

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

Meeting #09 – Wednesday, May 26, 2010

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **OPENING PRAYER** – Trustee Rick Maloney led the opening prayer.

Remembrances for the Deceased:

- The late **Ken Mead**, brother-in-law of Jennifer Harvey, EA.
- The late **Mary Wanless**, EA and sister-in-law to Maryanne Franssen, EA.
- The late **Father Tom Day** of St Theresa's Catholic School community and St. Florence parish in Thunder Beach.
- The late **Jim Colridge Ramage**, father of Janice Ramage, Human Resources Generalist.

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: **Jim Canning – Board Chair**, Jacob Brodka, Clayton Ferguson, John Grisé, Rick Maloney, Sergio Morales, Theresa Pinder. Connie Positano, Lydia Reekie, Diana Riffert.

Regrets: Justin Heran

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.

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**

- 1) Phil DeBruyne, a parent and former student of the Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School community in New Lowell talked to trustees about the upcoming 50th anniversary celebrations that the school is planning for July 1-3, 2011.



7. **PRESENTATIONS**

Celebrating God's Gift of Life and the Wonder of Life in our Community

1) **MISA Initiatives**

Steve Charbonneau, Assistant to the Superintendents of Schools, Brian McKenzie, Principal of Guardian Angels Catholic School in Orillia, and Jeff Cole, Researcher, provided trustees with an overview of this year's ongoing MISA Action Research projects and the Compass for Success Reporting Tool.

2) **Grade 7-8 Literacy/Numeracy Journey – Programme Staff**

Richard Gallant, Secondary Curriculum Consultant working on math initiatives, spoke to trustees about the many strategies that are being used in the classroom to engage students in learning math.

3) **Job-Embedded Professional Learning - Michele Litster**

Secondary Curriculum Consultant Michele Litster's presentation was about the success she has experienced while working directly with teachers and students at St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School in Barrie.

8. **ACTION ITEMS**

1) **Report 8.1) 09-2010: St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School –Tender Award**

Recommendation: That the Board authorize the Director of Education to award the construction of the addition and renovations to St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School subject to the approved budget and recommendation from the project Architect.

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was not obtained for approval of the recommendation.

Board Procedural Bylaw 9:08, indicates that when consensus is not obtained on a recommendation, that the Chair call for a mover and seconder for the motion. Trustee John Gris  moved the motion but there was no seconder.

2) **Report 8.2) 09-2010: St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School –Tender Award**

Recommendation: That the Board award the construction of the addition and renovations to St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School to Bertram Construction & Design Ltd. at the tendered price of \$4,381,600 subject to municipal approvals.

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

3) Report 8.3) 09-2010: Father F. X. O'Reilly School – Tender Award

Recommendation: *That the Board authorize staff to award the construction of the addition and renovations to Father F.X. O'Reilly Catholic School subject to Ministry approvals, Municipal approvals and a recommended tender result within the allocated Ministry and Educational Development Charges Funding.*

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was not obtained for approval of the Recommendation.

Board Procedural Bylaw 9:08, indicates that when consensus is not obtained on a recommendation, that the Chair call for a mover and seconder for the motion. There was no mover and seconder. The Chair advised that there would be no further action on the matter to delegate authority on the awarding of this contract.

4) Board Policy Review Committee

i) Minutes – Meeting #04 – Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Recommendation BD.POL 04-2010:

That 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, shall also be admitted to the same school, provided the sibling lives in the same household.”

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was not obtained for approval of the Recommendation.

Board Procedural Bylaw 9:08, indicates that when consensus is not obtained on a recommendation, that the Chair call for a mover and seconder for the motion. Trustee Connie Positano moved the motion but there was no seconder. The Chair advised that the policy would return to Board Policy Review Committee for further study.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

1) Report 9.1) 09-2010: Georgian West Essa Base Borden Pupil Accommodation Review Staff Report

The report provided by Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant, addressed responses by staff to the eight items raised by the delegations that presented at a special board meeting on May 17, 2010, which were: uphold faith of Clearview Township; the history of Our

Lady of the Assumption School; the unique situation of families on Base Borden; military parent perspective; transportation to Prince of Peace School; schools located on Canadian Forces bases across Canada; advantages of a small school with a student perspective; and Prince of Peace healthy lifestyle opportunities and relationship with St. Joseph's Chapel.

On June 23rd, staff will bring a final report with recommendations to the Board.

- 2) **Report 9.2) 09-2010: Plant Department Projects – Summer 2010**
The report provided an overview of the Plant department projects that are underway or planned for implementation during the summer 2010. The work is listed under the categories of major and minor capital projects, with funding for the minor projects being provided from the School Renewal, Good Places to Learn, or Energy allocations from the Ministry of Education.

Trustee Diana Riffert left the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

- 3) **Report 9.3) 09-2010: Community Use Agreement Update – Town of Penetanguishene**

The relationship between the Town of Penetanguishene and Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board has been good. In terminating this agreement the Town recognizes the opportunity to streamline the process for future community use of our schools through the Board's existing Use of Facilities process.

- 4) **Report 9.4) 09-2010: 2010-2011 Budget Update**

Associate Director of Education, (Business & Finance) Peter Derochie, provided an overview of progress on budget deliberations to date. There have also been public reports at February 24 and April 14 Board meetings.

Trustees discussed what actions could be taken (such as working with the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association) to bring funding shortfalls to the forefront with the Ministry of Education and stakeholders.

- 5) **Special Education Advisory Committee**
i) **Minutes – Meeting #03 – Wednesday, March 24, 2010**
The minutes were received.

