

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

Meeting #03 – Wednesday, January 16, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Clayton Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m., in the Board Room, Catholic Education Centre, 46 Alliance Boulevard, Barrie.

2. OPENING PRAYER / REFLECTION

Trustee Carol Corriveau-Truchon and Student Trustee Emily Cecchetti led the opening prayer and reflection with remembrances for the following special intentions:

For the sick:

Linda Graham
Jeffery Hamelin

For the deceased:

Justin Keogh
Kevin Papps
Ron Gregoire
Peter Maurin
Daniel (Danny) Corcoran
Giovambattista Grande

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, Emily Cecchetti, Shawn Cooper, Carol Corriveau-Truchon, Maria Hardie, Catherine MacDonald, Connie Positano, Jeanny Salmon, Francis Smith

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

Regrets: Peter Derochie, Mary Puopolo

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

Trustee Carol Corriveau-Truchon declared a conflict regarding Information Report 10. 3) 03-2013 Early Learning Program Update.

Trustee Catherine MacDonald declared a conflict for approval of Special Board Meeting #01 minutes.

Trustee Connie Positano declared that she was not present at Board Meeting #02, on December 19, 2012, and would not participate in approval of those minutes.

Trustee Jeanny Salmon declared that she would not participate in the approval of the Board minutes of December 19, 2012 and January 14, 2013 as she did not attend those meetings.

6. INAUGURATION OF STUDENT TRUSTEE

Brian Beal, Director of Education, presented Kyle Young, the Board's Student Trustee-Elect with an inscribed bible, and then led him in the Declaration and Oath of Allegiance.

Board Chair Clayton Ferguson presented Kyle with a board pin and welcomed him to the trustee table in the important role of representing students of the Board.

Trustee Shawn Cooper was appointed by the Board Chair as Trustee-Mentor to Student Trustee-Elect Kyle Young.

Board Chair Clayton Ferguson appointed Student Trustee-Elect Kyle Young to the Board Policy Review Committee and the Special Education Advisory Committee, for the 2013 term.

7. DELEGATIONS

None.

8. PRESENTATIONS

Living Our Faith – Head, Heart and Hands

1) Board Christmas Card

Diane Legg, Director of Communications and Public Affairs introduced and welcomed Logo Warille and his family. Logo is a grade 11 student at St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School. His artwork is featured on the 2012 Board Christmas card, which was sent to the Prime Minister, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Education and school boards across Ontario. The design was also included in the Board's Christmas message advertisement in the *Catholic Register* in December.

Board Chair Clayton Ferguson presented Logo with a framed copy of the Board Christmas card in appreciation for his beautiful artwork which truly reflects a holy and peaceful Christmas.

9. **ACTION ITEMS**

1) **Report 9. 1) 03-2013: Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School Boundary Review**

With the anticipated closing of Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School, a boundary review was initiated to determine where those students would attend school. The Our Lady of Grace construction project will result in the amalgamation of students of Our Lady of Grace, Prince of Peace and Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic schools.

The recommendation from the boundary review committee will see the majority of students attend Our Lady of Grace with the others attending St. Mary's Catholic School in Collingwood. Some families had expressed an interest in attending St. Noel Chabanel Catholic School in Wasaga Beach, however, due to current over capacity at that school; and the financial implications and increased travel time associated with transportation; the committee did not see it as a viable option.

The boundary review committee also recognized the need to review the secondary school boundaries for Jean Vanier Catholic High School, in Collingwood and St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School, in Barrie, as reflected in the second recommendation.

Recommendation #01: That the Board approve the change of boundaries for Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School (Scenario 1) for implementation in September 2013 based on the recommendations of the Boundary Review Committee.

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

Recommendation #02: That the Board approve the recommendation to initiate a review of the secondary boundaries for both Jean Vanier Catholic High School and St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School related to the current Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School boundary.

