

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

Meeting #12 – Wednesday, June 30, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was 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

The opening prayer “A Prayer for Canadians” was led by Trustee Justin Heran.

Remembrances for the Sick:

Elsie Beattie, mother of Clayton Ferguson.

Remembrances for the Deceased:

The late Catherine Furlong, mother of Susan Beekman, Teacher.

The late Vincenzo Mucci, father-in-law of Jackie Mucci, Teacher.

3. ROLL CALL

Michael O’Keefe, Director of Education, conducted the roll call of the Board of Trustees to establish quorum for the meeting.

Trustees: **Jim Canning – Board Chair**, Clayton Ferguson, Justin Heran, Rick Maloney, Sergio Morales, Theresa Pinder, Connie Positano, Diana Riffert

Regrets: Jacob Brodka, John Grisé

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

Delete Action Item #1. Photocopier Request for Proposal (RFP) Award

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
Nil.

8. **ACTION ITEMS**

- 1) **Report 8.1) 12-2010: Photocopier Request for Proposal (RFP) Award**
This item was deleted from the agenda.

2) **Board Policy Review Committee**

- i) **Minutes – Meeting #04 – Wednesday, June 16, 2010**

Recommendation BD.POL 05-2010:

That the Board approve that Policy EP-01: Admission to Elementary Schools be revised so that section (d) reads:

“(d) If the child is a sibling of a student who is already in attendance in an elementary school of the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board then the sibling, upon written request from the parent or guardian, and at the discretion of the Director, may also be admitted to the same school provided the sibling lives in the same household.”

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

Recommendation BD.POL 06-2010:

That the Board approve Policy LE-21 EQUITY AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION, as presented.

The Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board (the “Board”) recognizes that all people are created equal, in the image of God, each with inimitable characteristics deserving of dignity (Genesis: 1:27). In accordance with the Church’s teachings, it is the policy of the Board to provide in all its operations an educational environment which supports and enables diversity within its Catholic community.

The Board recognizes that any form of social or cultural discrimination is incompatible with Catholic moral principles and is in violation of the Ontario Human Rights Code. The Board recognizes that the school system gives pre-eminence to the tenets of the Catholic faith, congruent with the protection afforded in the Ontario *Human Rights Code*, the *Constitution Act, 1982* and confirmed in the *Canadian Charter of Rights*

and Freedoms.

The Board and its staff are committed to the elimination of discrimination as outlined in Ontario's Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy and the Ontario Ministry of Education (the "Ministry") Policy/Program Memorandum No. 119, in a manner which is consistent with the exercise of the Board's denominational rights under section 93 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* and as recognized at section 19 of the Ontario *Human Rights Code*.

The Board endorses the following statement concerning inclusion in our schools:

**Inclusion is about relationships and belonging.
Inclusion is about the attitudes that we have and
demonstrate through our actions towards each other.
Inclusion is the responsibility of everyone.
Inclusion is rooted in the Gospel.**

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

Recommendation BD.POL 07-2010:

That the Board approve that Policy Number GP-07 Purchasing be amended as follows:

"The Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board will perform its procurement activities in an ethical, cost efficient, accountable and transparent manner consistent with current guidelines for the public sector in Ontario. Reducing the Board's impact on the environment will be considered when goods and services are being procured."

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

Recommendation BD.POL 08-2010:

That the Board approve that Board Policy Learning Environment – Policy Number LE-10 Violence Free Environment be deleted and replaced by Professional Standards – Policy Number PS-12:

Violence Free Workplace

The Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board promotes and supports a violence free workplace on all premises and for all activities of

the Board. As a Catholic learning community, the Board is committed to providing a respectful, supportive, healthy and safe environment for all of its constituents, so they can learn and work together in a workplace free from violence and threats of violence. Any act of violence within the Board's jurisdiction is unacceptable and will be dealt with accordingly.

