

# MINUTES

## BOARD MEETING

Meeting #18 – Wednesday, November 24, 2010

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order, by Jim Canning, Board Chair, at 7:35 p.m., in the Board Room, 46 Alliance Boulevard, Barrie.

2. **OPENING PRAYER**

The Opening Prayer will be led by Trustee Justin Heran.

**Remembrances for the Deceased:**

The late **Irene Moriarity**, retired teacher.

The late **Rene Campeau**, father of Audrey Hamilton, principal.

The late **Helena (Lenie) Meijers-Roorda**, mother of Phyllis Alberts-Meijers, teacher.

3. **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** **James Canning – Board Chair**, Clayton Ferguson, Justin Heran, Rick Maloney, Sergio Morales, Theresa Pinder, Connie Positano, Lydia Reekie, Diana Riffert.

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

**Recorder:** Belinda Marcellus

4. **AGENDA APPROVAL**

*Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for the approval of the meeting agenda.*

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) ShareLife**

Bill Steinburg discussed the strengthened partnership of the Archdiocese, Schools and ShareLife that has developed with Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board as well as the more open lines of communication. More schools, staff and students were engaged last year, resulting in \$16,000 being raised, which is more than double the previous year. A plaque of appreciation was presented to the Board. Board Chair Canning noted that the real value in the partnership with ShareLife is the attitude that students will take into their future as adults.

**2) Student Trustee**

Former student trustee Jacob Brodka provided trustees with an overview of his experience serving on the Board of Trustees. Jacob found that it was a life changing learning opportunity to work with his fellow trustees, to represent the voice of students, and to serve on the executive team of the Ontario Student Trustee Association. Jacob walked the trustees through a website he developed to solicit students' views on a range of topics from nutrition to arts and culture. On behalf of all of the Trustees, Board Chair Jim Canning extended best wishes to Jacob for continued success.

**3) Website**

Diane Legg, Director of Communications & Public Affairs; Kevin Kuiack, Principal, and Pauline Stevenson, Web Content Coordinator provided trustees with a tour highlighting enhancement to the Board's website and the school websites, with a refreshed look, and upgrades to the system. Through the communications department, information that is consistent board-wide, such as templates, is provided to the schools for posting on their websites (for example the student trustee posting and application process). This ensures timely and consistent information across the board for all schools, which is imperative to the success of any website.

Kevin Kuiack has been providing leadership to the schools since 2008 in an effort to develop school websites at every school in the Board. Kevin explained the remarkable impact the increased use of the school website has had on the Prince of Peace school community, which includes reducing paper consumption by 80-90%, increasing parent engagement, such as signing up for the schools' e-newsletter and calendar features and keeping parents better informed as they don't have to worry about lost papers and newsletters in student school bags. He also noted that a unique feature to the Prince of Peace community is that parents stationed abroad with the Canadian Armed Forces, can keep in touch with the school on a daily basis.

There was an enquiry as to supporting social networking as a learning tool in the schools. Staff is currently researching social media strategies.

**8. ACTION ITEMS**

- 1) Report 8.1) 18-2010: Early Learning Kindergarten Program: Phase Three Site Selection**

Recommendation: That the Board approve the Phase Three Early Learning Kindergarten Program Site Selection as presented.

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

**9. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**1) Report 9. 1) 18-2010: Summer School 2010**

A report was provided for information purposes.

**10. ROUTINE**

**1) Approval of Minutes**

**i) Board Meeting #17 – Wednesday, October 20, 2010**

*Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the Minutes.*

**11. TRUSTEE ENQUIRIES**

- 1) St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Elementary School is experiencing entry restrictions due to municipal construction on the roadway. Staff will follow up with the municipality.
- 2) Discussion around the security and maintenance of property of the board that is currently not in use was discussed. A plan is being put in place with site disposal to begin in the spring for the former St. Paul's school site.

**12. ITEMS OF INTEREST**

- 1) St. Paul's Catholic Elementary School Blessing was celebrated with Bishop Hundt presiding and Father Tad, Deacon Des Carroll, government representatives and the community participating in the celebration.
- 2) OSTA Fall conference and 10 year gala reception were attended by student trustee Sergio Morales.
- 3) Reflections and gratitude were shared by all of the trustees as this was their last official meeting together.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA):
  - a) November 11, 2010 – Sharon McMillan, Coordinator Communications and Media Relations  
*TCDSB Schools United in Prayer and Reflection to Commemorate Remembrance Day*
  - b) November 16, 2010 – Carole Devine, Director, Legislative and Political Affairs  
*Information re: Eastern Churches in Communion with Rome*
  - c) November 17, 2010 – Jane Ponte, Executive Assistant  
*CCSTA Board of Directors' Highlights*

- d) November 18, 2010 – Sharon McMillan, Coordinator Communications and Media Relations  
*Trustees show support at Student Trustees' 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event*
- e) November 20, 2010 – Sharon McMillan, Coordinator Communications and Media Relations  
*Our Catholic Schools Newsletter, Volume 1, Issue 2*
- 2) York Catholic District School Board – Trustees & Administration  
*Mass Card for the late John Grisé*
- 3) The District Municipality of Muskoka – Muskoka District Council  
*Invitation to Sixteenth Inaugural meeting of the Muskoka District Council – Monday, December 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.*
- 4) Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board – Michael Schmitt, Director of Education  
*Sympathy Card for the late John Grisé, Trustee.*
- 5) Mary Grisé – *Thank You card*

**14. MEETING SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, December 1, 2010	2011 Board Inaugural Meeting #1 with Mass	7:30pm
Sunday, December 5, 2010	Trustee & Senior Administration Christmas Gathering	6:00pm

**15. PRIVATE SESSION**

**16. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

NIL.

**17. NEXT MEETING**

2011 Inaugural Board Meeting #1 (Mass)	Wednesday, December 1, 2010	7:30 p.m.
Agenda Deadline Date:	Wednesday, November 24, 2010	4:30 p.m.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

*Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained to adjourn the meeting 10:01.*

**19. CLOSING PRAYER**

“St Thomas More: Prayer for Fervor in Thinking of God” was led by Trustee Diana Riffert