

# MINUTES

## BOARD MEETING

Meeting #09 – Wednesday, June 05, 2013

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Clayton Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m., in the Board Room, 46 Alliance Boulevard, Barrie.

**2. OPENING PRAYER / REFLECTION**

Trustee Shawn Cooper and Student Trustee-Elect Kyle Young led the opening prayer, with the following special intentions:

**For the sick:**

Linda and Fred Graham  
Alexandra MacKay  
Kayla Johnson  
Daniel Cecchetti

**For the deceased:**

Carolyn Cipp-Murray  
Clair Rennie  
Scott Freethy

**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 – Board Chair, Emily Cecchetti, Shawn Cooper, Carol Corriveau-Truchon, Maria Hardie, Catherine MacDonald, Connie Positano, Jeanny Salmon, Francis Smith, Kyle Young  
**Resource:** Brian Beal - Director of Education, Steven Charbonneau, Glenn Clarke, Peter Derochie, Jane Dillon-Leitch, Ab Falconi, Diane Legg, Mary Puopolo, 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**

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There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**6. DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

**7. PRESENTATIONS**

*Living Our Faith – Head, Heart and Hands*

**1. Provincial Public Speaking**

Matthew Rumney, a grade three student at St. Antoine Daniel Catholic School, presented his speech on Maurice “The Rocket” Richard. His efforts took him from the local Knights of Columbus competition, to the regionals, and finally to earning a silver medal in the provincial competition. Matthew touched on Maurice Richard’s perseverance through yearly injuries to achieve 24 Stanley Cup victories over his career, of which 12 were while playing with the Montreal Canadiens. “The Rocket” was the first NHL hockey player to reach 500 career goals. As Matthew pointed out, that was a feat that was much harder to achieve when there were fewer teams in the league and therefore fewer games in which to score. In response to trustees’ questions, Matthew said that he was nervous about presenting his speech this evening; and that Phil Kessel was his favourite hockey player on his favourite team the Toronto Maple Leafs.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chair Clayton Ferguson congratulated Matthew on his outstanding accomplishment at the provincial level of public speaking; noting that he obviously did a lot of work through research and writing about Rocket Richard. Chair Ferguson also commended Matthew’s teacher for guiding him on this special literacy journey. He encouraged Matthew to continue to pursue excellence and share his God-given gifts.

**2. 2013 Leon Bursaries – Mary Puopolo, Connie Leon**

For the past seven years, the Leon Family has been awarding the Tom Leon Bursary to one male and one female graduating student who are pursuing studies at a post secondary institution. This year, 15 students – 10 females and 5 males - from 5 of our Catholic high schools submitted an application to be considered for this bursary.

Connie Leon, from the Tom Leon Charitable Foundation presented Marina Bredin of Jean Vanier Catholic High School and Scott Turner of Holy Trinity Catholic High School with their awards. Mary Puopolo, Superintendent of Education – Secondary Schools, explained how the 2013 Tom Leon Bursary recipients met the criteria for eligibility:

- reflected Catholic values in their application
- contribute to parish life
- academic honours
- community involvement
- extra curricular involvement
- have overcome personal challenges or obstacles in their life
- require financial support

On behalf of the Board of Trustees Chair Ferguson congratulated Scott and Marina, and thanked them for their faith-filled contributions to their school communities and Catholic education by *Living their Faith – Head, Heart and Hands*. He passed along best wishes to Marina and Scott as they embark on your post secondary journey and beyond.

Chair Ferguson also thanked Connie Leon and the Tom Leon Charitable Foundation for helping students of the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board to achieve their post-secondary dreams.

### 3. 2013 Inclusion Awards

Reet Skelton, of Simcoe Community Services, presented the Inclusion Excellence Awards which are given out annually to students and professionals involved in all aspects of education.

