

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

Meeting #14 – Wednesday, September 29, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order, by Jim Canning, Board Chair, at 7:32 pm, in the Board Room at the Catholic Education Centre, 46 Alliance Boulevard, Barrie.

2. PRAYER SERVICE

Joan Gallagher-Main, Adult Faith Animator led a prayer service.

Remembrances for the Deceased:

The late Linda Horan, mother to Tanya Horan, occasional teacher, and Mother-in-law to Frances Horan, teacher.

The late Viola Windsor, mother of Jeanine Windsor, Educational Assistant.

The late Travis Moreau, custodian with the Board and son of Joan Lacroix, supply secretary.

The late Robert Cyr, retired teacher.

The late Joan McLean, mother-in-law of Caroline Brooks-McLean, teacher.

The late Barbara Ann Jaffray, grandmother of Barb Heeneman, Programme Consultant.

The late Michael Carnovale, Vice-Chair, York Catholic District School Board.

Chair Canning thanked Joan for a beautiful prayer service. Director of Education Michael O'Keefe, made a presentation to Joan in appreciation and recognition of her leadership in planning and coordinating a very successful and memorable Faith Day 2010.

3. ROLL CALL

Michael O'Keefe, Director of Education, conducted the roll call of the Board of Trustees to establish quorum for the meeting.

Present: **Jim Canning – Board Chair**, Clayton Ferguson, John Grisé, Justin Heran, Rick Maloney, Theresa Pinder, Connie Positano, Lydia Reekie, Diana Riffert, Suzanne Youngs

Resource: **Michael O'Keefe – Director of Education**, Brian Beal, Glenn Clarke, Peter Derochie, Jane Dillon-Leitch, Mary Puopolo, Darren Schmidt, Enda Soostar

Regrets: Diane Legg

Recorder: Belinda Marcellus

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Regrets were received from former student trustee, Jacob Brodka. Therefore Information item 9.1 was removed from the agenda.

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for the approval of the meeting agenda, as amended.

5. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil.

6. **DELEGATIONS**

Nil.

7. **PRESENTATIONS**

Celebrating God's Gift of Life and the Wonder of Life in our Community

1) Young Authors Awards

Students Owen Skarjak, from Father F. X. O'Reilly Catholic School and Mitchell Pellarin, who attended Monsignor Lee Catholic School last year, were recognized for their achievement in the 2009 OECTA Young Authors writing competition. Their winning entries were included in a book published by OECTA.

2) St. Dominic Mock G8 and Canoes – Mary Puopolo

When it was announced that the G8 Summit would be held in Huntsville, the Canadian government initiated a Model G8 Summit, in which grade 12 students from local high schools were invited to play the role of G8 leaders. Students, Stephen Fenn, Jessica Kuehn, Taylor Rubinato, Emma Lee, Hillary Elliott, Megan Ellis and Jeff Juneau participated in seminars with guest speakers on topics such as terrorism, world poverty, climate change and the global economy. One student from St. Dominic Catholic Secondary School, Lisa Fleming, was selected to attend at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre where the world leaders were meeting, and met Prime Minister Stephen Harper and other world leaders, with students from around the world.

Last fall Marty Scarlett, construction technology teacher at St. Dominic, and two of his students, was commissioned to construct ten custom hand crafted miniature replica canoes, to be presented to the spouses of G8 heads of state. Vinnie and David spent countless hours before and after school and on weekends under complete secrecy. They were invited to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre to personally present the G8 spouses with the miniature canoes. They had their picture taken with Mrs. Harper and the other G8 spouses. This was a very memorable once-in-a-lifetime opportunity which culminated in a special presentation at graduation in June. Mrs. Harper sent two of the canoes, carefully packaged in special wooden boxes that were signed by Mrs. Harper with her personal thanks, which were presented to Vinnie and David. They received a standing ovation at graduation.

These experiences show the contribution St. Dominic Catholic Secondary School has made to the local, provincial, national and international community.

