



**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 23, 2017 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

S. Binjamin, Student Trustee
Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain

Regrets: Chair Holland and Student Trustee Zovko

Administration: P. Picard (Resource) S. Fields G. McKenzie
T. Lyons J. Ibrahim M. Seguin
E. Byrne R. Lo Faso J. Ulicny
D. Fister
P. King

Recorder: B. Marshall

1. Call To Order - In absence of Chair Holland and in accordance with Board By-Law 7:01 Presiding Officer, Chair Pro-Tem 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 sends her regrets due to her vacation. Student Trustee Zovko is absent due to school commitments.
4. Approval of Agenda – No amendments this evening.
Clerical Error: Item 7a Delegations: Maggie Dorian should be spelled Dorion.

Moved by Trustee Mastromattei and seconded by Trustee Costante that the May 23, 2017 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. Switch on Learning: Everyone Can Code K-12 Robotics and Coding Initiative

Prior to the Board meeting, a group of Grade 3 students were in attendance to teach Trustees how to code as part of the Switch to Learning: Everyone Can Code K-12 Robotics and Coding Initiative.

John Ulicny, Superintendent of Human Resources, Doug Sadler, Principal of Human Resources and Information Technology and Laurie Clement, Technology Enabled Learning and Teaching Consultant highlighted a few projects that have reshaped the learning environment for students and staff with a particular focus on the elementary robotics and coding initiative. The Board's ultimate goal is to inspire all students and empower them with the knowledge and skills they need to live purposeful, meaningful lives.

b. St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic Secondary School Robotics Team

Principal Amy Facchineri and Grade 10 student Erica Rossi provided video presentations of the recent St. Thomas of Villanova First Robotics Competition Championship. For the second year, the WiredCats Team qualified for the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) World Championship. Currently the WiredCats are ranked 5th out of 145 teams in Ontario. Ms. Rossi thanked the Board, Principal, and teachers for their support.

c. Recipient of the Dr. Bette M. Stephenson Recognition of Achievement Award (EQAO) - Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School

The Dr. Bette M. Stephenson Recognition of Achievement Award recognizes schools across the province for their use of data to enhance and support the progress of their students. The schools recognized through this program have used a wide range of evidence to develop action plans based on their unique circumstances and have seen notable improvements in student achievement, as demonstrated by an increase in EQAO results over time. This year, Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School was recognized for their cross-panel collaboration, the use of technology, and descriptive feedback as methods to help students succeed.

Congratulations to Principal Dwayne Brunet, Department Head Teacher Sue Latour, Teachers Charbel Taouil and Denise Sauve for being recognized for this EQAO achievement award.

d. Recipient of the Certificate of Achievement for the 2016-2017 Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence - Rocky Ieraci, Holy Names Catholic High School Teacher

Holy Names Catholic High School teacher Rocky Ieraci received a Certificate of Achievement for the 2016-17 Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence. This

year, there were only 52 such awards delivered across the country and Mr. Ieraci was the only teacher in Windsor-Essex to receive this prestigious award. Congratulations Mr. Ieraci.

7. Delegations:

- a. Elise Daragon, Principal of St. Bernard/St. Jules Catholic Elementary Schools, Maggie Dorion, Vice Principal of St. Bernard, Michael Pio, Vice Principal of St. Jules and Yvonne Dupuis Chairperson of the St. Bernard Catholic School Advisory Council to speak to the naming of the new Windsor elementary school.

Principal Daragon briefed Trustees on the process of selecting the recommended new school name. In accordance with Board Policy A:11 Naming of Schools, a consultative process and corresponding plan, to engage all stakeholders, was initiated by the school's administrative team. The plan included consultation with the Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) of St. Bernard/St. Jules, and respective school staff to review the policy and to provide a clear and transparent process that valued student voice. Based on the student vote and on behalf of the students of St. Bernard/St. Jules they respectfully request that the Board of Trustees approve their choice of the new school name: St. Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School.

Ms. Dupuis praised the process and school communities for coming together as one. In September the students will enter the new school, knowing they were instrumental in selecting it's name.

8. Action Items:

- a. Previous Meeting Minutes
 - i) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera Meeting of April 11, 2017

Moved by Trustee Costante and seconded by Trustee Tope that the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of April 11, 2017 be adopted as distributed. Carried

- ii) Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 25, 2017

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Valentinis that the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 25, 2017 be adopted as distributed. Carried

- b. Items from the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of May 9, 2017.

Trustee Soulliere reported that the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a closed Committee of the Whole Board in-camera meeting on May 9, 2017 pursuant to the Education Act - Section 207, to consider specific personnel, real property matters, Security of the Property of the Board 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.

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

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Mastromattei directions of the Committee of the Whole Board at its in-camera meeting of May 9, 2017 be approved. Carried

From the May 9, 2017 Committee of the Whole Board in-camera meeting:

- Received a verbal report on the Audit Committee Meeting of April 26, 2017 both public and in-camera items; and
- Approved the Real Property Disposition – St. André and St. Gregory Church Land Exchange (13765 St. Gregory Rd., Tecumseh).

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

10. Committee Reports:
- a. Report: Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Minutes of February 16, 2017

Moved by Trustee DiTomasso and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Minutes of February 16, 2017 be received as information. Carried

- b. Report: French Immersion Advisory Committee (FIAC) Minutes of February 16, 2017

Moved by Trustee Costante and seconded by Trustee Mastromattei that the French Immersion Advisory Committee (FIAC) Minutes of February 16, 2017 be received as information. Carried

11. Unfinished Business: *None*

12. New Business:
- a. Report: New Elementary School Name – St. Bernard/St. Jules Communities

Board Chaplin Brunet indicated the canonical name of Mother Teresa is St. Teresa of Calcutta.