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

2) **Report 9. 2) 03-2013: South West Barrie Boundary Review**

1. A Boundary Review Committee (BRC) was initiated for the review related to over capacity at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School (CAT) and under capacity of St. Bernadette (BER) and St. Nicholas (NIC) Catholic Schools in southwest Barrie. Revised projections provided by the external planning consultant revealed that growth would not be as originally anticipated, therefore reducing the need for additional classrooms. The new annexed lands south of the St. Nicholas Catholic School boundary will have development that will gradually increase enrolment at NIC and BER, and would eventually identify a need for a new Catholic elementary school. In the meantime the committee felt it was not necessary to implement boundary changes at this time, when a further review could be required in about five years.

The boundary review also identified that there is no longer a need for the construction of additional classrooms at St. Catherine of Siena. However, the full day kindergarten improvements will move forward.

Recommendation: That the Board leave the South-West Barrie school boundaries as they currently exist.

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

3) Report 9. 3) 03-2013: 2013 OCSTA AGM Resolutions

Recommendation: That the Board establish an Ad Hoc OCSTA Resolutions Committee of at least two members to consider and recommend to the Board the possible submission of (a) resolution(s) from the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board.

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

Trustee Catherine MacDonald expressed interest in serving on the committee. Other trustees who may be interested are invited to advise the Board Chair. Trustees are also encouraged to share their resolution suggestions with Chair Clayton Ferguson, Trustee Catherine MacDonald and Director of Education Brian Beal.

Trustee Francis Smith hopes that the committee in consultation with staff will consider a resolution to request of the Ministry of Education a more simplified process for school boundary reviews.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

1) Report 10. 1) 03-2013: North West Barrie Boundary Review

The northwest Barrie boundary review was initiated through the north Barrie pupil accommodation review, to better balance capacity at The Good Shepherd and St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic Schools. The boundary review committee met five times, including an additional Catholic School Community Council meeting at the request of the Good Shepherd Catholic School community, to receive further information. The committee confirmed a recommendation at its final meeting, however without unanimous consensus. The result will be a reduction of the over capacity at GSH of 120% to 94% and going out to 102% by 2025-2026; and an increase from 55% to 76% at St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic School and settling at 72% in 2025-2026.

Trustees asked about the status of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) decision regarding planned development in Midhurst, which would impact enrolment at Sister Catherine Donnelly Catholic School. An OMB update will be provided at the next meeting.

- 1) **Report 10. 2) 03-2013: North Barrie Pupil Accommodation Review – Update**
When the Board received a staff report on the North Barrie Pupil Accommodation Review on June 20, 2012 they directed staff to review other accommodation matters to support a trustee decision on the NB PAR for the spring 2013.

The recommendations of the northeast Barrie boundary review were received by the Board in November; and the recommendation for the northwest Barrie boundary review was presented this evening. A formal report addressing the analysis of a proposed Bell Farm board office relocation to surplus classrooms on the second floor at Monsignor Clair Catholic School will be presented at the next board meeting. The concept has been introduced to the Ministry of Education and the City of Barrie. The integration of board meeting space into a retrofit project at St. Joseph's Catholic High School will also be reported at the next board meeting. Upon approval of the City of Barrie and Ministry of Education, relocation of the Bell Farm board office to Monsignor Clair would be expected in the spring of 2014, which coincides with the end of the lease of the office space at 80 Bell Farm Road. Analysis of cost is underway along with updated enrolment projections linked to the 2011 census; and the Midhurst secondary plan. The driveway reconstruction at St. Marguerite d'Youville is also being reviewed with the City of Barrie, with a view to proceed pending the Board's decision on the North Barrie Pupil Accommodation Review, at the end of February.

- 3) **Report 10. 3) 03-2013 Early Learning Program Update**

The report addressed moving into year four of full day kindergarten projects and new childcare retrofit programs. Four elementary schools: St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School, Barrie; St. James Catholic School, Colgan; St. John Vianney Catholic School Barrie, and St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School, in Innisfil; will be getting expanded kindergarten spaces, although only partial funding has been received from the Ministry of Education, for which staff continue to dialogue with the Ministry. Eight childcare facilities have received funding allocations from the Ministry of Education to upgrade spaces to meet the needs of infant care. Staff is reviewing requirements with the Simcoe County District School Board and the County of Simcoe to identify needs and provide more information tied to the projects noted.

A report updating the status of the implementation of full day kindergarten across Simcoe Muskoka Catholic will be provided at the next board meeting.

