

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

Meeting #13 – Wednesday, September 8, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order, by Jim Canning, Board Chair, at 7:40 pm, in the Board Room at the Catholic Education Centre, 46 Alliance Boulevard, Barrie.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Everyone participated in a Liturgy of the Word service.

Remembrances for the Deceased:

The Late **Jonathan Reddy**, student at Monsignor Clair Catholic School, Barrie.

The Late **Lina Spataro**, mother of Joanne Pontieri, custodian.

The Late **Danny Giasson**, brother-in-law of Cindy Giasson, Office Administrator.

The Late **Murray Pace**, father-in-law of Richard Gallant, consultant and grandfather to Conor, Jonah, Michael and Simon, students.

The Late **Esther Lee VanHamme-Blevins**, mother of Olivia and Evelyn, students.

The Late **Kate Gleason**, mother of Jessica, student and Tom, graduate.

The Late **Mary Chambers**, mother of Sherry Gouglas, secretary.

The Late **Sapper Brian Collier**, former student and the 151st Canadian soldier to be killed in Afghanistan.

The Late **Alexis Butt**, mother of Meghan, student.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Present: **James Canning – Board Chair**, Clayton Ferguson, John Grisé (teleconference), Justin Heran, Rick Maloney, Sergio Morales, Theresa Pinder, Connie Positano, Lydia Reekie, Diana Riffert, Suzanne Youngs

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

Chair Jim Canning welcomed Trustees and staff back as we begin the 2010-2011 school year.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the meeting agenda, with the addition of Action Item 8.3 Special Motion to Ensure Board Authorized in an Election Period.

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) Summer Plant Projects

Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant, provided a power point presentation of the various summer projects undertaken this summer, including: completion of the new St. Paul's replacement school in Alliston; the addition and renovations to Father F. X. O'Reilly School in Tottenham; addition and renovations to St. Joan of Arc in Barrie; addition and renovations to St. Peter's in Barrie; demolition of St. Bernard's in Orillia; set up of the former David Church School site to house St. Bernard's students until the replacement school is completed; work began on the design for Monsignor Lee replacement school. Energy efficiency upgrades and projects were completed at several schools including: new roofs at three schools; installation of wind turbines at five of the Board's schools, and T5 lighting installations at various schools.

Chair Canning thanked Mr. Clarke and staff for all of their hard work to have the schools sites ready for students.

8. ACTION ITEMS

1) **Report 8.1) 13-2010: Maturity of OSBFC Sinking Fund Debenture Series 2000-A2 and New Debenture By-law with the Ontario Financing Authority**

Recommendation: That the Board approve By-law 4202-10 as presented.

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

2) **Report 8.2) 13-2010: Photocopier Request for Proposal Tender Award**

There have been some developments that require consultation and discussion.

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained to postpone the report to the next meeting.

3) **Report 8.3) 13-2010: Special Motion to Ensure Board Authorized in an Election Period**

Recommendation: **WHEREAS** the 10th day of September 2010 is Nomination Day for candidates seeking election as Trustees of the Board, the 25th day of October 2010 is Election Day, and the 1st day of December 2010 is the date of the Inaugural Meeting of the Board at which the persons elected on Election Day take office as Trustees

of the Board;

AND WHEREAS there are a number of regular business matters that have been commenced prior to the date hereof, are currently in progress, and must be continued (and perhaps concluded) between Nomination Day and the date of the Inaugural Meeting, including in particular:

the process for the selection of an appropriate candidate for appointment as the Director of Education, Secretary-Treasurer, which process commenced upon receipt in May 2010 of notice that the current incumbent intended to retire at the end of 2010;

the processes for the calling of tenders for services required by the Board for its ongoing operations, which processes commenced several months ago and which have deadlines prior to the date of the Inaugural Meeting;

the processes for the calling of tenders for capital construction of facilities required by the Board for its ongoing operations, which processes commenced many months ago and which have deadlines prior to the date of the Inaugural Meeting;

AND WHEREAS, notwithstanding any practice or convention, it is necessary for the ongoing business of the Board to continue (and concluded if necessary) between Nomination Day and the date of the Inaugural Meeting;

On motion duly made, seconded and (unanimously) carried, it was:

RESOLVED that the Board continue, and if appropriate, conclude all regular business of the Board through until the date of the Inaugural Meeting, including but not limited to the selection of a new Director of Education, Secretary-Treasurer, to take office upon the retirement of the present incumbent; and the awarding of tenders

whose deadlines occur prior to the date of the Inaugural Meeting.

Dated this 8th day of September 2010.

Amended Recommendation:

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Dated this 8th day of September 2010.

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the Recommendation, as amended.

The recommendation is approved without any limitations on the authority of the Board, and specifically out of precaution lest there be a limitation in the authority of the Board to conduct business as usual.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

1) Special Education Advisory Committee

i) Minutes – Meeting #05 – Wednesday, May 26, 2010

10. ROUTINE

1) Approval of Minutes

i) Board Meeting #12 – Wednesday, June 30, 2010

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

11. TRUSTEE ENQUIRIES

1) Swim to Survive

Due to the increase in drowning deaths in the province, including two persons in the Huntsville area recently, it was suggested that the Board consider offering the *Swim to Survive* program to grade three students in areas where there is access to a public swimming pool. The program is run by the Life Saving Society of Canada and there is grant funds available. This matter was referred to staff to conduct research, investigate the feasibility, and report back to the Board.

