



**WINDSOR-ESSEX CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

"Learning together in faith and service"

1325 California Avenue
Windsor, ON N9B 3Y6

CHAIRPERSON: Barbara Holland

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Paul A. Picard

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 23, 2016 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 (participated electronically)</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:

Administration:	P. Picard (Resource)	E. Byrne	R. Lo Faso
	C. Geml	S. Fields	M. Seguin
	M. Iatonna		J. Shea

Recorder: B. Marshall

1. Call To Order – Chair Holland called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
2. Opening Prayer – Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. Recording of Attendance – All present. Trustee DiMenna is participating electronically.
4. Approval of Agenda – No amendments this evening.

Moved by Trustee Mastromattei and seconded by Trustee Tope that the February 23, 2016 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. Holy Cross Catholic Elementary School Innovative Design Presentation

Award-winning Holy Cross students, who recently participated in the First Lego League's (FLL) Innovative Product Design competition, are one of seven teams selected to present their H2 Orb design at IBM's national headquarters in Toronto on February 27, where they will compete for a prize of \$20,000.

Also, congratulations to Holy Name Catholic Elementary School who also competed in the FLL competition and finished third overall. The team won a Global Innovation Award for their novel approach to reducing roadside litter. They have qualified to appear at an international competition and will also be presenting their idea at the IBM headquarters in Toronto at the end of this month.

7. Delegations: *None*

8. Action Items:

a. Previous Meeting Minutes

i) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board meeting of January 12, 2016

Moved by Trustee DiTomasso and seconded by Trustee Costante that the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of January 12, 2016 be adopted as distributed. *Carried*

ii) Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 26, 2016

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Tope that the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of January 26, 2016 be adopted as distributed. *Carried*

b. Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of February 16, 2016

Trustee Soulliere reported that the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a closed Committee of the Whole Board meeting on February 16, 2016 pursuant to the Education Act - Section 207, to consider specific real property matters, labour relations 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.

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Costante that the recommendations and directions of the Committee of the Whole Board at its in-camera meeting of February 16, 2016 be approved. *Carried*

Trustee Soulliere made the following announcements:

From the February 16, 2016 Committee of the Whole Board in-camera meeting

- Approved one year parking lease agreement for Christ the King Catholic Elementary School – 1201 Grand Marais Road West, Windsor; and

- The Board authorized the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) to act as the employer bargaining agent on its behalf for central discussions in respect to the Principal and Vice-Principal group (Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario).

9. Communications:

a. External (Associations, OCSTA, Ministry): *None*

b. Internal (Reports from Administration):

- i) Report: Strategic Directions and System Priorities for 2016 for the Director of Education and Senior Administration

Moved by Trustee Valentinis and seconded by Trustee Mastromatte that the Board receive the Strategic Directions and System Priorities for 2016 for the Director of Education and Senior Administration as information and that it be used in the evaluation of the Director of Education's performance management process as outlined in Board Policy H: 20 Performance Management – Director of Education. *Carried*

10. Committee Reports:

a. Report: Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Minutes of October 5, 2015 and November 9, 2015

Moved by Trustee DiTomasso and seconded by Trustee Tope that the Board receive the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Minutes of October 5, 2015 and November 9, 2015. *Carried*

11. Unfinished Business: *None*

12. New Business:

a. Report: Modified 2016-2017 School Calendar

Moved by Trustee Tope and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Board approve the Modified School Year Calendar – 2016-2017 for the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board. *Carried*

13. Notice of Motion: *None*

14. Remarks and Announcements:

a. Chairperson of the Board

- Mentioned the Accommodation review studies for Leamington, Amherstburg and West Windsor begin this week.
- The Board's next regular public meeting is scheduled after Easter. Chair Holland wished everyone a happy and holy Easter season as well as restful March Break.

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 electronically provides weekly reflections, prayers and resources. Wished everyone a holy and blessed Easter.

Employee Development and Student Achievement Initiatives: The following workshops are scheduled during the month of March: English as a Second PD session; Literacy Support Services Team Training; Leading Student Achievement Math Spring Workshop; Fun Friends Workshop; New Teachers Induction Program; and Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Dual Credit Information Session.

Community Engagement and Partnerships: The Child Abuse Prevention Committee of the Windsor-Essex Children's Aid Society thanked the Board for our participation in the 2015 Go Purple for Child Abuse Prevention Campaign. It was the most successful Child Abuse Prevention month with over 97 community organizations and businesses participating, directly impacting 11, 000 individuals; The Board would like to thank the Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent for graciously donating a Distortion Product Otoacoustic Emissions screener with accompanying printer. The device will offer increased reliability to the results of our already successful audiology screening protocols; and The 12th Annual Social Justice Forum for grade 8 students was held on Thursday, February 18, 2016. Approximately 175 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, the right to clean water and lessons learned from the Holocaust. Students will be leading social justice projects at the school level.

Celebrating Achievements: Congratulations to Elise Daragon, Principal at St. Jules and St. Bernard Catholic Elementary schools. Elise has been named Principal of the Year for the western region of the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario. She will receive this award at April 22 at the CPCO Gala in Toronto.

Miscellaneous: Director Picard wished the students, staff and their families a safe and restful March Break and holy and blessed Easter.

- c. Board Chaplain Brunet read an excerpt from the novel *Fit for Heaven* where former student and now professional football player Luke Wilson provided insight on his faith.

15. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

Trustee Tope commented on the Friends and Advocates of Catholic Education (FACE) initiative to invite local MPPs to schools. MPP Lisa Gretzy visited St. Angela Catholic Elementary school and Assumption College High School. Trustee Tope commented on the JK Registration Open Houses and thanked staff and parents for volunteering their time.

Trustee Mastromattei commented on roll out of the JK Registration Open House and thanked administration.

Student Trustee Diab commented on the United Way project which will involve student senate members visiting Windsor's Multicultural Council After School Program; St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic High School participate in Ontario's first high school poverty simulation and was also nominated for a United Way "I Believe" award.

Student Trustee Bowers commented on the Rotary Peace Schools initiative. Rotary member and president, Sam and Julie Dragich attended a Student Senate meeting to

introduce the Peace Schools initiative and requested each school to submit a summary of the events they have done to outline the declaration of peace. Chosen schools will receive a “peace pole” as a permanent marker of their peace initiative. The Rotary will send applications to Prime Ministers in September.

16. Pending Items:
 - a. Deferred Report: New Policy T:07 Trustee Code of Conduct, final approval (*deferred January 26, 2016*)
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.*
 - Thursday, February 25, 2016 – *ARC Delegation Meeting at Cardinal Carter High School – Leamington, 7:00 pm*
 - Monday, February 29, 2016 – *ARC Delegation Meeting at St. Thomas of Villanova High School – Amherstburg, 7:00 pm*
 - Tuesday, March 1, 2016 – *ARC Delegation Meeting at Assumption College High School – West Windsor, 7:00 pm*
 - Tuesday, March 29, 2016
 - Tuesday, April 5, 2016 – *ARC Final Decision at Catholic Education Centre*
 - Tuesday, April 26, 2016
 - Tuesday, May 24, 2016
 - Tuesday, June 14, 2016 (*Additional*)
 - **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 February 23, 2016 adjourned at 7:54 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