair Holland welcomed all staff members in the audience and commented on the teachers/consultants enrolled in the principal's qualification course, namely Heather Best, Kim Capaldi, Kristen Scott and Robert Charette who also attended the meeting.

4. Approval of Agenda – No amendments this evening.

**Moved by Trustee Mastromattei and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the October 27, 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 September 8, 2015

**Moved by Trustee DiTomasso and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of September 8, 2015 be adopted as distributed. *Carried***

- ii) Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 22, 2015

**Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Tope that the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of September 22, 2015 be adopted as distributed. *Carried***

- b. Items from the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of October 6, 2015

Vice Chair DiMenna reported that the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a closed Committee of the Whole Board in-camera meeting on October 6, 2015 pursuant to the Education Act - Section 207, to consider specific personnel, pupil, 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 DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the recommendations and directions of the Committee of the Whole Board at its in-camera meeting of October 6, 2015 be approved. *Carried***

Vice Chair DiMenna made the following announcements.

From the October 6, 2015 Committee of the Whole Board in-camera meeting:

- Approval to inform the Greater Essex County District School Board that the Board has no interest in acquiring the available portion of surplus property at 12433 Dillon Drive, Tecumseh, ON.;
- Approval granted to present to the Diocese of London the Board's terms of agreement to transfer the southerly portion of the St. André Catholic Elementary School property (13765 St. Gregory Road, Tecumseh) to the Diocese of London; and

- Approved the 2014-2015 External Audit Plan.

9. Communications:

- a. External (Associations, OCSTA, Ministry): *None*
- b. Internal (Reports from Administration):
  - i) Report: The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) - 2014-2015

**Moved by Trustee Costante and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive the 2014-2015 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) report as information. Carried**

- ii) Report: Enrolment/Staffing Organization Information for Elementary and Secondary Schools September 2015

**Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Costante that the Board receive the report Enrolment/Staffing School Organization Information of our Elementary/Secondary Schools – September 2015 as information. Carried**

10. Committee Reports:

- a. Report: Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Minutes of June 24, 2015

**Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee DiTomasso that the Board receive the Minutes of the Wednesday June 24, 2015 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting as information. Carried**

- b. Report: Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Minutes of September 17, 2015

**Moved by Trustee Mastromattei and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive the Minutes of the Wednesday September 17, 2015 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting as information. Carried**

11. Unfinished Business: *None*

12. New Business:

- a. Report: Amended Draft Policy B:08 Community Planning and Partnership, *final approval*

**Moved by Trustee Tope and seconded by Trustee Costante that the Board provide final approval for Draft Amended Policy B: 08 Community Planning and Partnership; and**

**That the Administrative Procedures B: 08 Community Planning and Partnership be received as information. Carried**

- b. Report: Annual Honoraria Review

**Moved by Trustee Tope and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that approval be given to establish honoraria for Board Members for the period from December 1, 2015 to November 30, 2016 in the amounts of \$9,833.35 for Trustees, \$12,839.07 for Vice-Chair and \$15,844.78 for Chair; and**

**That the Board approve maintaining the annual honorarium for the Board Chaplain at the current level of \$3,500. Carried**

13. Notice of Motion:

**WITHDRAWN:** Trustee Costante: *At the next regular scheduled meeting of the Board, I will move or cause to be moved, that administration be directed to provide a report to the Board, as part of the ongoing EQAO measurements and tracking, to include:*

- 1. The percentage of students who had not met the provincial and/or board standard in grade 3 in reading, writing and math, and who again had not met the provincial and/or board standard in grade 6.*
- 2. The percentage of students who had not met the provincial and/or board standard in grade 6 in math and who again had not met the provincial and/or board standard in grade 9.*
- 3. The percentage of students who had not met the provincial and/or board standard in grade 6 in reading and writing and who again had not met the provincial and/or board standard in grade 10.*

14. Remarks and Announcements:

- a. Chair Holland mentioned this Thursday, Catholic families will gather as one at the Annual Bishop's Dinner.

- b. Director of Education

***Catholic Faith Formation:*** At the When Faith Meets Pedagogy Youth Forum last Thursday, our students led the opening prayer for over 1500 student leaders as well as Gabe Gagnon from St. Anne High School and David Collins from Holy Cross represented our Board in the orchestra during the mass and liturgies. The 81 participants from our board listened to Marc Keilburger from Free the Children and keynote speaker David Wells who, using Pope Francis' encyclical, *Evangelii Gaudium* (Joy of the Gospel) as the basis of his talk. Twelve elementary teachers participated in the adult conference attending workshops that demonstrated how to infuse Catholicity into all areas of teaching. David Petro, Board Math consultant, led a workshop entitled *Engaging Math Students* through Inquiry and Technology. Exceptional representation for our board.