2) Student Artwork Display at Board Office

Some trustees will recall the student artwork display in Welland last year during the regional meetings. There had been discussion of reintroducing student artwork displays at the Board Office, especially in regards to a new board office facility. This was referred to staff for consideration.

3) Board Meeting at St. Paul's School, Alliston

With the completion of construction of the St. Paul's replacement school, it was suggested that a Board meeting be held at the school prior to the end of the current Board's term of office. This was referred to staff to coordinate, as trustees were in agreement with the extra travel.

12. ITEMS OF INTEREST

- 1) **Trustee Candidate Information Session – Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., Board Room, 46 Alliance Boulevard, Barrie.**

13. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA):

- a) July 6, 2010 – Mike McPhee, Coordinator Labour Relations, OCSTA
Implementation Guide – Provincial Discussion Table _PDT) Agreements Involving School Board Associations and unions for Early Childhood Educators (ECEs)
- b) July 7, 2010 – Mike McPhee, Coordinator Labour Relations, OCSTA
OCSTA's response to the labour board
- c) July 8, 2010 – Kevin Kobus, Executive Director, OCSTA
Recognition of Denominational Rights in relation to the Early Childhood Educators (ECEs)
- d) July 21, 2010 – Carol Devine, Director, Legislative and Political Affairs
Minister of Finance Meeting with Public Sector Partners on Compensation
- e) July 22, 2010 – Mike McPhee, Coordinator Labour Relations, OCSTA
Recent Labour Relations Developments
- f) July 22, 2010 – Marino Bazzola, Vice-President, OCSTA
Letter to The Right Honourable Stephen Harper
- g) July 26, 2010 – Sharon McMillan, Coordinator Communications & Media Relations
OCSTA Newswire – July 26, 2010
- h) July 29, 2010 – Mike McPhee, Coordinator Labour Relations, OCSTA
Update: Labour Board Mediation, July 26, 2010
- i) August 5, 2010 – Kevin Kobus, Executive Director, OCSTA
Brant Haldimand Norfolk CDSB – Trusteeship
- j) August 10, 2010 – Carol Devine, Director – Legislative & Political Affairs
Public Sector Compensation Restraint & Trustee Honorarium
- k) August 11, 2010 – Carol Devine, Director, Legislative and Political Affairs
Updates of Copyright Issues
- l) August 17, 2010 – Jane Ponte, Executive Assistant, OCSTA
Draft Agenda and Registration Form for Fall Regional Meetings
- m) August 19, 2010 – Carol Devine, Director, Legislative and Political Affairs

Request for Information and Funding Issues

- n) August 26, 2010 – Sharon McMillan, Coordinator Communications & Media Relations
Conflict of Interest – OCSTA President’s Comment in the Media
- o) August 31, 2010 – Mike McPhee, Co-ordinator, Labour Relations, OCSTA
Update – Restraint Discussions
- p) September 3, 2010 – Kevin Kobus, Executive Director, OCSTA
Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy – Key Messaging
- q) September 7, 2010 – Sharon McMillan, Co-ordinator, Labour Relations, OCSTA
OCSTA President’s Welcome Video message and Good News in Catholic Schools – Niagara CDSB Faith Day
- r) September 8, 2010 – Sharon McMillan, Co-ordinator, Labour Relations, OCSTA
One School System Rally planned – Royal York Hotel, September 13, 2010
- s) September 8, 2010 – Carol Devine, Director, Legislative and Political Affairs
School Board Administration and Governance Grant

2. July 2010 – Ontario Education Services Corporation
ConnectEd: A Newsletter for Ontario’s School Boards

3. June 30, 2010 – Colleen Genno, Monsignor Lee Catholic School Parent
Potential Danger from Schools’ Microwave WiFi transmitters and accompanying petition to remove WiFi from Monsignor Lee Catholic School, with eleven parent signatures.
This letter and petition was referred to staff to acknowledge receipt and to provide petitioners with information about current practice.

14. MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 15, 2010 AD HOC BOARD OFFICE COMMITTEE	6:30pm
Wednesday, September 15, 2010 BOARD POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE #5	7:30pm
Wednesday, September 29, 2010 BOARD MEETING #14 with Mass	7:30pm

15. PRIVATE SESSION

1) Move into Private Session – Contract, Personnel, Legal or Property Matters

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained to move into Private Session to consider Contract, Personnel, Legal, or Property Matters at 9:35 p.m.

7) Rise from Private Session

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained to rise from Private Session at 10:43 pm.

16. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Nil.

17. NEXT MEETING

Board Meeting #14

Wednesday, September 29, 2010 7:30 p.m.

Agenda Deadline Date:

Wednesday, September 22, 2010 4:30 p.m.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained to adjourn the meeting 10:45 p.m.

19. CLOSING PRAYER

The Closing prayer was led by Trustee Clayton Ferguson.