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

3) Report 8.3) 12-2010: 2010-2011 Budget

Recommendation: That the Board approve the 2010-11 Budget in the amount of \$237,766,826.

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

Trustees thanked staff for their hard work towards balancing the Board's budget.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

1) Report 9.1) 12-2010: Joint Venture Recycling Program

Trustees requested a report at a future meeting, about the percentage of waste that the Board is able to divert to recycling, and other initiatives, that reflect the Board's efforts in keeping with the gospel value of caring for God's green earth.

2) Report 9.2) 12-2010: 2009-2010 OSSLT Results

10. ROUTINE

1) Approval of Minutes

i) Board Meeting #09 – Wednesday, May 26, 2010

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

ii) Special Board Meeting #10 – Wednesday, June 9, 2010

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

iii) Board Meeting #11 – Wednesday, June 23, 2010

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

11. TRUSTEE ENQUIRIES

A request was made to reconvene the Board Office Accommodation Ad Hoc committee in September, in an effort to maintain the momentum and to continue looking at options.

12. ITEMS OF INTEREST

Trustee Rick Maloney reported on the connection St. Dominic Catholic Secondary School had to the G8/G20 Summits. Two students, David and Vinnie, worked with their teacher Marty Scarlett to build 22 miniature, to-scale, replica, cedar canoes. Under the veil of national secrecy, the students worked over 350 hours and then traveled to Toronto to attend the G20 spouses' breakfast, where they presented each G20 leaders' spouse with a canoe. At St. Dominic's graduation ceremony, the students each received one of their canoes in a leather case with a personal note from Laureen Harper, the Prime Minister's wife, as a memento of their hard work and that special event. They also received pictures of the G20 Summit Breakfast event from the Prime Minister's office. The Board will try to arrange an opportunity to recognize David and Vinnie's achievement in the Fall.

Student Trustee Sergio Morales reported on his attendance at the Board's Employee Recognition celebration on June 16th at the Southshore Community Centre. Sergio was honoured to present a certificate recognizing 30 years of service to his principal, Matt McCann.

Student Trustee Morales also reported on his attendance this month at two OSTA Executive meetings, where he holds the position of Catholic Student Trustee Vice-President. He will provide reports on the progress of OSTA throughout the year.

The trustees discussed their attendance at many graduation ceremonies over a two week period, noting that there are varying processes and protocols in place from school to school. Procedures and protocol for school graduations and other similar events will be discussed at the Board Policy Review Committee in the Fall.

Trustee Theresa Pinder advised that Jean Vanier Catholic High School would be celebrating their 25th anniversary on the weekend.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

1. *Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA):*
 - a) June 28, 2010 – Jane Ponte, Executive Assistant
Career Opportunity, Simcoe Muskoka CDSB Director of Education –
Secretary-Treasurer
 - b) June 28, 2010
Toonies for Tuition – October 5, 2010 Poster
 - c) June 29, 2010 – Mike McPhee, Labour Relations Coordinator
2010 OCSTA Labour Relations Seminar
 - d) June 29, 2010 – Mike McPhee, Labour Relations Coordinator
ETFO Filing with the Ontario Labour Board

- e) June 30, 2010 – Sharon McMillan, Coordinator Communications & Media Relations
Simcoe Muskoka CDSB High School Receives G8 Summit Honour
- f) June 30, 2010 - Sharon McMillan, Coordinator Communications & Media Relations
Catholic Schools Active in Community Construction Programs

14. MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 8, 2010	SEAC	5:30pm
Wednesday, September 8, 2010	BOARD MEETING #13 with Mass	7:30pm
Wednesday, September 15, 2010	BOARD POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE #5	7:30pm

16. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

NIL.

17. NEXT MEETING

Board Meeting #13	Wednesday, September 8, 2010	7:30 p.m.
Agenda Deadline Date:	Wednesday, September 1, 2010	4:30 p.m.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 pm.

19. CLOSING PRAYER

The Closing prayer was led by Trustee Diana Riffert.