***Employee Development And Student Achievement Initiatives:*** A number of workshops during November: A career forum with Workforce Windsor-Essex; Tutors in the Classroom; Principal Mentoring and Support Staff Leadership; FunFriends Training; Training for teachers new to Full Day Kindergarten and K to 1 combined classes; SIM Junior Fractions; Networking with Numeracy in the Primary classroom; Math department heads and grade 9 Math teachers in-service "Effective Math Strategies"; and November 20<sup>th</sup> is a Professional Development day for both elementary and secondary teachers.

**Community Engagement and Partnerships:** The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Bishop's Dinner is this Thursday. Trustees, including student trustees, members of student senate and senior administration will be attending; Calling all 2-3 year olds for the county area was held at St. Louis school last week. A day has been planned in November for the city area. Sponsored by the Windsor-Essex County Children and Youth Planning Committee, the evening provides parents the opportunity to connect with service providers; and "Say Yes to Healthy Eating", sponsored through Ontario Student Nutrition Program was hosted at St. Christopher school. Mayor Dilkens, Gary Kirk and his team from the Health Unit and Tony Sorge from Silverstein's were in attendance. Many schools within our system participated in the "Great Big Crunch" of an Apple.

**Celebrating Achievements:** Congratulations to OECTA Young Author award winners. In the Grades 7/8 division second place winner Mackenzie Amlin from Sacred Heart school for her poem *Look in the Mirror*, the Grades 9/10 division first place winner Jaime Bordonaro from St. Anne High School for her short story *It Must be Fate*, and in the Grades 11/12 division another first place winner Christina Danielle Sirianni from Catholic Central High School for her short story *To Rise from the Ashes and Be Reborn: A Love-Gone-Wrong Story*; and The Annual Long Service Banquet is being held November 6<sup>th</sup>. Trustees and senior administration will be attending to celebrate this significant milestone with employees.

**Miscellaneous:** On November 11<sup>th</sup>, Remembrance Day, let us never forget the contributions our Veterans have made and to honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of Canada.

- c. Board Chaplain Fr. Brunet also commented on the Bishop's Dinner and mentioned Bishop Fabbro's intent to announce the Diocese of Hamilton's generous monetary contribution to the St. Peter's Seminary. Fr. Brunet provided the next steps to the Synod which has been presented to Pope Francis.

15. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

Trustee Tope mentioned she attended with Superintendent O'Hagan-Wong the St. Mary's Catholic Elementary school celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Franco Flag.

Trustee Mastromattei thanked the Catholic Education Centre's CARE committee, who through various fundraising events, assist our students in need.

Trustee DiMenna congratulated the Grade 7 students from St. Louis Catholic Elementary school, who through the yearlong We Schools program, earned, through service, a ticket to attend WE Day in Toronto. At an assembly, the students shared their day with the St. Louis students and staff.

Student Trustees Bowers and Diab commented on the following events occurring at the high schools:

*Holy Names:* Boo Grams; Movie Marathon Friday Oct.23; Pep Rally; Tailgating experience at lunch; Cafeteria games and costume contest; Semi Formal November 13; and Selling Bracelets for Arnie which assists a Grade 9 student with Large B Cell Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma Cancer.

*St. Joseph:* Football Breast Cancer dress down; Boo Grams; Cafeteria activities (apple bobbing); and Halloween Dance for life skills students.

*St. Anne:* Halloween fun week (pumpkin carving contests, movie buyouts, scare cam, and haunted hallway); Semi Formal November 19; and a Pep Rally on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

*Catholic Central:* Socks for S.A.C; Halloween week (cafeteria activities); Scavenger hunt; Breast Cancer accent uniform; Movie Night; and Costume Dress Down.

*Cardinal Carter:* Dress down; Spirit Week For Halloween; Pep Rally; School Music Video; Dance for Special Ed; Semi Formal (Arabian Nights); Danceology (meet with grade schools).

*Brennan:* Dress down day money went towards water bottle filler; Halloween cafeteria games; Flash Mob at Lunch; Coats 4 Kids Drive; Breast Cancer Accessories Tomorrow; and We Scare Hunger Can Drive.

*St. Thomas of Villanova:* Truck Pull; Grade 9 Day; Villanova Phone Cases and other merchandise are being made; Made a school Snapchat; Students vs. Teachers basketball game; Spirit Week (Hippie Day, Pink Day, Superhero vs Super Villains, and School Colours); Sold Candy Apples; and Held a Chopped competition with United Way.

*Assumption:* Halloween (Pumpkin pie eating contest, door decorating contest, costume contest); Senior flash mob (Thriller); International Baccalaureate Programme promotional video and Open House; Can drive planning; and Grade 8 day.

*Student Senate:* Team-building and initiative games were discussed and decided upon at the last meeting. Faith Day is scheduled for Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>;

Student Senate met with United Way representatives to discuss We Student United; a community development project to enhance student life skills in order to succeed.

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, 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
- Tuesday, June 14, 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: *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 October 27, 2015 adjourned at 7:59 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*