

# MINUTES

## BOARD MEETING

Meeting #12 – Wednesday, June 8, 2011

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Clayton Ferguson at 7:38 p.m., in the Board Room, 46 Alliance Boulevard, Barrie.

**2. OPENING PRAYER & REFLECTION**

Trustees Maria Hardie and Catherine MacDonald led the opening prayer and reflection, “Pentacost”.

**Remembrances for the Deceased:**

The late **William Clifford**, father of Rob Clifford, teacher, father-in-law of Lynette Clifford, teacher and grandfather to Matthew and Ian, students.

The late, **Giuseppe Giannone**, father of Frank Giannone, teacher and father-in-law of Michele Giannone, school secretary.

The late, **Elizabeth Mathewson**, sister of Gabriel Jacklin, educational assistant.

The late, **Jean Barbara Truax**, mother of Beth DesRochers, teacher.

The late, **Katherine Elizabeth Tobin**, mother-in-law of Patrick Shannon, principal.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Brian Beal, Director of Education, to conduct the Roll Call of the Board of Trustees to establish quorum for the Meeting.

Present: Clayton Ferguson – Board Chair, Jessica Bews, Shawn Cooper, Carol Corriveau-Truchon, Maria Hardie, Catherine MacDonald, Sergio Morales, Connie Positano, Jeanny Salmon, Francis Smith

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

Recorder: Belinda Marcellus

**4. AGENDA APPROVAL**

Amendment: Report 7. 1) 12-2011: North Barrie Elementary Pupil Accommodation Review - Preliminary Report – recommendation #02 will be deferred to the next meeting.

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

5. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Trustee Carol Corriveau-Truchon declared a conflict of interest relating to Information Report 8. 1) 12-2011: Extended Day Update.

6. **PRESENTATIONS**

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

1) **Tom Leon Bursary Presentation** – Mary Puopolo, Connie Leon

For the past five years, the Leon Family has been awarding the Tom Leon Bursary to one male and one female graduating student who are pursuing studies at a post secondary institution. Connie Leon, representing the Tom Leon Charitable Foundation, presented certificates and prayer cards to the 2011 bursary recipients Corrina Savoia, St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School and Jonathon Healy, Patrick Fogarty Catholic Secondary School. The bursary is awarded annually to one female and one male student based on their contributions to their school and community, the Catholic values, and maintaining academic honours while facing personal challenge or obstacles. Mrs. Leon noted that the students' dreams of post-secondary cannot be earned by financial backing alone, because they also need the support of their community.

Clayton Ferguson, Board Chair, extended congratulations, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, to Johnathon Healy and Corrina Savoia, and thanked them for their contributions to their school communities and Catholic education while attending their respective schools. He also extended best wishes to Corrina and Jonathon, for their post secondary journey and beyond.

The Board Chair also thanked Connie Leon and the Tom Leon Charitable Foundation for helping students of the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board to achieve their post-secondary dreams.

2) **Gold Medal Recipients - Patrick Fogarty Band**

Mary Puopolo, Superintendent of Schools – Secondary announced that the Patrick Fogarty Catholic Secondary School senior concert band attended the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Music Fest Canada competition in British Columbia and won the musical ensemble category as well as a gold award for sight reading. Under the direction of teachers Greg and Mary Frances Goodwin, the band rehearsed and prepared for the competition, and competed with more than 10,000 musicians at the festival, by performing 3 prepared pieces.

Greg Goodwin also received the President's lifetime achievement award for unsurpassed excellence in music teaching.

Mary Frances and Greg would recognized by their local trustee for their contributions to make Catholic education at Patrick Fogarty Catholic Secondary school, which has attracted outstanding music students over the years. The Board Chair thanked Mary Frances and Greg for their dedicated years of service to the students and the performing

arts programs at Patrick Fogarty Catholic Secondary School, noting their passion and commitment has guided and inspired hundreds of students. Congratulations was extended to the students of the Patrick Fogarty senior band.

**3) Turning Points – Holy Trinity High School**

Superintendent of Schools – Secondary, Mary Puopolo introduced Vince O’Brien, teacher at Holy Trinity Catholic High School. Mr. O’Brien provided an overview of Holy Trinity students’ success over the past ten years of their participation in the Turning Points essay competition, through The Learning Partnership. Students submit a narrative essay about a significant event or turning point or principles in their life. The Turning Points initiative is integrated as part of the English curriculum. Holy Trinity has had 46 winners over the past ten years and is the only school to consecutively have students in the winning category. Mr. O’Brien expressed his pride in the courage of the students to write so well and be recognized year after year.

Student Trustee-Elect Jessica Bews participated in Turning Points last year and advised that she can’t say enough about the whole process and how it benefits students, not just curriculum-wise, but in the opportunity to reflect on their own life and values which may sometimes include traumatic events. She said that through tears and laughter, students learn a lot about themselves and about their peers and that they make friendships in their class because of the personal stories to which they can relate.