#### Recipients:

Alannah Warwick-Mathieu, Student – St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School  
Denise Colbeck, Student - St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School  
Daina Sutton, Intervenor – Sister Catherine Donnelly Catholic School  
Marcella Borgia, Educational Assistant – St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School  
Carolyn Healy, Principal – St. Joseph’s Catholic High School  
Inge Plesh, Teacher - St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School  
Scott Johnson, Teacher - St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School  
Joe Timmins, Principal - St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School  
Rose Ann Hunter, Teacher – St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School  
Angela Brownlee, Educational Assistant - St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School  
Carl Wochowiak, Teacher - St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School  
Marie Bradley, Teacher - St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School  
Tim Hasenack, Teacher St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chair Ferguson congratulated staff and students who were recognized for their servant leadership which truly exemplifies our Catholic values and our theme this year of *Living Our Faith – Head, Heart and Hands*.

He also thanked those who nominated staff and students for an award, noting that they took the time and effort to recognize those in their school communities who are making a difference, just as they have made a difference by nominating them.

Finally Chair Ferguson thanked Reet Skelton, on behalf of the Board, for taking this opportunity every year to celebrate Simcoe Muskoka Catholic staff and students and to bring awareness to the great work of Simcoe Community Services.

At 8:30 p.m. the Chair called a recess to give trustees an opportunity to meet and congratulate the evening’s honoured guests.

The meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

## 8. ACTION ITEMS

### 1) Report 8. 1) 10-2013 **Barrie Southeast Boundary Review – Interim Report**

Superintendent of Education, Steve Charbonneau advised that this boundary review was conducted to address enrolment balance concerns in the four Catholic elementary schools of the review area. Saint Gabriel the Archangel Catholic School (SGA) is currently over capacity with six portables in use; St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School (MAC) has five closed classrooms; Pope John Paul II Catholic School (PJP) has one closed classroom; and St. John Vianney Catholic School (SJV) has one portable with site conditions that restrict further growth. Saint Gabriel the Archangel will experience additional pressure when full day kindergarten (FDK) is implemented in 2014; and then when new development of the annexed lands gets underway.

Jennifer Sharpe, Manager of Planning and Properties walked trustees through the report.

The Boundary Review Committee (BRC) consisted of representation of the Principal and a Catholic School Community Council representative from each of the 4 schools along with the Superintendent of Education, the area trustees and board staff.

The BRC met four times:

- April 4 at MAC
- April 16 at PJP
- May 13 at SJV
- May 23 at SGA

Two open houses were held with the same information available both dates. All four school communities were invited to attend either open house:

- April 29 at MAC – 16 families/individuals attended
- April 30 at SGA – 53 families/individuals attended

The open houses gave an opportunity for families to see the two proposed boundary change scenarios and provide their comments. Two other boundary adjustment proposals were also presented separate to the scenarios for feedback from those particular residential areas.

Comment sheets were made available for families to either provide their comments on those evenings or they could take the form home and submit them in person to either their home school or to the Board office. They could also fax or email their comments. The Board website also allowed families to provide comments directly from the site.

At their final meeting the BRC developed three recommendations to bring forward to the board; which included:

- redirecting families in the Minet's Point and Tollendal area from PJP to

MAC, effective September 2013, with grandfathering of four current families to remain at PJP;

- redirecting families in the annexed lands to MAC (no families affected at this time), effective immediately;
- resuming the review work in the fall when further enrolment data would be available in consideration of two new public schools opening in the area with FDK.

Trustee Salmon was pleased to hear that some of the decision would be deferred to the fall as she has some questions and concerns. Staff confirmed that Holy Cross Catholic School students in Innisfil are not impacted by this boundary review.

In response to Trustee Smith's query about potential development in the annexed lands, staff advised that the overall population of the development will add 35 thousand residents to the City of Barrie, with the greatest potential for residential development being east of highway 400. It was noted that once development begins that SGA will not be able to accommodate new families and therefore the need to redirect to MAC prior to families locating in the area.

Vice Chair Hardie queried projected growth at MAC being the greatest in the future. Staff advised that the board would be looking at a new school site about five years after development gets underway.

Staff confirmed Trustee MacDonald's observation that with the approval of the three recommendations, six portables, and five empty classrooms would still exist.

Trustee Smith observed that SJV is not projected to have growth. Staff noted that the school has a capacity of 230 students and the site configuration restricts further expansion by either adding portables or an addition to the school. It was felt the community would sustain a constant enrolment within its capacity.

