

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

Meeting #06 – Wednesday, April 14, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. OPENING PRAYER – Michael O’Keefe led a round-table Easter Prayer of Remembrance.

Special Intentions

Remembrances for the sick:

John Gris , Trustee, is recuperating at home.

Sophie Malarzyk, mother-in-law of Trustee Clayton Ferguson is recuperating at home.

Remembrances for the deceased:

The late Josh Amero, former student at Holy Trinity High School.

The late Michael Manson, husband of Patricia Manson, former Superintendent of Programme & Services, and father of Michelle Scott, teacher and Kathleen Vellinga and Patrick Manson graduates.

The late Ray Burgess father in-law of Yvette Chiasson, Chief Custodian and grandfather to Fawn Gillard, Office Administrator.

The late Joyce Courneya, aunt of Cindy Janssen, Teacher.

The late James Patrick (Pat) McGillis, father of Cathy Horgan, Director of Education of Brant Haldimond Norfolk Catholic District School Board.

The late Stanley Zin, grandfather of Lacey Matthews, Teacher.

The late Francis Beausoleil, father to Denise DeCourcy, Teacher and brother to Art Beausoleil, former Board Trustee.

The late Jaqueline Tyrell, sister of Joan Tyrell, board office staff member.

The late Elizabeth Laurin, mother to Yvette Lacroix, Teacher.

The late Gilbert Godin, father of Margaret Nelson, former Superintendent of Schools, grandfather of Scott Medve, teacher and Cassie Medve-Racine, Curriculum Consultant at the Board, great-grandfather of Brandon & Justin Medve, and Kaden Medve-Racine, students.

3. ROLL CALL

Michael O’Keefe, Director of Education conducted the Roll Call of the Board of Trustees and established quorum for the Meeting.

Present: **Jim Canning – Board Chair**, Jacob Brodka, Clayton Ferguson, Justin Heran, Sergio Morales, Theresa Pinder, Connie Positano, and Diana Riffert.

Regrets: John Gris , Rick Maloney, Suzanne Youngs, and Lydia Reekie.

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

Recording: Belinda Marcellus and Susan Tesi.

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) St. Paul’s and St. Peter’s EQAO Recognition

Representatives from St. Paul’s Catholic School were present to receive congratulations from the Board of Trustees. As a result of their continued hard work and dedication to improving learning for all of their students, they were recently recognized with the coveted Garfield Weston Award for Excellence in Education. The award was presented to members of the St. Paul’s staff at the sixth annual dinner held on March 23, 2010 in Toronto. This award recognizes St. Paul’s as being among the top one per cent of schools in Ontario (out of more than 2,700 schools) whose overall academic rating has experienced the fastest, most consistent improvement over the last five years. It is a great achievement for any school to receive this kind of recognition and it speaks to the commitment of the staff, students and their families to work together to ensure our students succeed.

Congratulations go to Pattie Campbell, her staff, students and families in the St. Paul’s Catholic School community for this outstanding achievement.

Representatives from St. Peter’s Catholic Secondary School were congratulated by the Board of Trustees, for receiving the Dr. Bette Stephenson Recognition Award of Achievement, for its work in improving student outcomes. St. Peter’s was one of 20 secondary-school communities from across the province that were acknowledged by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) on February 16, 2010 with this highly prestigious award. They received the award at a special dinner and reception ceremony held in Toronto.

St. Peter's was recognized as one of the 20 schools across the province that has made effective use of EQAO data and evidence to enhance and support student achievement. In addition, St. Peter's has demonstrated leadership and efforts in helping every child succeed. Receiving this award demonstrates that our ongoing focus on improving student literacy at all levels and in all grades is successful.

Congratulations to Lonnie Bolton, Principal and the staff and students of St. Peter's for this great achievement.

2) World Religion, New Catholic Canadian Resource

Executive Superintendent of Programme and Services, Brian Beal, introduced Sherry Chapman, Coordinator of Religious Education & Chaplaincy Services, noting that with so many issues and conversations around Catholic education these days it would be appropriate to introduce the new World Religion course.

Sherry noted that with the second Vatican Council, some fifty years ago, dialogue began with other religions. The grade 11 World Religions course has been a key course in the secondary schools for a number of years. There have been a number of Canadian resources available, but none from a Catholic perspective. A new text will be released in September 2011. Sherry pointed out how the new text makes connections between the Catholic faith and other religions, and with the Board's Equity and Inclusion Strategy, Aboriginal Education Strategy and Student Success initiatives.