10. **ROUTINE**

- 1) **Approval of Minutes**
i) **Board Meeting #06 – Wednesday, April 14, 2010**

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

- ii) **Special Board Meeting #08 – Monday, May 17, 2010**

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

11. TRUSTEE ENQUIRIES

Trustee Rick Maloney requested a timeline for the removal of sand from the Bracebridge school parking lots and grounds.

12. ITEMS OF INTEREST

Trustee John Gris  noted that criticism in the local newspaper about St. Theresa’s Catholic High School performing Jesus Christ Superstar was unjustified and that he found the production to be an uplifting experience.

Trustee Rick Maloney expressed thanks and gratitude to St Peter the Apostle Catholic School, in Parry Sound, for the open and positive discussion held on May 25th, about the transition of becoming part of Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board. He noted that while 90% are supportive of the transition, he is confident that all stakeholders in Parry Sound are willing to continue the transition in a cooperative and positive way.

Student Trustee, Jacob Brodka reported on his attendance at the Ontario Student Trustees’ Association (OSTA) annual general meeting in Toronto. Jacob noted that financial literacy was the focus this year. He chaired the Incorporation Committee and researched and presented a report to the membership on incorporating the Association. It is expected that over the next few months the incorporation process will be completed. Jacob also announced that Student-elect Trustee Sergio Morales was elected Catholic Vice Chair of OSTA and he presented Sergio with a congratulatory gift.

Student-elect Trustee, Sergio Morales reported on his attendance at the Ontario Student Trustees’ Association (OSTA) annual general meeting in Toronto. He advised that Student Trustee Jacob Brodka served on the OSTA executive as Director of Operations this past year and that Jacob worked on a Student Trustee Handbook that was published for student trustees across the province, as well, he wrote several articles for *Our Voice*, a student magazine. Sergio announced that Jacob Brodka has been elected Student Council President at St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School for the 2010-2011 school year.

Chair Canning passed along best wishes on behalf of the Board to both student trustees in their new student leadership roles.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) *2010 Graduation Ceremonies (enclosed)*
It was noted the Monsignor Michael O’Leary’s graduation date should read June 28, 2010.

- 2) *Ontario Catholic School Trustees’ Association (OCSTA):*
 - a) April 8, 2010 – John Stunt, Executive Director:
Early Learning Program Update

 - b) April 19, 2010 – John Stunt, Executive Director:
Public Sector Compensation Restraint to Protect Public Services Act, 2010

 - c) April 19, 2010 – Carol Devine, Director, Legislative and Political Affairs:
Update – Bill 242 – Full Day Early Learning Statute Law Amendment Act, 2010

- d) April 20, 2010 – John Stunt, Executive Director:
Equity and Inclusion Template – Revision
- e) April 22, 2010 – Sharon McMillan, Coordinator, Communications and Media Relations:
Curriculum Messaging
- f) April 26, 2010 - Carol Devine, Legislative and Political Affairs:
Public Hearings on Bill 16 – 2010 Budget Measures Act Including the Public Sector Compensation Restraint Act
- g) April 27, 2010 – Carol Devine, Legislative and Political Affairs:
Separate School Assessment – Information for Ratepayers
- h) April 28, 2010 – Sharon McMillan, Coordinator, Communications and Media Relations:
OCSTA Joint Statement re: Health and Physical Education Curriculum Review
- i) April 29, 2010 – Pam Denobrega:
News clippings: Ontario’s Health and Physical Education Curriculum
- j) May 5, 2010 - Carol Devine, Legislative and Political Affairs:
Survey – Tri-Ministry Project to Review the Provision of School health Support Services
- k) May 6, 2010 - Sharon McMillan, Coordinator, Communications and Media Relations:
News Release: Outstanding Leadership and Dedication to Catholic Education Acknowledged at Group’s Annual Awards Event
- l) May 6, 2010 - Sharon McMillan, Coordinator, Communications and Media Relations:
FACE brochure
- m) May 7, 2010 – Jane Ponte, Executive Assistant:
OCSTA Fall Regional Meetings
- n) May 11, 2010 - Carol Devine, Legislative and Political Affairs:
Catholic School Boards’ Early Learning Leaders
- o) May 13, 2010 - Carol Devine, Legislative and Political Affairs:
How School Boards are Funded

3. *April 2010 - Keel Cottrelle Barristers & Solicitors:*
Human Resources Newsletter

4. *Central Committee for Catholic School Community Councils*

Parent Symposium: Making Connections (enclosed)

14. MEETING SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 29, 2010 Parent Symposium – St. Peter’s C.S.S.	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, June 16, 2010 Employee Recognition Celebration	5:00 pm
Wednesday, June 16, 2010 Board Policy Review Committee #05	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 23, 2010 Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting #06	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 23, 2010 BOARD MEETING #10 with Mass	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 30, 2010 BOARD MEETING #11	7.30 p.m.

A point of order was called regarding Board Procedural Bylaw 9:06, that the Board shall adjourn at 10:30 p.m. unless majority consent is obtained to continue beyond that hour.

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained to extend the meeting by 30 minutes to 11:00 p.m.

16. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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17. NEXT MEETING

Board Meeting #10 with Mass	Wednesday, June 23, 2010	7:30 p.m.
Agenda Deadline Date:	Wednesday, June 16, 2010	4:30 p.m.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 p.m.

19. CLOSING PRAYER – Closing prayer will be led by Trustee Theresa Pinder.