**Recommendation #01:** That the Board approve the redirection of Minet's Point and Tollendal area noted in Appendix D from Pope John Paul II Catholic School catchment area to St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School catchment area effective September 2013, and that existing Pope John Paul II Catholic School families be grandfathered with transportation.

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

**Recommendation #02:** That the Board approve the redirection of all lands within the Hewitts Secondary Plan area of the Barrie annexed lands (Appendix B) to be redirected from Saint Gabriel the Archangel Catholic School to St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School effective immediately.

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

Recommendation #03: That the Board approve the reconvening of the Barrie Southeast Boundary Review Committee in September/October 2013 to assess the impact of September 2013 enrolments and other external factors affecting enrolment and that the Barrie Southeast Boundary Review Committee consider recommendations on boundary changes and grandfathering at that time.

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

Chair Ferguson thanked the South East Barrie Boundary Review Committee for their thorough analysis of their family of Catholic elementary schools. Trustees will expect further information and possibly additional recommendations in the fall.

**2) Report 8. 2) 10-2013: Our Lady of Grace Catholic School – Project Update**

Staff reported that construction delays have impacted the occupancy of the new Our Lady of Grace Catholic School facility to later in the fall. This construction project provides for Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School (OLA), Prince of Peace Catholic School and Our Lady of Grace Catholic School (OLG) to amalgamate into one school in the new facility.

Brian Beal, Director of Education advised that it is important that all three school communities join together in September and then transition together to their new facility later in the fall as one cohesive school community. As well staff changes have been implemented effective September 1<sup>st</sup> based on the three schools being in one facility. Arrangements have been made with CFB Borden to extend use of facilities on Base Borden to accommodate the united school communities in September and until their new facility is ready for occupancy.

To accomplish this change, it is necessary to modify the accommodation plans and change the original June 23, 2010 Board motion from the Pupil Accommodation Review which stated: “That the Board approve the closure of Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School once the Our Lady of Grace Catholic School addition is complete. Our Lady of the Assumption students to be accommodated in the newly renovated Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, subject to a boundary review and available Ministry of Education capital funding”.

Chair Ferguson reflected that this contingency plan actually enables the three school communities to join as one and get to know each other before they transition to their new school so that they are one united Catholic school community when they make the pilgrimage to Our Lady of Grace Catholic School.

Trustees asked if the board could charge a penalty to the contractor for the delays and increased financial burden on the board. Staff are working with legal counsel and expect to back charge the contractor for hard costs such as relocating portables, and legal fees.

Vice Chair Hardie commended CF Base Borden for accommodating our Catholic students during this transition.

Staff also clarified that the strike by roofers has not yet had an effect on the construction schedule.

Recommendation: That the Board approve the closure of the Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School effective July 5 2013, with the complete amalgamation of Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School, Our Lady of Grace Catholic School and Prince of Peace Catholic School at CFB Borden in September 2013. All three Catholic school communities will relocate to the retrofitted Our Lady of Grace Catholic School in Angus upon completion of the construction.

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

Chair Ferguson advised that the Board is committed to keeping the Georgian West Essa and Base Borden communities informed of the status of the construction of their new school and the amalgamation plans of the three school communities; and look forward to welcoming these three school communities together in September.

## 9. INFORMATION ITEMS

### 1) **Report 9. 1) 10-2013: Multi-Year Strategic Plan**

Director of Education, Brian Beal thanked trustees who provided comments since the draft Multi-Year Strategic Plan that was presented to them at the last Board meeting. Further comments are welcome before the steering committee will meet on June 14<sup>th</sup> to finalize the document to bring to the June 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting for approval.

Mr. Beal also reported that it is hoped that the Board will launch the Multi-Year Strategic Plan at the Leaders' meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup>, when Mass will be concelebrated by the Bishops of Simcoe and the Districts of Muskoka and Parry Sound and the priests from our school communities.