AMENDED MOTION: Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Mastromattei that the Board approve the new school name of the consolidated communities of St. Bernard and St. Jules Catholic Elementary schools as St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Elementary School. Carried

ORIGINAL MOTION: Moved by Trustee Tope and seconded by Trustee Alexander that the Board determine and approve the new school name of the consolidated school

communities of St. Bernard and St. Jules Catholic Elementary schools given the potential school names derived from the consultative process.

- b. Report: Tender Approval – STEM Lab Renovations at Holy Names Catholic High School

Moved by Trustee Costante and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that approval be given to the award of tender and the issuance of a purchase order contract for the converting of the current science labs to a STEM lab hub for science and robotics at Holy Names Catholic High School to Vince Ferro Construction in the amount of \$1,082,736 plus HST. Carried

- c. Report: Tender Approval – HVAC Pump Replacements – Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee DiTomasso that approval be given to the award of tender and the issuance of a purchase order for the HVAC pump replacements at Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School to Bryant Heating & Air Conditioning in the amount of \$125,000 plus HST to be funded from the approved 2016-17 School Condition Improvement Budget. Carried

- 13. Notice of Motion: *None*

- 14. Remarks and Announcements:

- a. Chair Pro Tem DiMenna, on behalf of the Board of Trustees congratulated Director Paul Picard on receiving the J.F. Johnston Outstanding Educator Award for 2017. Sponsored by the Catholic Principals Council of Ontario – Windsor Essex, awarded annually to one Educator who best exemplifies the vision and mission of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board. Congratulations Paul; well deserved.

Also congratulated Student Trustees Benjamin and Zovko, as well as the Student Senate, for the success of their Zinc Saves Lives Battery Recycling initiative. Well done.

- b. Director of Education Director of Education Picard provided comments on recent activities supporting the Board’s strategic priorities namely;
Employee Development and Student Achievement Initiatives: A number of seminars or workshops are scheduled for the month of June: Teacher and Principal Mentoring; First Aid Training; Computer Education and Robotics Teacher Training; and Question to Learn K-12 – an Inquiry based PD initiative.
Celebrating Achievements: The Awards Recognition Committee encourages the participation of our staff, students and parents in the nomination of candidates in our system-wide awards program. Please consider nominating candidates for the Catholic School Secondary and Elementary Student Council Leadership and Outstanding Catholic School Council Leadership Awards. Applications will be received until June 9th. As well, nominations for the Kit Lacasse Award will be received until June 2nd.

Congratulations to students Jada Malott from St. John Vianney Catholic Elementary School and Kyle Tran from F.J. Brennan Catholic High School who have been appointed to sit on the 2017-2018 Minister's Student Advisory Board.

- c. Board Chaplain Brunet congratulated Trustee Alexander on the naming of the new school and his devotion to the St. Bernard/St. Jules community. Fr. Brunet also mentioned Sunday, May 28th is the Communication Sunday and thanked Communications Coordinator Fields for his efforts in promoting the Board.

15. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

Trustee Alexander thanked Principal Daragon and the two school communities for their involvement in naming the new school, in particular the students.

Trustee Mastromattei congratulated Mr. Rocky Ieraci for his Certificate of Achievement. He also congratulated Director Picard for receiving the J.F. Johnston award and mentioned Director Picard mirrors the inherent qualities of Mr. Johnston.

Trustee Costante also congratulated Rocky Ieraci and Director Picard; both individuals receiving well deserved recognition.

Trustee Valentinis commented this evening was a wonderful celebration of achievement. He thanked Director Picard for his commitment and leadership to the Board. Trustee Valentinis also congratulated Trustee Alexander on his dedication to the St. Bernard/St. Jules communities and the building of the new school as well as the schools' administrative leaders.

Trustee DiTomasso congratulated Director Picard and Rocky Ieraci. He also mentioned tomorrow, St. Thomas of Villanova will be receiving the Roseland Rotary Club Peace School award and thanked Superintendent Ibrahim for inviting him to the Elementary Day of Champions.

Student Trustee Benjamin mentioned the following:

- St. Joseph's High School reported a successful blood drive and hosted a garage sale this past weekend, in which proceeds went to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.
- St. Joseph's and St. Thomas of Villanova High School Student Senates are preparing for their end of the year pep rallies.
- Elections across the high schools are being held for positions within student council for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year.
- Student Trustees Zovko and Benjamin, as well as Student Senate, would like to inform the Board the Zinc Saves Lives initiative inspired by students, staff and communities collected 338,233 batteries saving 222,000 lives in Africa.

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 13, 2017
- **Monday**, June 26, 2017
- Tuesday, September 26, 2017
- Tuesday, October 24, 2017
- Tuesday, November 28, 2017
- Tuesday, December 5, 2017 – Trustee Organizational Meeting 7:45 pm start
- Tuesday, December 12, 2017
- Tuesday, January 30, 2018
- Tuesday, February 27, 2018
- Tuesday, March 27, 2018
- Tuesday, April 24, 2017
- Tuesday, May 22, 2018
- Tuesday, June 12, 2018
- **Monday**, June 25, 2018

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 23, 2017 adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Original signed by M. DiMenna and P. Picard

Mary DiMenna
Chair Pro-Tem

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