

MINUTES

2013 INITIAL BOARD MEETING

MEETING #01 – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2012

1. MASS

Father Biju Kannampuzha presided over Mass in celebration of the Advent season and marking the beginning of the 2013 Board of Trustees' term, in the Board Room, 46 Alliance Boulevard, Barrie.

2. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by Director of Education, Brian Beal.

Present: Emily Cecchetti, Shawn Cooper, Carol Corriveau-Truchon, Clayton Ferguson, Maria Hardie, Catherine MacDonald, Connie Positano, Jeanny Salmon, Francis Smith

Resource: Brian Beal – Director of Education, Steve Charbonneau, Glenn Clarke, Peter Derochie, Jane Dillon-Leitch, Ab Falconi, Diane Legg, Mary Puopolo, Darren Schmidt

Recorder: Belinda Marcellus

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

3. OPENING REMARKS

1) Brian Beal, Director of Education, welcomed the Board of Trustees to a new term and commented that he looked forward to a tremendous year of service in Catholic education. He is honoured to work with the trustees as stewards of Catholic education. He highlighted three events from the past week that remind us of our faith: the death of a student at St. Joseph's Catholic High School and the subsequent support of the school community to bring the family together in grief, prayer and support; the Monsignor Clair Cup hockey tournament between the boys' and girls' teams from the three Barrie secondary schools, with 2500 of their fellow students in attendance to cheer them on with tremendous respect and school spirit; and the presentation at centre ice, to the three board office staff who facilitate the board-wide Christmas Cheer program every year, by the three secondary schools of a cheque for \$1,200 to support this year's families in need. Mr. Beal noted that these events reflect who we are as Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board and he will provide a more in-depth report at the next board meeting with the presentation of the 2011-2012 annual report.

4. ELECTIONS

Peter Derochie, Associate Director of Education (Business & Finance), and Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant, were identified as scrutineers for elections of the Board Chair and Vice-Chair, in the event that voting were to take place.

1) Election of Board Chair

Moved by: Trustee Maria Hardie

Seconded by: Trustee Shawn Cooper

That Trustee Clayton Ferguson be nominated for the position of 2013 Board Chair.

Trustee Ferguson accepted the nomination.

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Moved by: Trustee Francis Smith

Seconded by: Trustee Jeanny Salmon

That nominations for 2013 Board Chair be closed.

Carried.

Trustee Clayton Ferguson was declared 2013 Board Chair by acclamation.

2) Election of Board Vice-Chair

Moved by: Trustee Francis Smith

Seconded by: Trustee Carol Corriveau-Truchon

That Trustee Maria Hardie be nominated for the position of 2013 Board Vice-Chair.

Trustee Hardie accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

Trustee Maria Hardie was declared 2013 Board Vice-Chair by acclamation.

3) Transfer of Gavel

The 2013 Board Chair and Vice Chair took their respective places at the Board Table. Board Chair Clayton Ferguson accepted the gavel from Director of Education, Brian Beal.

4) Remarks

i) Board Chair:

Chair Ferguson talked about the past year being exciting with many challenges from many different directions; with many still unresolved. He looks forward to working with his fellow trustees to resolve those issues and the challenges in the year ahead. He reflected on the good news of the past year which included the signing of an education services agreement with the Beaulsoleil First Nation on Christian Island; the opening of new places to learn which indicates that Catholic education is here to stay. He will continue to work very hard to preserve and protect Catholic education.

ii) **Board Vice Chair:**

Vice-Chair Maria Hardie expressed her honour to accept a second term as Vice Chair, noting the first year was a learning curve. She will look forward to working with greater confidence, honesty and integrity. She expects a tough year ahead between contract negotiations and declining enrolment. Vice-Chair Hardie looks forward to working closely with her fellow trustees.

5) **Ballot Resolution**

Not required.

5. **ACTION ITEMS**

1) **Report 5. 1) 01-2013:**

Recommendation:

2013 Board & Committee Meeting Schedule

That the Board approve the 2013 Meeting Schedule for Board meetings, Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meetings, Board Policy Review Committee (BPR) meetings, Discipline Committee meetings, Audit Committee meetings, and Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Committee meetings, as presented.

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

2) **Trustee Honorarium – Allowance for Expenses**

Recommendation:

Consensus of the Board of Trustees is required regarding one-third (1/3) of the monthly honorarium for trustees being deemed to be an allowance for expenses incidental to the discharge of their duties.

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

3) **Report 5. 3) 01-2013:**

Recommendation:

2013 Bank Borrowing Resolution

That the Board approve the Borrowing Resolution for signing and sealing by the Chair of the Board and the Secretary of the Board.

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

4) **Report 5. 4) 01-2013:**

Recommendation #01:

SEAC Nominations (Hutchison & Sanders)

That the Board approve the appointment of Heather Hutchison to become the Primary Representative for Autism Ontario ~ Simcoe County to the Special Education Advisory Committee, effective January 16, 2013.

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

Recommendation #02:

That the Board approve the appointment of Theresa Sanders to become the Primary Representative for Easter Seals, Ontario to the Special Education Advisory Committee, effective January 16, 2013.

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

5) **Other Business**

None.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

1) REPORT 6. 1) 01-2013 2013 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Trustees received the report for information and will advise the Chair of their preferences, so that appointments can be made at the next board meeting.

7. PRIVATE SESSION

8. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Board of Trustees ratified the tentative collective agreement reached on November 26, 2012 with the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association – Simcoe Muskoka Occasional Teachers local bargaining unit, for the period September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2014 and direct staff to forward the agreement to the Minister of Education for approval.

9. NEXT MEETING

Board Meeting #02:	Wednesday, December 12 th , 2012	7:30 p.m.
Agenda Deadline Date:	Wednesday, December 5 th , 2012	4:30 p.m.

Chair Ferguson advised that there may be a need for a special Board meeting and asked trustees to keep Wednesday, December 19th open in their calendars.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Consensus of the Board of Trustees is required to adjourn the Meeting at 8:50 p.m.

11. CLOSING PRAYER

Trustee Connie Positano led the closing prayer with the following special intentions:

For the Sick:

Anne Desroches
Linda Graham

For the Deceased:

The late Dorothy Clark
The late Mary Blanchard
The late Paige Doucette
The late Tina Espey
The late Marie-Thérèse Bertrand