Board Chair Clayton Ferguson, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, expressed appreciation to Mr. O’Brien for his teaching and guidance of the students through this literacy initiative, and congratulated the students on their achievements.

**7. ACTION ITEMS**

**1) Report 7. 1) 12-2011: North Barrie Elementary Pupil Accommodation Review - Preliminary Report**

Recommendation #01: That the Board approve the formation of a Pupil Accommodation Committee for the North Barrie Elementary Schools which include; St. Monica’s, Monsignor Clair, Sister Catherine Donnelly, St. Marguerite d’Youville, St. Mary’s Barrie, and The Good Shepherd.

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

Trustees received a colour copy of the maps to clearly outline the geographical area of the accommodation review.

**2) Report 7. 2) 12-2011: Architect Selection – Three Capital Projects**

Recommendation: That the Board approve the architects for the following three projects:

- a Our Lady of Grace Catholic Elementary School – Snyder and Associates Inc.;
- b St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Elementary School – MCL Architects; and
- c St. Theresa’s Catholic High School, phase 2 – John Jeffery Architect.

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

**8. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 1) **Report 8. 1) 12-2011: Extended Day Update**
- 2) **Report 8. 2) 12-2011: Early Learning Kindergarten Program: Phase Four and Five Site Selection**
- 3) **Report 8. 3) 12-2011: Ad Hoc Catholic Education Centre Facilities Committee – Update**
- 4) **Report 8. 4) 12-2011: Budget**  
 Peter Derochie, Associate Director of Education, Pia Elston, Controller of Finance and Suzanne Oliner, Senior Financial Analyst walked the trustees through the budget document, going line by line and responded to questions of clarification. Trustees also reviewed a document which identified specific budget balancing initiatives under consideration. Trustees were encouraged to advise the Director of any concerns or priorities they would like considered before the final budget is presented. Staff anticipate presenting a balanced budget to the Board for approval on Tuesday, June 21, 2011.
- 5) **Board Policy Review Committee**
  - 1) **Minutes – Board Policy Review Committee Meeting #04 – Wednesday, May 11, 2011**
- 6) **Special Education Advisory Committee**
  - i) **Minutes – Meeting #05 – Wednesday, May 04, 2011**

**9. ROUTINE**

- 1) **Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings**
  - i) **Minutes – Meeting #11 – Wednesday, May 25, 2011**  
*Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the Minutes.*

**10. TRUSTEE ENQUIRIES**

Trustees were advised that Ministry approval for the construction of Monsignor Lee replacement school in Orillia has been received. Staff continue to work on accommodation for students during the construction period, which is expected to begin this fall.

Trustees were invited to visit the Board website to learn more about the wind turbines that have

been installed at some of the Board's schools. This initiative is also being integrated into the school curriculum.

**11. ITEMS OF INTEREST**

Trustee Shawn Cooper expressed appreciation to Brian Beal, Director of Education and Diane Legg, Director of Communications and Public Affairs for accompanying him on Roger's Cable television show on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. The program was very informative and Trustee Cooper has received positive feedback from the community.

Trustee Catherine MacDonald report on the school assembly at St. Theresa's High on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> to announce the construction renewal project that will get underway at the school beginning this summer. Also announced were two new Specialist High Skills Major programs.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA)
  - i) June 3, 2011 – Paul C. Whitehead, Senior Policy Advisor - Finance Estimates 2011-12
  - ii) June 1, 2011 - Paul C. Whitehead, Senior Policy Advisor - Finance Update #3 – Ministry of Education School Board Administration and Governance Grant Advisory Group Meeting of May 17, 2011
  - iii) May 27, 2011 – Carol Devine, director, Legislative and Political Affairs CCSTA Intervener at Supreme Court of Canada
  - iv) May 26, 2011 – Noel P. Martin, Director of Catholic Education Theme for Catholic Education Week 2012, May 6-11, 2012  
*Catholic Education: Walking in the Light of Christ*
- 2) Ontario Ministry of Education
  - i) June 3, 2011 – News Release Ontario Takes Saving Lives to Heart
  - ii) June 1, 2011 – News Release Final Roll Out For Full-Day Kindergarten

**13. MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Wednesday, June 15, 2011	Employee Recognition & Retirement Event	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 21, 2011	Discipline Committee	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 21, 2011	Board Meeting #13	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 05, 2011	Discipline Committee	7:00 p.m.

Student Trustee Sergio Morales was excused from the meeting for academic reasons.

**14. PRIVATE SESSION**

**15. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

There is no report rising out of Private Session.

**16. NEXT MEETING**

Board Meeting #11: Tuesday, June 21, 2011 7:30 p.m.

Agenda Deadline Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 4:30 p.m.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

*Consensus of the Board of Trustees is required to adjourn the Board Meeting at 10:29 p.m.*

**18. CLOSING PRAYER**

Trustee Jeanny Salmon closed the meeting with a prayer.

**CLAYTON FERGUSON**  
Board Chair

*CF/BB/bm*

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