3) Budget 2009/10 and Projections for 2010/11

Associate Director of Education (Business & Finance) Peter Derochie provided an overview of the 2010-2011 Grants for Student Needs (GSN) which were announced by the Ministry of Education on March 25, 2010. Boards have not yet received working documents associated with this annual funding. Therefore, our Board is using the model from past years to plan. Once further information is received from the Ministry, staff will be better able to determine the budget implications.

Any negative impact will be compounded by declining enrolment and the carryover of a \$1 million deficit from 2009-2010. We have submitted a plan to the Ministry of Education outlining causes, adjustments and in-year adjustments, and planning to deal with this deficit. A response to the plan is expected from the Ministry this week.

8. ACTION ITEMS

1) Report 8.1) 06-2010: Georgian West Essa Base Borden Pupil Accommodation Review Staff Report

Controller of Plant Glenn Clarke provided a brief summary of the accommodation review process undertaken in the Georgian West Essa Base Borden area (involving Our Lady of Grace School, Angus; Prince of Peace School, Borden; and Our Lady of the Assumption School, New Lowell). The staff report presented proposed a public consultation prior to a decision by the Board in late June. Trustees discussed the

need for further dialogue with the three school communities that are impacted by the four options presented in the report. It was also noted that once a final decision is made, it is subject to Ministry of Education approval.

Recommendation: *That the Board approve the date of May 17, 2010 for receipt of the special Board Meeting for public input for the Georgian West Essa Base Borden Pupil Accommodation Review. This public input meeting will be held at Our Lady of Grace Catholic School in Angus.*

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

2) Report 8.2) 06-2010: Boundary Review for New St. Paul's Catholic School

Recommendation #01: *That the Board approve no boundary adjustment occur for the existing boundaries of HFA, SJA, FFX for the 2010/2011 school year.*

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

Recommendation #02: *That the Board approve no boundary adjustment occur for the existing boundaries of SPA for existing families for the 2010/2011 school year.*

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

Recommendation #03: *That the Board approve an adjustment between the existing SPA and MRO boundaries. The area outlined in Appendix C to be re-directed from SPA to MRO effective 2010/11 for new families only in the area. Existing families in the re-directed area that attend SPA would be grandfathered, with transportation, and based on no material impact on the costs to transportation.*

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

3) Report 8.3) 06-2010: School Year Calendar 2010/2011

Superintendent of Schools, Darren Schmidt, advised that every effort is made to align the elementary and secondary calendars with the coterminous boards. However, there is one anomaly with Trillium Lakelands DSB as they have applied

ii) **Minutes – Meeting #03 – Wednesday, April 7, 2010**

Recommendation BD.POL 03-2010:

That the Board approve of a new policy as follows:

LE-20: Anti-racism and Ethnocultural Equity:

“The Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board is committed to the principles of anti-racism and ethnocultural equity in all existing and new policies, goals, plans, practices and organizational structures. The Board is committed to the removal of systemic barriers and ensuring that the rights of all students and staff are addressed.”

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

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

1) Report 9.1) 06-2010: Early Learning Program Phase Two

Executive Superintendent of Programme and Services, Brian Beal advised that the schools submitted to the Ministry of Education for the first priority in September 2011 are: St. Monica’s with 2 classes; Monsignor J.E. Ronan with one class; Sacred Heart with one class; and Canadian Martyrs with two classes. Priority-two schools for 2011 include Our Lady of Grace, Father F. X. O’Reilly and St. Noel Chabanel schools.

2) Report 9.2) 05-2010: New Board Office Update

Associate Director Derochie provided an update on the status of land acquisition for the relocation of all three board office sites into one location. A formal plan has been submitted to Ministry of Education for approval. Property reviews are on-going. Staff will meet with City of Barrie planning staff next week. The business case is available in Peter Derochie’s office, should trustees wish to review the information.

3) Special Education Advisory Committee

i) Minutes – Meeting #01 – Wednesday, February 3, 2010

ii) Minutes – Meeting #02 – Wednesday, February 24, 2010

10. ROUTINE

1) Approval of Minutes

i) Board Meeting #05 – Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Agenda Deadline Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2010 4:30 p.m.

18. CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS OBTAINED TO ADJOURN AT 9: 22 P.M.

19. CLOSING PRAYER – Closing prayer was led by Student Trustee Sergio Morales.