Chair Ferguson advised that the Board of Trustees look forward to seeing the culmination of the tireless work of the steering committee and the contributions of countless staff, students, families and Catholic education stakeholders as we prepare to approve the Multi Year Strategic Plan at our next meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup>; and are very excited and hopeful for Catholic education in Simcoe County and the Districts of Muskoka and Parry Sound.

### 2) **Report 9. 2) 10-2013: Budget Update**

Peter Derochie, Associate Director of Education (Business and Finance), and Pia Elston, Controller of Finance, provided an overview of the report which trustees received in advance of the meeting.

At the time of reporting Revised Estimates to the Board, it was estimated that the 2012/13 Budget would be balanced and this is still the case based on these projections. Staff are developing a plan for in-year budget reductions to create a 2012/13 surplus to off-set the projected shortfall in 2013/14.

Trustees expect to approve the 2013/14 budget at the June 19<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

**3) Minutes – Special Education Advisory Committee**

**i) Meeting #04 – Wednesday, March 20, 2013**

The minutes were provided for information.

**10. ROUTINE**

**1) Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings**

**i) Minutes – Meeting #09 – Wednesday, May 22, 2013**

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

**ii) Minutes – Special Meeting #03 – Wednesday, May 29, 2013**

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

**11. TRUSTEE ENQUIRIES**

Trustee Catherine MacDonald suggested that the Board hold a special evening dedicated solely to recognition of students, staff and community partners. Further consideration will be given to this when planning the 2014 meeting schedule.

**12. ITEMS OF INTEREST**

Trustee Catherine MacDonald attended Bistro Extraordinaire at St. Ann's Catholic School earlier in the evening. Grade 7 and 8 students prepared and served authentic French food accompanied by a French theatrical performance. She commended teacher Denise Decourcy for her efforts.

Trustee Carol Corriveau-Truchon commended the Human Resources team on an excellent evening of celebrating employees' years of service and retirement on Monday evening.

Student Trustee Emily Cecchetti announced that the OSTA-AECO student parent and educator survey was launched online at [www.studentsurvey.ca](http://www.studentsurvey.ca). A link to the survey will be emailed to trustees.

Vice-Chair Maria Hardie attended the Relay for Life event hosted by St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School and commended Student Trustee-Elect Kyle Young on a successful event; and thanked them for inviting St. Theresa's Catholic School in Midland to partner in the event with St. Peter's.

Student Trustee-Elect Kyle Young said that his Relay for Life planning committee were able to

raise \$18 thousand for the Canadian Cancer Society through this event.

Trustee Shawn Cooper reported that he participated in his first OCSTA Board of Directors – Communications Committee meeting via teleconference with a focus on partnerships and improving relations with community organizations such as the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women’s League in hopes to reflect on Catholic trustees as community leaders. A suggestion under consideration is to have a videographer interview Catholic trustees on why they became a trustee.

Discussion ensued about the teleconferencing equipment in the board room. Staff will review and look for options to enhance the service quality.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE**

Trustees received a list of correspondence.

**14. MEETING SCHEDULE**

Monday, June 10, 2013	Budget Inservice (confirmed)	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 11, 2013	Discipline Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 26, 2013	Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL)	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 12, 2013	Board Policy Review Committee #05	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 19, 2013	SEAC	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 19, 2013	Board Meeting #11 with Mass	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 25, 2013	Discipline Committee	7:00 p.m.

The Chair will email trustees with a potential date for an EDC in-service.

**Motion 01-10-2013**

Moved by: Trustee Shawn Cooper

Seconded by: Catherine MacDonald

That the Board meeting be extended to adjourn no later than 10:45 pm

*Carried*

**15. PRIVATE SESSION**

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

The Board has endorsed a candidate for the Supervisory Officer position and the Director of Education will proceed with Ministry of Education approval to confirm the appointment.

**17. NEXT MEETING**

Board Meeting #11:	Wednesday, June 19, 2013	7:30 p.m.
Agenda Deadline Date:	Wednesday, June 12, 2013	4:30 p.m.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

*Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained to adjourn the Board Meeting at 10: 39 p.m.*

**19. CLOSING PRAYER**

Trustee Carol Corriveau-Truchon led the closing prayer.