

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

Meeting #13 – Tuesday, June 21, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order following Mass at 7:58 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Brian Beal, Director of Education, conducted the Roll Call of the Board of Trustees to establish quorum for the Meeting.

Present: Clayton Ferguson – Board Chair, Shawn Cooper, Carol Corriveau-Truchon, Maria Hardie, Catherine MacDonald, Sergio Morales, Connie Positano, Francis Smith

Regrets: Jessica Bews, Jeanny Salmon

Resource: Brian Beal – Director of Education, Glenn Clarke, Peter Derochie, Delio Di Giovanni, Jane Dillon-Leitch, Diane Legg, Mary Puopolo, Darren Schmidt, Enda Soostar, Pia Elston, Suzanne Oliner

Recorder: Belinda Marcellus

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the Meeting Agenda as amended.

4. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

5. PRESENTATIONS

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

- 1) **Inclusion Excellence Awards** – Reet Skelton, Simcoe Community Services
Reet Skelton from Simcoe Community Services presented Simcoe Community Services Inclusion Excellence Awards. These awards are given out annually to both students and professionals who go “above and beyond” to include students with an intellectual disability in all aspects of education and school life.

Families who nominated a student or staff member and the award recipients' families were all on hand to share in the celebration.

Recipients:

Cooper Godin, student – St. Monica’s School
Paul Thompson, EA – St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School
Phyllis Alberts-Meijers, teacher - St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School
Maria Varano-Gallo, teacher - St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School
Rick Tynes, teacher – St. Joseph’s Catholic High School
John Connors, student – St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School
Phil Spencer, student - St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School

2) **Student Trustee** – Sergio Morales

Student Trustee, Sergio Morales, reflected on his experiences from the past year and a half that he has served as a student trustee on the Board. He noted highlights such as serving on the Special Education Advisory Council, the Board Policy Review Committee, Student Senate and provincially as Catholic Vice-President on the Ontario Student Trustees’ Association. Sergio also served on the planning committee for the first Catholic Student Leadership Conference hosted by the Niagara Catholic District School Board earlier in the spring. He also reflected on the many opportunities, services and technology available to students at not only his school of St. Joseph’s but all of the Catholic secondary schools of Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board.

Student Trustee Morales thanked the Board and senior staff for the opportunity to represent students in this role that changed his life. He welcomed Jessica Bews and expressed his confidence in her as the Student Trustee for the 2011-2012 school year. Student Trustee Morales will continue to represent Catholic students in his new role on the Board of Directors of the soon to be incorporated OSTA-AECO.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chair Clayton Ferguson thanked Sergio for his dedication and commitment to representing Catholic students on the Board of Trustees and also provincially through OSTA. God’s blessings and best wishes were offered to Sergio as he prepares to embark on his post-secondary journey.

6. **ACTION ITEMS**

1) **Report 6. 1) 13-2011: North Barrie Elementary Pupil Accommodation Committee – Chair Appointment**

At the last Board meeting, trustees approved the formation of the North Barrie Elementary Accommodation Committee. The recommendation to appoint the Chair of that committee was deferred to this meeting.

Recommendation: That the Board appoint Steve Charbonneau as Chair of the Pupil Accommodation Committee.

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

2) **Report 6. 2) 13-2011: Information Communication Technology Infrastructure Funding Proposal**

Recommendation: That the Board approve the *Information Communication Technology Infrastructure Funding Proposal* as presented.
Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the recommendation.

3) **Report 6. 3) 13-2011: Ad Hoc Architect Selection Committee**

Recommendation: That the Board dissolve the Ad Hoc Architect Selection Committee effective immediately.
Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the recommendation.

4) **Board Policy Review Committee**

1) **Minutes – Board Policy Review Committee Meeting #05 – Wednesday, June 01, 2011**

Recommendation #01: That the Board approve Board Policy Statement LE-22 Food and Beverage.
Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the recommendation.

Recommendation #02: That the Board approve a new *Professional Standards* policy statement *Employment and Catholic Denominational Privilege* as follows:

Employment and Catholic Denominational Privilege

All employees of the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board are expected to uphold, protect and abide by its vision, mission and virtues/values including the support for on-going student and adult faith development. The Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board has the express right to hire Catholic individuals for specific positions of employment. Employees who are Catholic, and are hired under this right of denominational privilege, are expected to maintain a lifestyle and deportment which is in keeping with the principles of the Gospels and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

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

Recommendation #03: That the Board approve that Professional Standards Policy Number PS-06 Religious Education Qualifications be changed to procedural statements that support the Employment and Denominational Privilege policy.

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

Recommendation #04: That the Board approve that *Professional Standards Policy Number PS-05 Pastoral Reference* be changed to procedural statements that support the *Employment and Denominational Privilege* Policy.