- 3) Holy Trinity - The Learning Partnership Literacy Award – Mary Puopolo
Students from Holy Trinity Catholic High School have been participating in The Learning Partnership's Turning Points essay contest since 2002. Over the past nine years there have been over 40 winners from the school - six this year including a 1st place winner. Turning Points is a character development and literacy program for students in grades 6-12, in which students read, think, and reflect on their values, and write a narrative essay on a significant event or turning point in their life. Students Charlotte Hengevel, Rachel Vonk, and Brittany Harrison (in the grades 9-10 category) were recognized for their achievements.
- 4) National School Public Relations Association Award – Michael O’Keefe
Director of Education, Michael O’Keefe, recognized three achievements awarded to staff by the National School Public Relations Association.

Kim Weishar received a gold achievement award for the development of “i-Connect”, a transition guide for grade eight students.

Linda McGregor and Darren Schmidt received gold medallions for their development of “Making Good Tracks”, a teaching resource guide that was part of a First Nations and Métis initiative. The document has become accepted as best practice by the Ministry of Education, as a model for educators in Australia, as well as other accolades.

Pauline Stevenson accepted recognition on behalf of the Communications and Public Affairs department, for their development a “Ready, Set, Go” kindergarten package, which has also won a Bravo award.

Chair Canning congratulated all of the award recipients and their teachers and staff. Students, staff and their families were thanked for taking time to celebrate their achievements with the Board of Trustees.

8. ACTION ITEMS

1) Report 8. 1) 14-2010: Photocopier Request for Proposal Tender Award

Recommendation: That the Board award its multifunctional/photocopier contract to Xerox Canada at a cost per copy of \$0.0111 in accordance with the RFP terms and conditions submitted and agreed by Xerox Canada.

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the Recommendation.

2) **Report 8.2) 14-2010: Guidelines for fees for learning materials and activities, fundraising, and corporate partnerships**

Recommendation: That an ad hoc committee of three trustees be formed to review the issues relating to the draft guidelines for fees for learning materials and activities, fundraising, and corporate partnerships.

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the Recommendation.

3) **Report 8.3) 14-2010: Ad Hoc Committee to recommend appointments to the Compliance Audit Committee**

Recommendation: That the Board appoint William Bolger, John Lynch, Des Connors, and Laura Pasut to the Compliance Audit Committee for the term December 1, 2010 to November 30, 2014.

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the Recommendation.

4) **Board Policy Review Committee**

i. **Minutes – Meeting #5 – Wednesday, September 15, 2010**

Recommendation BD-POL-10-2010:

That the Board approve that, **Professional Standards Policy Number PS-09 – Retirement**, be rescinded in its entirety.

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the recommendation.

Recommendation BD-POL-11-2010:

That the Board approve Board Policy **Trustee Honoraria GP-14**, be amended as follows:

“The Honoraria for Trustees of the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board for the term of office, December 1, 2010 to November 30, 2014, shall be, for all components, the maximum allowable by legislation.”

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the recommendation.

9. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1) **Report 9. 1) 14-2010: Student Trustee Report - deleted from the agenda**

2) **Report 9. 2) 14-2010: September Enrolment – Elementary and Secondary 2010-2011**

Enrolment is above projections and this will result in staffing adjustments and budget considerations.

3) Report 9.3) 14-2010: Security from Treasurer

This process documents that the Board has met its statutory obligation.

4) Report 9.4) 14-2010: Swim to Survive

Trustees requested a further report and possible recommendation to the Board before the end of November. It was noted that the next submission date to apply for funding for the Swim to Survive program is October 28th and then also January 27, 2011.

5) Special Education Advisory Committee

i) Minutes – Meeting #06 – Wednesday, June 23, 2010

10. ROUTINE

1) Approval of Minutes

i) Board Meeting #13 – Wednesday, September 8, 2010

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the Recommendation.

11. TRUSTEE ENQUIRIES

Trustees Ferguson enquired about the possibility of a late bus for Angus students attending St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School, so that they can participate in co-curricular activities after school. Staff are collecting data and will report back to the Board with estimated costing.

