

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

Meeting #09 – Wednesday, April 13, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. in the Board Room of the Catholic Education Centre, 46 Alliance Boulevard, Barrie.

2. OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer “A Lenten Desert Prayer” was led by Trustee Francis Smith.

Remembrances for the Deceased:

The late Nels Kennedy, brother of Mike Kennedy, retired principal.

The late Gerardo Campagna, father of Connie Marrocco, teacher.

The late Ross Richardson, father of Kim Wilcox, educational assistant.

The late Susan Ongo, wife of Steve Ongo, educational assistant.

The late Johanna Sisco, mother of Tina Muldoon, vice-principal.

The late John Donnelly, father of Ann Marie Fairley, teacher.

The late Brad MacNeil, father of James, student and Michelle, former student.

The late Antonio Giuliano, father of Bruno Giuliano, teacher.

The late Michael Reilly, father of Hilda and Andy, students.

The late Helen Marshall-Antoine, sister of Anita Stahl, education assistant.

3. 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 – Chair, Shawn Cooper, Carol Corriveau-Truchon, Maria Hardie, Sergio Morales, Catherine MacDonald, Jeanny Salmon, Francis Smith

Regrets: Jessica, Connie Positano

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

Regrets: Darren Schmidt

Recorder: Belinda Marcellus

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

5. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

6. PRESENTATIONS

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

1) **Catholic Education Week**

Sherry Chapman, Coordinator of Religious Education and Chaplaincy Services, provided an overview of Catholic Education Week 2011. Trustees received a copy of the elementary resource kit that was provided to principals by the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association. This year's theme is *Celebrating the Spirit* with daily themes of Hospitality; Understanding; Wisdom; Justice and Gratitude. Stephanie Maher, Elementary Curriculum Consultant served on the provincial committee that prepared all of the resources. Part of the focus during Catholic Education Week is to strengthen the partnership between school and parish. During this week, principals are often invited to speak at their parishes. Many schools host activities to which parents and the community are invited to share in the celebration of Catholic Education Week.

2) **Monsignor Lee Catholic Elementary School Initiatives and Strategies**

Allen Morrison, Manager of Capital Projects, and Peter Moffett of Robertson Simmons Architects Inc., presented a slide presentation of the design for the new Monsignor Lee Catholic Elementary School, in Orillia. This is a replacement school amalgamating Monsignor Lee and some of the Guardian Angels students. The school will be constructed to a LEED silver standard and will be similar to the St. Bernard's replacement school design. Faith elements built into the design such as masonry crosses on two corners of the exterior gym walls as well as a large cross and green glass at the front of the school were highlighted. This will be the board's second school built to new standards that address energy efficiencies, accessibility, technology enhancements, maintenance free materials, and larger kindergarten classrooms, to name a few. The design is a result of consultation with a user group, consisting of Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools, Paul Campbell, Principal of the current Monsignor Lee school, Lu McIsaac, Principal of the current Guardian Angels school, and school and plant services staffs. Funding approval was received on March 9, 2011, from the Ministry of Education.

Clarification was provided that the site plan approvals with the City include portable placements in the future (to accommodate growth). This ensures that significant site alterations to meet municipal standards will not be required when the portables are eventually phased in to the site.

3) **Budget and Grants for Student Needs (GSN) Update**

Peter Derochie, Associate Director of Education (Business & Finance), walked through the provincial overview slides regarding the 2011-2012 Grants for Student Needs. He then highlighted the revised budget for 2010-11 and the preliminary budget for 2011-12 based on the new GSNs information, noting some assumptions. As more clarification is provided by the Ministry and as the board moves to the second phase of the staffing process, further updates will be provided.

7. ACTION ITEMS

1) **Report 7. 1) 09-2011: Monsignor Lee Catholic Elementary School Project**

Recommendation: That the Board approve the demolition of the existing Monsignor Lee Catholic School in Orillia, subject to project funding and demolition approvals being received from the Ministry of Education.

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

2) **Report 7. 2) 09-2011: St. Paul's Catholic Elementary School – 161 Wellington Street, Alliston**

Recommendation: That the Board declare the old St. Paul's school building and property, located at 161 Wellington Street in Alliston, including the 5 portables on site, surplus to our Board's needs, and authorize staff to proceed with the required process for disposition of the property.

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

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1) **2011 OCSTA Resolutions**

Clarification was provided that the Board would usually strike a Resolution Committee to consider submitting resolutions to OCSTA. However, it was determined that due to time constraints for providing ample training, a committee would not be struck in 2011. An Ad Hoc OCSTA Resolution Committee will be struck for 2012.