- 4) **Report 10. 4) 03-2013: Negotiations**

Superintendent of Human Resources, Darren Schmidt, advised that there was no new information at that time.

11. **ROUTINE**

- 1) **Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings**

- i) **Minutes – Meeting #02 – Wednesday, December 12, 2012**

A revision to the minutes was requested to indicate that trustees participated in the Monsignor Lee Catholic School community pilgrimage to their new school.

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

- ii) **Minutes – Special Meeting #01 – Wednesday, December 19, 2012**
Trustees Catherine MacDonald and Jeanny Salmon did not vote on the minutes.
Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the Minutes.
- iii) **Minutes – Special Meeting #02 – Monday, January 14, 2013**
Trustees Jeanny Salmon did not vote on the minutes.
Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the Minutes.

12. TRUSTEE ENQUIRIES

Vice-Chair Maria Hardie enquired about developments related to the letter from Premier McGuinty which announced \$3 million in funding to support a locked door policy for schools. There has been no follow-up information since the announcement which followed the Newtown tragedy. The Board will be updated when more information is available.

13. ITEMS OF INTEREST

Student Trustee-Elect, Kyle Young, introduced himself, as a grade 11 student at St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School in Barrie and expressed that he was honoured to meet and sit with everyone at the Board table; and he looks forward to future Board meetings. He commended the Board for their interest in the students and the value of their opinions.

Trustee Connie Positano spoke about the opportunity she had to attend a Bridges Out of Poverty presentation which included a documentary film that followed a family of the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board, for a period of 18 months, while they struggled with poverty. Trustee Positano commended the three different Catholic school communities in Simcoe County that supported the family during that period. One of the children in the documentary has completed school and is employed with the Simcoe County District School Board. Trustee Positano commented further that the success story was a testament to the perseverance of the family, and mother, in particular; and the staff and work done to support this family.

Trustee Jeanny Salmon noted that the CAS would be offering the Bridges Out of Poverty presentation on January 22nd.

Director of Education, Brian Beal, suggested that the presentation could be provided to the Board one evening or on a Saturday as a professional development activity.

Student Trustee Emily Cecchetti talked about the student conference she attended last year in which students were put in role playing positions to play out scenarios related to homelessness and poverty. She said that at the end of the activity, they learned that adults present at the event were the actual real people portrayed in the exercise.

Trustee Maria Hardie attended an Advent retreat at the board office, facilitated by Sherry Chapman. She felt it was a worthwhile event and requested that trustees be made aware of these opportunities as they arise.

Trustee Carol Corriveau-Truchon reported that she attended the grade eight information event at St. Dominic Catholic Secondary School, which was well attended and included many activities throughout the school, such as a Christmas concert; Marty Scarlett's class Santa's workshop; and a fundraiser for the students going on the Kenya mission. She also attended a celebration at Monsignor Michael O'Leary Catholic School to bid farewell to a teacher and their family who are going on exchange to Australia; and a welcome to the family from Australia who will become part of the school community.

Student Trustee Emily Cecchetti reported that the student senate held their second meeting and are hoping to plan a board-wide secondary school assembly, which may occur through video conferencing. She also reported that she is part of a group from Holy Trinity Catholic High School who will be traveling to Belgium, the Netherlands and France.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

A list was provided to trustees.

15. MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 23, 2013	SAL Committee	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 22, 2013	Discipline Committee	7:00 p.m.
Chair Ferguson polled trustees to determine if the Board Policy Review Committee meeting could be rescheduled to January 30 th . There was consensus for the change.		
Wednesday, January 30, 2013	Board Policy Review Committee Meeting #01	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 06, 2013	Board Meeting #04	7:30 p.m.

16. PRIVATE SESSION

17. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Board authorizes the Director to provide the draft policies and procedures to senior staff for follow-up regarding code of conduct and acceptable use of technology policies.

18. NEXT MEETING

Board Meeting #04:	Wednesday, February 06, 2013	7:30 p.m.
Agenda Deadline Date:	Wednesday, January 30, 2013	4:30 p.m.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:44 pm.

20. CLOSING PRAYER



Trustee Shawn Cooper led the closing prayer.