

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

Meeting #08 – Wednesday, March 23, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m., in the Board Room, Catholic Education Centre, 46 Alliance Boulevard, Barrie.

2. OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer “Lenten Prayer” was led by Trustee Connie Positano.

REMEMBRANCES FOR THE DECEASED:

- the late **David Latour**, uncle of Mark Latour, chief custodian, Mirella Latour, teacher, Loretta Beausoleil, custodian, and great uncle of Ryan Latour, student.
- the late **Shirley Leibovitch**, mother-in-law of Annette Leibovitch, speech language assistant.
- the late **Imma Gilchrist**, educational assistant with the Board.
- the late **Frank Laciak**, father-in-law of Christine Laciak, D.E.C.E.
- the late **Teresa Fabbricino**, mother of Christina Healy, teacher, mother-in-law of Leo Healy, teacher and grandmother of Madelyn and Nathan, students.
- the late **Don McMillan**, father of James McMillan, ICT, and father-in-law of Mary Jane McMillan, teacher.
- the late **Katarina Poretta**, former student.
- the late **Joe Romanow**, father of John Romanow, retired teacher.
- the late **Paul Stein**, father of Dorit McKenna, retired staff member.

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 – Chair, Jessica Bews, Shawn Cooper, Carol Corriveau-Truchon, Maria Hardie, Catherine MacDonald, Sergio Morales, Connie Positano, Jeanny Salmon (by telephone)

Regrets: Francis Smith

Resource: Brian Beal – Director of Education, Glenn Clarke, Delio Di Giovanni, Peter Derochie, Jane Dillon-Leitch, Mary Puopolo, Darren Schmidt, Enda Soostar

Regrets: Diane Legg

Resource: Belinda Marcellus

4. **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Due to the inclement weather Presentation #1, Monsignor Lee Catholic Elementary School Construction Plans was deferred to the April 13th Board meeting.

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

5. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil.

6. **PRESENTATIONS**

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

1) **International Testing within Simcoe Muskoka Catholic DSB**

Jeff Cole, Research Consultant with the board, presented information on the various national and international test in which our elementary and secondary students participate. The board participates for the following reasons:

- helps establish a context for board and provincial assessment data
- assists in setting educational priorities and is valuable for improvement planning
- measures Ontario students' achievement against national and international benchmarks
- participation is mandatory but schools and students are randomly selected for participation (usually selected by Statistics Canada)

2) **Update on Programme & Services Initiatives Part 3**

Director of Education, Brian Beal, presented the third part of the update on programme and services initiatives, which focused on technology updates and Ministry of Education initiatives.

3) **Budget Update**

Peter Derochie, Associate Director of Education (Business & Finance) presented budget information earlier in the evening to the Special Education Advisory Council. The presentation contained updated information from the last budget information that was provided to trustees at the March 8th Special Board meeting. Therefore, the updates were presented to the Board. The GSN's will be announced on March 31st and a further update will be provided at the April 13th Board meeting.

7. **ACTION ITEMS**

1) **Report 7. 1) 08-2011: Monsignor Lee Catholic Elementary School Project**

This was deferred to the April 13th meeting as the guests were unable to attend due to inclement weather.

- 2) **Board Policy Review Committee**
i) **Minutes - Meeting #01 – Wednesday, January 12, 2011**

Recommendation: That the Board approve of Policy Number LE-18 Voluntary Self-Identification Policy for First Nation, Métis and Inuit Students, as revised.

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

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 1) **Report 8.1) 08-2011: First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework and Resources**

Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools and Linda McGregor, Manager of First Nation, Métis and Inuit Initiatives, will provide a presentation to trustees at the April 13th Board meeting. Trustees were provided with several resources to peruse in preparation for the presentation.

- 2) **Report 8.2) 08-2011: Appointment of Ad Hoc Joint Task Force Committee**
Trustees Maria Hardie, Catherine MacDonald and Francis Smith were appointed to the Ad hoc Joint Task Force Committee. Dates for meetings will be set in consultation with the Simcoe County District School Board's Joint Task Force Ad Hoc committee.

