

# MINUTES

## 2012 INITIAL BOARD MEETING

MEETING #01 – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

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1. **MASS**

Father Peter Tammearu, was the celebrant for the Mass marking the beginning of the 2012 Board Year.

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

Brian Beal, Director of Education called the meeting to order at 8:19 p.m. and conducted roll call to determine quorum for the meeting.

Present: Jessica Bews, 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

4. **AGENDA APPROVAL**

The agenda was amended to include 4. Agenda Approval.

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

3. **OPENING REMARKS**

1) Brian Beal, Director of Education, provided opening remarks to signal the end of one term and the commencement of a new term for the Board of Trustees.

2) **Report 3. 2) 01-2012: Annual Board Report**

Brian Beal, Director of Education, presented the 2009-2010 Annual Board Report and provided an overview to highlight the significant efforts and accomplishments of students, staff, trustees and the community. The annual report will be available in a limited print run, and will be posted to the board and school websites. The board is required to report annually on specific information as guided by the Ministry of Education. Highlights included Faith Day; the expanded and rewritten Fully Alive resource for religion programmes; the new grade 11 World Religions text; Faith Ambassadors; full day learning for kindergarten students; Reading; Roots of Empathy; extended funding to support French as a Second language and English language learning; 831 students from nine Catholic high schools across the board who attended summer school at St. Joseph's Catholic High School, in Barrie; the Hewlett Packard innovation project for which our board was one of six school boards from across

Canada to participate; 17 dual credits across the school board, for which students earn a high school and a college credit simultaneously, in a college environment; Specialist High Skills Major programs, apprenticeships and cooperative education programs that offer opportunities to students in the skilled trades; over \$500,000 in additional funding to support students with profound special needs; First Nation, Métis and Inuit partnerships; EQAO and OSSLT provincial testing results; outstanding principals - Patricia Campbell, Joe Timmins and Matt McCann; student trustees Sergio Morales and Jessica Bews; the opening of the new St. Paul's Catholic Elementary School; additions to Father F. X. O'Reilly Catholic School, St. Peter's Catholic High School, St. Theresa's Catholic High School and the construction of the new St. Bernard's Catholic Elementary School; accomplished students from across the board; eco initiatives for efficiencies and reducing our carbon footprint; partnership with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit; our Trustees as stewards of faith; and board revenue and expenditure charts. Mr. Beal noted that the annual report represents a brief snap shot of the wonderful work being done across 53 schools and the board offices and doesn't do justice to the marvelous work happening in classrooms and by the people working behind the scenes with a commitment to recognize, celebrate, learn and strive to do better through our journey together in Catholic education.

#### 4. ELECTIONS

##### 1) Election of Board Chair

Moved by: Trustee Francis Smith

Seconded by: Trustee Shawn Cooper

That Trustee Clayton Ferguson be nominated for the position of 2012 Board Chair.

Trustee Clayton Ferguson accepted the nomination and was declared 2012 Board Chair.

This is Chair Ferguson's second consecutive term as Board Chair.

##### 2) Election of Board Vice Chair

Moved by: Trustee Carol Corriveau-Truchon

Seconded by: Trustee Catherine MacDonald

That Trustee Connie Positano be nominated for the position of 2012 Board Vice-Chair.

Trustee Connie Positano accepted the nomination.

Moved by: Trustee Shawn Cooper

Seconded by: Trustee Jeanny Salmon

That Trustee Maria Hardie be nominated for the position of 2012 Board Vice-Chair.

Trustee Maria Hardie accepted the nomination.

Trustees Connie Positano and Maria Hardie were provided with an opportunity to address the Board of Trustees.

On the first secret ballot Trustee Maria Hardie was elected 2012 Board Vice Chair. This is Maria Hardie's first term as Board Vice Chair.

**3) Transfer of Gavel**

Brian Beal, Director of Education transferred the gavel to 2012 Board Chair Clayton Ferguson.

**4) Remarks**

Board Chair, Clayton Ferguson said that he has always felt a great honour to serve as trustee on this board and that it is an even greater privilege to serve as Chair. He mentioned that the year ahead will be exciting as we continue to build new places to learn and work conscientiously to promote Catholic education. Chair Ferguson noted the great responsibility that the trustees have to over 21,000 students and their families, community partners, parishes and over 3,000 fantastic staff who care as much as the trustees do about the success of students.

Board Vice Chair, Maria Hardie thanked her fellow trustees for their trust and support and promised to work very hard and cooperatively as she looked forward to the coming year.

**5) Ballot Resolution**

*Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained to destroy the ballots resulting from the election of the Board Chair and Vice Chair.*

**5. ACTION ITEMS**

**1) Report 6. 1) 01-2012: 2012 Meeting Schedule & Committees**

Trustees are invited to advise the Board Chair, by email, of their interest in serving on committees for 2012. Chair Ferguson will appoint the committees at the next Board meeting.

Recommendation: That the Board approve the 2012 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**

*Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained 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.*

**3) Report 6. 3) 01-2012: 2011 Bank Borrowing Resolution**

Recommendation: 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) Other Business**

Nil.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

Board Meeting #02:	Wednesday, December 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	7:30 p.m.
Agenda Deadline Date:	Wednesday, December 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	4:30 p.m.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

*Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained to adjourn the Meeting at 9:18 p.m.*

**8. CLOSING PRAYER**

Trustee Connie Positano closed the meeting with a prayer.