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

Recommendation #05: That the Board approve that the existing policy statement Professional Standards Policy Number PS-02 Professional Appearance be approved as amended:

The Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board is a publicly funded organization dedicated to providing excellence to the students and members of the public that all employees serve. All employees are, therefore, expected to **be positive role models and** dress in a professional manner consistent with the nature of work performed and their professional obligations to **the Board's** public constituents.

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

5) Report 6. 5) 13-2011: 2011-2012 Budget and Balancing Considerations

A budget report was presented that incorporated the balancing considerations discussed at the last board meeting, into a final balanced budget report that reflected those balancing adjustments. Discussion and clarification ensued and staff advised that updates of actual numbers (enrolment, revenue, expenditures) will be brought to trustees beginning in September.

Recommendation: That the Board approve the 2011-2012 budget in amount of \$266,873,300.00.

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

Board Chair Clayton Ferguson thanked Peter Derochie, Pia Elston, and Suzanne Oliner for a job well done. Director of Education, Brian Beal, thanked the finance staff for their exemplary service of hundreds of hours focussed on this year's budget, next year's budget, and tracking how we get there. It was also recognized that leaders throughout the system contributed to bringing forward this balanced budget.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

1) Report 7. 1) 13-2011: Boundary Reviews 2011/12- Innisfil Elementary Schools & Bradford Elementary Schools

2) Report 7. 2) 13-2011: Our Lady of Grace Catholic School – Major Addition Project

Accommodation requirements during the transition are being explored and updates

will be provided to trustees. It was recognized that three school communities will celebrate their important history and stories when they join together as one community on the completion of this project.

3) Special Education Advisory Committee

i) **Minutes – Meeting #06 – Wednesday, May 25, 2011**

4) Report 7. 4) 13-2011: Extended Day Program

Staff has learned that many providers are interested in providing before and after care through extended day programs in Simcoe Muskoka Catholic schools. Preliminary work has just begun and updates will be provided.

5) Report 7. 5) 13-2011: OSSLT

Successes that were highlighted reflect the action plans that were put in place last year by schools to respond to challenges. Also highlighted was a significant improvement in boys' results, which was a targeted focus by staff. The data will be used to set actions plans for future success.

8. ROUTINE

1) Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings

i) **Minutes – Meeting #12 – Wednesday, June 08, 2011**

A correction to a name was identified.

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

9. TRUSTEE ENQUIRIES

Nil.

10. ITEMS OF INTEREST

Trustee Carol Corriveau-Truchon visited Saint Mary Catholic School in Huntsville on June 17th to meet with three Ministry representatives, who are visiting schools across the province that are piloting full day kindergarten. Trustee Corriveau-Truchon also attended an assembly at St. Dominic Catholic Secondary School to hear the students discuss their Kenyan mission experiences and highlights.

Trustee Francis Smith had the opportunity to attend kindergarten graduation at Sister Catherine Donnelly Catholic elementary school and was very impressed. He also expressed his appreciation for the red brick exterior, at the new St. Bernard's Catholic elementary school, which is reminiscent of the old red brick school houses.

Trustee Shawn Cooper attended a silent auction and pot luck dinner at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic elementary school and commended staff and students. He also expressed appreciation to staff and student volunteers of the Relay for Life event held in Collingwood recently.

Student Trustee Sergio Morales attended the Employee Retirement and Annual Years of Service Celebration on June 15th and was honoured to provide tribute remarks about the teacher who had the most impact on his life.

Chair Clayton Ferguson thanked trustees who were able to attend the Employee Retirement and Annual Years of Service Celebration, noting that their support is appreciated by those employees being honoured.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA)
 - i) June 21, 2011 – Kevin Kobus, Executive Director
OCSTA Summer Hours
 - ii) June 16, 2011 – Pam Denobrega
2012 AGM & Conference – Hotel Information (rooms have been reserved)
 - iii) June 10, 2011 – Sharon McMillan, Coordinator Communications & Media Relations
Women Religious recognized for their Gift to Catholic Education
 - iv) June 09, 2011 - Sharon McMillan, Coordinator Communications & Media Relations
OCSTA Newswire
- 2) Canadian Catholic School Trustee's Association (CCSTA)
 - i) June 2011 – Board of Directors' Highlights

12. MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 05, 2011	Discipline Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 07, 2011	Board Meeting #14 with Mass	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 13, 2011	Discipline Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 14, 2011	Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL)	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 14, 2011	Audit Committee Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 14, 2011	Board Policy Review Committee # 07	7:30 p.m.

13. PRIVATE SESSION

14. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The committee of the whole has directed staff to provide further information regarding the Angus site designation.

15. NEXT MEETING

Board Meeting #14:	Wednesday, September 07, 2011	7:30p.m.
Agenda Deadline Date:	Wednesday, August 31, 2011	4:30p.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained to adjourn the Board Meeting at 10:23p.m.

18. CLOSING PRAYER

Board Chair Clayton Ferguson wished all trustees and staff a safe and enjoyable summer.

Trustee Francis Smith closed the meeting with a prayer.