

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

Meeting #02 – Wednesday, December 12, 2012

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Clayton Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m., in the Board Room, Catholic Education Centre, 46 Alliance Boulevard, Barrie.

2. **OPENING PRAYER / REFLECTION**

Trustees Catherine MacDonald and Francis Smith led the opening prayer and reflection with remembrances for the follow special intentions:

For the sick:

Linda Graham

For the deceased:

The Late **Anne Desroches**

The Late **Father Jack Costello**

The Late **Doreen Disharoon**

The Late **Eileen Marie Saginario**

The Late **Maria Bohdanowicz**

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, Shawn Cooper, Carol Corriveau-Truchon, Maria Hardie, Catherine MacDonald, Jeanny Salmon, Francis Smith

Regrets: Emily Cecchetti, Connie Positano

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

Regrets: Glenn Clarke

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**

None.

6. **PRESENTATIONS**

Living Our Faith – Head, Heart and Hands

1) **Board Christmas Card**

Trustees received the Board Christmas Card which was designed by grade 11 student Logo Warille, a student at St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School. The student and his family will be invited to the January board meeting to celebrate his faith-filled achievement.

2) **2011-2012 Annual Report**

Trustees received a copy of the Board's 2011-2012 Annual Report, which is required to be submitted and approved by the Ministry of Education; and subsequently posted to the Board website by the end of January 2013. Hard copies will also be made available at schools and parishes. Brian Beal, Director of Education highlighted accomplishments of the past year including: the dignity with which the school board brought Guardian Angels Catholic School to closure after existing since 1887. Students joined the Monsignor Lee Catholic School community at a temporary site while a new building was constructed. In the fall of 2011, all of the students of the newly built Monsignor Lee Catholic School community made a pilgrimage to their new school, along with staff, parents, trustees and community members. Last school year, trustees made a decision to amalgamate three schools into a reconstructed Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, thus leading the way for closure of the Prince of Peace and Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic school buildings; which will occur in 2013. The annual report also provides examples of commitment to authentic relationships, literacy and numeracy, student engagement, and faith development.

Mr. Beal concluded by highlighting recent events which focused on building Catholic community. These included the 3,000 students from three Barrie Catholic secondary schools who came together to respectfully cheer on their hockey teams alongside staff for the Monsignor Clair Cup; the 200 people who were served lunch by students at St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School yesterday, the family supported by St. Joseph's Catholic High School following the loss of a student; and welcoming almost 1100 kindergarten children to begin their 14 year Catholic education journey, while 1800 high school students across the board graduated and moved on to begin their new lives.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chair Ferguson expressed appreciation for the Director of Education's faithful and thoughtful leadership which has guided the Board through many and varied challenges. Through his inspiration and passion for Catholic education, Simcoe Muskoka Catholic staff continue to create extraordinary new learning initiatives which have resulted in outstanding achievements by the students; and selfless contributions by the entire Catholic learning community to their local and global neighbours.

7. ACTION ITEMS

1) Report 7. 1) 02-2013: 2013 Committee Appointments

A report from Board Chair Clayton Ferguson indicated the committees to which trustees were appointed, based on their requests and preferences. Chair Ferguson noted that in some cases there are more trustees appointed to a committee than are required, and that is to accommodate all of trustees' requests.

Chair Ferguson thanked his fellow trustees for their sincere interest in the committees for which they had requested to serve. He commented that it was a good sign to know that trustees were eager to continue the work they had begun. Trustees had commented to the Chair that they enjoyed working with fellow trustees, staff and community representatives on their respective committees.

2) Report 7. 2) 02-2013: SEAC Membership 2013

Recommendation: That the Board approve the 2013 Membership for the Special Education Advisory Committee as presented, effective immediately.

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

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

1) Report 8. 1) 02-2013: Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) 2012-2013

Brian Beal, Director of Education, provided a report to outline the board-wide representation of parents on the Board's Parent Involvement Committee. All areas are represented with one vacancy for the Orillia community, which will be promoted. The Board will receive minutes of the PIC. In response to an inquiry, it was noted that representation on the PIC is by community of schools associated with each secondary school. For example, Innisfil is represented by the southeast Barrie community of schools.

Chair Ferguson suggested that this will be a productive year for the Parent Involvement Committee, as he found out firsthand, from serving on PIC for a number of years. On behalf of the Board of Trustees he conveyed appreciation to the PIC members who have enthusiastically embraced the mandate of PIC.

2) Report 8. 2) 02-2013: Student Trustee Appointment

The student senate elected a new student trustee from four enthusiastic Catholic candidates. The new student trustee, Kyle Young, will be sworn in at his first meeting on January 16, 2013.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chair Ferguson indicated that they look forward to welcoming Kyle to the board table at the January 16th meeting when he will be sworn in as student trustee-elect, be appointed to board committees, and have a trustee mentor appointed to assist him in his transition to this important role as the voice of secondary school students across Simcoe County and the districts of Muskoka and Parry Sound.

9. ROUTINE

1) Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings

- i) Minutes – Meeting #24 – Wednesday, November 28, 2012**
Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the Minutes.

- ii) Minutes – Meeting #01 – Wednesday, December 5, 2012**
Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the Minutes.

10. TRUSTEE ENQUIRIES

Trustee Carol Corriveau-Truchon was pleased to see that the OCSTA campaign Faith In Our Future is featured on the Board’s website.

11. ITEMS OF INTEREST

Chair Ferguson advised of a letter he received from the Deputy Minister of Education advising boards that the Ministry would not be pursuing school board amalgamations and encourages school boards to pursue cost-saving solutions of their own initiative.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Trustees received a list of correspondence.

13. MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 18, 2012	Discipline Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 19, 2012	Placeholder for possible special board meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 16, 2013	SEAC	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 16, 2013	Board Meeting #03	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 22, 2013	Discipline Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 23, 2013	Supervised Alternative Learning	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 23, 2013	Board Policy Review Committee	7:00 p.m.

14. PRIVATE SESSION

15. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Board of Trustees ratified the tentative collective agreement reached on December 10, 2012 with the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association – Simcoe Muskoka Secondary Teachers local bargaining unit, for the period September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2014 and directed staff to forward the agreement to the Minister of Education for approval.

16. NEXT MEETING

Board Meeting #03:	Wednesday, January 16, 2013	7:30p.m.
Agenda Deadline Date:	Wednesday, January 09, 2013	4:30p.m.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:36 pm.

18. CLOSING PRAYER

Trustee Carol Corriveau-Truchon led the closing prayer.

Clayton Ferguson, Board Chair