An update on Father F. X. O'Reilly School was requested. Controller of Plant, Glenn Clarke reported that progress has been slow and they will be putting measure into place to address concerns. It was noted that staff and students are taking the construction in stride.

12. ITEMS OF INTEREST

An opportunity is provided for trustees to bring forward any items of interest, such as events or activities which may be of interest to the Board.

Student Trustee, Sergio Morales, reported that the Ontario Student Trustee Association (OSTA) is working closely with Student Vote, a not-for-profit organization that encourages students to get involved in their community, get to know the candidates running in the election and become involved in the political process.

Trustees expressed their appreciation for the wonderful Faith Day, held on Friday, September 24, 2010, for all staff of the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic community. Congratulations and appreciation was extended to those involved in the tremendous amount of work required to coordinate such a successful faith-filled event.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA):
 - a) September 9, 2010 – Mike McPhee, Coordinator, Labour Relations
Information Update – Government Restraint Discussions
 - b) September 10, 2010 – Rick Bartolucci, MPP, Sudbury, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to Nancy Kirby, President
Response to OCSTA letter and resolution regarding Municipal Storm Water Management.
 - c) September 16, 2010 – OCSTA Newswire
Newsletter
 - d) September 17, 2010 – OCSTA
Northeastern CDSB opens new Industrial Arts & Family Studies wing
 - e) September 17, 2010 – Carol Devine, Director, Legislative and Political Affairs
October 25th Municipal Election – Information for Ratepayers
 - f) September 20, 2010 – Lou Rocha, FACE Project Manager
Regional Seminars – November 2010
 - g) September 21, 2010 – Carol Devine, Director, Legislative and Political Affairs
Public Sector Compensation Restraint & trustee Honorarium
 - h) September 22, 2010 – Sharon McMillan, Coordinator Communications and Media Relations
Promotion to Help Raise Profile on School Board Success
 - i) September 22, 2010 – Jane Ponte, Executive Assistant
MACSE Minutes June 9-10, 2010
 - j) September 28, 2010 - Sharon McMillan, Coordinator Communications and Media Relations
Eastern Ontario Catholic School Students Stand Up Against World Poverty
 - k) September 28, 2010 – Pam Denobrega, OCSTA
The Father Patrick Fogarty 27th Annual Awards Dinner – Saturday, October 23, 2010, Toronto Airport Marriott Hotel, 901 Dixon Road, Toronto, ON 6:30 p.m.
 - l) September 29, 2010 – Kevin Kobus, Executive Director, OCSTA
Toonies for Tuition Day – October 5, 2010
 - m) September 29, 2010 – Nancy Kirby, President, OCSTA
OCSTA Trustees' Professional Development Seminar – January 14 & 15, 2011

2. September 9, 2010 – Colleen Genno, Monsignor Lee Catholic School Parent Letter and accompanying various third party research regarding *WiFi transmitter concerns*.

Staff have provided further information to the parent regarding WiFi transmitter concerns and service in the schools.

3. September 28, 2010 – Peter Derochie, Associate Director of Education
Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium Appoints CEO/GM

14. MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 13, 2010	BOARD POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE #6	7:30p.m.
Wednesday, October 20, 2010	BOARD MEETING #15	7:30p.m.
<i>Location: St. Paul's Catholic School, Alliston</i>		
Wednesday, October 20, 2010	SEAC Meeting	5:30p.m.
Wednesday, November 10, 2010	Board Meeting #16	7:30p.m.
Wednesday, November 17, 2010	Board Policy Review Committee #7	7:30p.m.
Wednesday, November 24, 2010	Board Meeting #17	7:30p.m.

15. PRIVATE SESSION

16. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NIL.

17. NEXT MEETING

Board Meeting #15	Wednesday, October 20, 2010	7:30 p.m.
	<i>Location: St. Paul's Catholic School, Alliston</i>	
Agenda Deadline Date:	Wednesday, October 13, 2010	4:30 p.m.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

19. CLOSING PRAYER

The Closing prayer will be led by Trustee John Grisé.