- 3) **Special Education Advisory Committee**
i) **Minutes – Meeting #01 – Wednesday, January 12, 2011**

9. **ROUTINE**

- 1) **Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings**
i) **Minutes – Meeting #06 – Wednesday, February 23, 2011**
Approval of the minutes was deferred to the April 13th meeting, pending clarification of committee appointments.
ii) **Minutes – Meeting #07 – Tuesday, March 08, 2011**
Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the Minutes.

10. **TRUSTEE ENQUIRIES**

- Trustees will be provided with the enrolments for their respective schools, as requested.
- Clarification was provided that a Muskoka Retention Strategy Committee has begun to meet, and that an overall Retention Strategy Committee has been struck.

11. **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

Trustee Carol Corriveau-Truchon invited trustees to attend a Parent Symposium being hosted by the Muskoka community of schools at St. Dominic Catholic Secondary School on Thursday, April 7th. Brian Beal, Director of Education, will be the keynote speaker and then fourteen

workshops will be offered by board, school and community agency staffs. Further information will be sent to trustees by email.

Student Trustee Sergio Morales reported on the initiative of the grade 12 students at St. Joseph's Catholic High School to raise awareness and funds for ShareLife. It is hoped this will become a tradition for the grade 12 class every year. Activities will include a pilgrimage and other events.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Trustees were provided with a copy of the OCSTA Resolutions documents, which will be discussed further at the April 13th Board Meeting.

- 1) Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA)
 - i) February 24, 2011 – Carol Devine, Director, Legislative and Political Affairs
Private Member's Bill regarding a partial return to local taxation
 - ii) February 29, 2011 – Sharon McMillan, Coordinator – Communications & Media Relations
“Good News” story – Halton CDSB
 - iii) March 1, 2011 – Sharon McMillan, Coordinator – Communications & Media Relations
OCSTA newsletter, The Newswire
 - iv) March 3, 2011 – Sharon McMillan, Coordinator – Communications & Media Relations
OCSTA monthly Communication Packets for CDSBs
 - v) March 4, 2011 – Carol Devine, Director, legislative and Political Affairs
Final Decision in Peter Jones Case
 - vi) March 4, 2011 – Sharon McMillan, Coordinator – Communications & Media Relations
Ontario Catholic Youth Leadership Conference
 - vii) March 7, 2011 – Nancy Kirby, President
Paula Peroni – Leave of Absence
 - viii) March 8, 2011 – Carol Devine, Director, Legislative and Political Affairs
Update – Accessibility Standards
 - ix) March 10, 2011 – Carol Devine, Director, Legislative and Political Affairs
Update: Development of Tuition Agreement Guide
 - x) March 14, 2011 – Jane Ponte, Executive Assistant
Nominations Update – Regional Director Positions – 2011 OCSTA AGM
 - xi) March 16, 2011 - Sharon McMillan, Coordinator – Communications & Media Relations
Catholic Boards acts of kindness raise over \$240k for United Way
 - xii) March 16, 2011 - Carol Devine, Director, Legislative and Political Affairs
Case of Significance to Catholic School boards Before the Supreme Court of Canada
 - xiii) March 21, 2011 – Jane Ponte, Executive Assistant
OCSTA 2011 AGM Resolutions (copy at Trustees' places)

- 2) Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association
 - i) March 10, 2011 – John Stunt, Executive Director
Toonies for Tuition: Trophy Challenge
 - ii) March 22, 2011
Registration Now Open for CCSTA's conference, Catholic Education: A National Conversation

- 3) Office of the Premier – News Releases
 - i) March 8, 2011 – 81 Per Cent of High School Students Graduating

13. MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 29, 2011	Discipline Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 06, 2011	Supervised Alternative Learning (<i>training session</i>)	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 06, 2011	Audit Committee	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 06, 2011	Board Policy Review Committee #03	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 12, 2011	Discipline Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday April 13, 2011	Board Meeting # 09	7:30 p.m.
	Trustee Orientation	5:00 p.m.

15. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Nil.

16. NEXT MEETING

Board Meeting #09:	Wednesday, April 13, 2011	7:30 p.m.
	Trustee Orientation	5:00 p.m.
Agenda Deadline Date:	Wednesday, April 06, 2011	4:30 p.m.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained to adjourn the Board Meeting at 10:06 p.m.

18. CLOSING PRAYER

Trustee Jeanny Salmon closed the meeting with a prayer.