2) **Report 8. 2) 09-2011: Fundraising and Course Fees**

Brian Beal, Director of Education advised that the information was provided to trustees to make them aware that staff have received correspondence from the Ministry of Education and will be working through processes to address the rigorous requirements. This does have budget implications as well. Fundraising and course fees will be addressed at Board Policy Review Committee and the Board table.

3) **Report 8. 3) 09-2011: Plant Department Projects – Summer 2011**

Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant, was pleased to report to trustees on \$37 million of capital work that will be completed over the next two years across the Board, and over 50 minor projects valued at over \$5.4 million in improvements to schools.

Information will be provided to local media as a means to inform communities about the exciting work happening in their communities to enhance Catholic education.

4) **Board Policy Review Committee**

i) **Minutes - Meeting #02 – Wednesday, March 02, 2011**

5) **Special Education Advisory Committee**

i) **Minutes – Meeting #02 – Wednesday, March 02, 2011**

9. ROUTINE

1) Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings

i) Minutes – Meeting #06 – Wednesday, February 23, 2011

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

ii) Minutes – Meeting #08 – Wednesday, March 23, 2011

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

10. TRUSTEE ENQUIRIES

Nil.

11. ITEMS OF INTEREST

Trustee Maria Hardie reported on the Simcoe County Regional Science and Technology Fair, which was also attended by Chair Clayton Ferguson, Director Brian Beal, and Student Trustee Sergio Morales who was a judge. Once again Simcoe Muskoka Catholic students performed very well with Dillon McFadden of St. Monica's moving forward to the nationals. Trustees were provided with a copy of the results.

Trustee Carol Corriveau-Truchon reported that St. Dominic Catholic Secondary School hosted a Parent Symposium that was well attended and received great feedback. Appreciation was expressed to board and school staff who contributed to the success of this community event.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

1) Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA)

i) March 23, 2011 – Sharon McMillan, Coordinator Communications & Media Relations

Equity and Inclusion – GSA Issue

ii) March 23, 2011 – Jane Ponte, Executive Assistant

MACSE Meeting – Key Messages

iii) March 29, 2011 – Kevin Kobus, Executive Director

Ontario Budget

iv) March 30, 2011 – Kevin Kobus, Executive Director

Intervenor Status – Quebec Cases

v) March 31, 2011 – Pam Denobrega, Administrative Assistant

AGM Silent Auction

vi) March 31, 2011 – Sharon McMillan, Coordinator Communications & Media Relations

Memo from the President – Equity and Inclusive Education Policy UPDATE

vii) March 31, 2011 – Sharon McMillan, Coordinator Communications & Media Relations

Open letter to the Dufferin-Peel Community regarding GSAs in our schools

- viii) April 1, 2011 – Jane Ponte – Executive Assistant
Nominations Update – regional director Positions – 2011 OCSTA AGM
- ix) April 5, 2011 – Nancy Kirby, President
The Strength and Future of Catholic Education
- x) April 6, 2011 - Sharon McMillan, Coordinator Communications & Media Relations
Ontario Catholic Student Leadership
- xi) April 6, 2011 – Kevin Kobus, Executive Director
Coalition for Children and Youth Mental Health Update
- xii) April 8, 2011 – Kevin Kobus, Executive Director
School Energy Coalition Update
- xiii) April 11, 2011 - Kevin Kobus, Executive Director
Coalition for Children and Youth Mental Health – Further Information
- 2) Canadian Catholic School Trustees’ Association
 - i) March 31, 2011 – Board of Directors’ Highlights
- 3) Simcoe County Regional Science and Technology Fair
 - i) April 11, 2011 - 2011 Results (**copy at Trustees’ places**)
- 4) Directories – find on FirstClass – School Directory – SO list – dept directory – CSCC
Chairs – electronically tomorrow
- 5) Sample brochure – highlights the work of trustees at SMCDSB – will be run every year
with updated Chair and Vice-Chair information. **Trustees are requested to provide
their comments by email to Diane Legg as soon as possible.** It is hoped to
provide this tool to trustees in time for Catholic education Week.

13. MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, April 26, 2011	Discipline Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 20, 2011	SEAC Meeting #04	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 04, 2011	SEAC Meeting #05	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 04, 2011	Board Meeting #10 with Mass	7:30 p.m.

14. PRIVATE SESSION

15. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Nil.

16. NEXT MEETING

Board Meeting #10:	Wednesday, May 04, 2011 with Mass	7:30 p.m.
Agenda Deadline Date:	Wednesday, April 27, 2011	4:30 p.m.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:59 p.m.

18. CLOSING PRAYER

Student Trustee Sergio Morales closed the meeting with a prayer.