

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

Meeting #16 – Wednesday, September 28, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:37p.m., in the Board Room of the Catholic Education Centre, 46 Alliance Boulevard, Barrie.

2. OPENING PRAYER / REFLECTION

Trustees Connie Positano and Jeanny Salmon led the opening prayer and reflection.

Remembrances for the Deceased:

The Late Paul Henderson, stepfather to Andrea Brand, teacher and grandfather to Joseph and Michaela, students.

The Late Margaret Joan Robinson, mother of Matt Robinson, custodian and grandmother of Sarah Schmalz, occasional teacher.

The Late Marguerite Vellinga-Ezekiel, mother-in-law to Terri Vellinga, and Monica Vellinga, occasional teachers and grandmother to Kim Haaheim, teacher, Christy Vellinga-Cancilla, vice-principal.

The Late Antonietta Baccilierri, mother of Wanda LeBlanc, retired employee, and grandmother of Tonia Fortini-Pitocco, educational assistant.

The Late Joan Murray, mother of Barney Murray, teacher and grandfather of Katy Murray, former student trustee.

The Late Patrick McDougall, father of David McDougall, Principal.

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

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

Regrets: Peter Derochie

Recorder: Belinda Marcellus

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the public session portion of the Agenda.

5. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

6. **PRESENTATIONS**

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

1) **Inservice Plan**

Jane Dillon Leitch, Superintendent of Programme & Services presented the Professional Development and Inservice Plans 2011-2012 which were developed according to four pillars: Catholic Community Caring Culture, Pathways, Literacy and Numeracy. The Board theme "You are the Voice of the Living God" was also intertwined through the plan. There are professional development opportunities that will be provided centrally, in communities of schools, and in individual schools, that will cover areas to meet the needs staff which was based on feedback from principals in the spring.

Board Chair, Clayton Ferguson commented that staff have worked together to develop a year long plan that forms the foundation for our multi year plan that will guide our Catholic learning agenda for the next several years. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, he thanked Jane Dillon-Leitch and the programme and services staff, for this comprehensive plan that supports the children in our care and supports the teaching and development of the Board's staff.

7. **ACTION ITEMS**

None.

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1) **Report 8. 1) 16-2011: Report of the 2010-2011 Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary Division (Grades 1-3) and Junior Division (Grades 4-6)**

Jane Dillon-Leitch, Superintendent of Programme & Services, reported that staff are happy with the strides being made and also feel they are on the right track.

At the request of trustees, sample questions will be presented at a future board meeting.

2) **Report 8. 2) 16-2011: Report of the Grade 9 Provincial Mathematics Assessment Results 2010-2011**

Jane Dillon-Leitch, Superintendent of Programme & Services reported that there is work to do and that staff are pleased to be making progress in these areas, having improved year to year and last year again.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Board Chair Clayton Ferguson commended staff and students for the results that reflect the outstanding contributions of our Catholic school communities working together for student success.

- 3) **Report 8. 3) 16-2011: North Barrie Elementary Pupil Accommodation Review - Status Update**
 The committee Chair Steve Charbonneau, Superintendent of Schools, was appointed by the Board in June and the committee has begun their work. The two Barrie trustees, Connie Positano and Maria Hardie will sit on the committee as neutral participants.
- 4) **Report 8. 4) 16-2011: Our Catholic Trustees – Stewards of Faith**
 Trustees will provide feedback to Diane Legg by October 7, on possible changes to the booklet to coincide with the update of trustee photographs in the booklet.
- 5) **Report 8. 5) 16-2011: Catholic School Community Council Regional Commissioning Meetings**
 Director of Education Brian Beal facilitates meetings of the Parent Involvement Committee which is a committee mandated by the Ministry of Education. In the past a central commissioning and inservice event has been held in the Barrie area. This year, to enhance accessibility to all members of the councils, regional commissioning meetings will be held. Brian Beal will attend each commissioning and meeting as an opportunity to meet and communicate with as many parent councils as possible. Dates have been set for Mondays and Tuesdays in November. Trustees are invited to attend and participate.
- 6) **Report 8. 6) 16-2011: Elementary Enrolment and Staffing 2011/2012**
 Enrolment in the elementary schools is up 197 students from when the budget for 2011-2012 was approved. Trustees received queries from parents regarding the reorganization of classes and in particular blended classes. It was noted that the board is required to blend grades in order to meet legislative requirements for class sizes. In the reorganization process principals and staff look for balance by always taking care in deciding the outcome of blended classes.
- 7) **Report 8. 7) 16-2011: Secondary Enrolment and Staffing 2011/2012**
 The final count of September 14th which is used to finalize staffing for the first semester has resulted in enrolment increases in all but one secondary school. This is good news and as a result additional staff has been approved.
- Board Chair, Clayton Ferguson, thanked all staff for their work on the elementary and secondary staffing processes over the last several months.
- 8) **Minutes – Board Policy Review Committee**
 i) **Meeting #06 – Wednesday, June 08, 2011**

9. ROUTINE

1) Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings

i) Minutes – Meeting #15 – Wednesday, September 07, 2011

The minutes will be approved at the next meeting with attendance of trustees and senior staff recorded.

10. TRUSTEE ENQUIRIES

Senior staff who are new to their portfolios provided feedback to trustees on their experiences to date.

11. ITEMS OF INTEREST

Student Trustee Jessica Bews reported on the first student senate meeting of the year. The group has several interesting ideas to unify their efforts on initiatives, such as anti-bullying, by holding events on the same day across the secondary panel. She also talked about participating as a volunteer at Me to We Day which was also attended by 400 students from 24 of the Board's schools who were among 20,000 in attendance. This is a Free the Children event of which Simcoe Muskoka Catholic is a sponsor and partner. Free the Children is our host for Kenya missions by our secondary schools.

Trustee Shawn Cooper advised of the St. Mary's School parent/teacher barbeque event. He also noted that when attending the CCSTA National Conversation conference in Ottawa, he was able to meet with Justin Trudeau and his local MP Dr. Kelly Leitch, who encouraged us to consider nominating worthy individuals in our community for the Prime Minister's Volunteer awards.

Trustee Francis Smith provided an update on construction of the St. Bernard's replacement school and the pending demolition of Monsignor Lee Catholic School.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was at trustees' places:

- 1) Memorandum from Carol Devine, regarding Responses from Provincial Party Leaders re: Public Funding for Catholic Schools
- 2) Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario, regarding Your Right to be Heard: A Guide to the Ontario Election 2011
- 3) Thank you from Brian Beal, regarding Free the Children fundraising effort for the Crisis in East Africa

General correspondence recorded:

- 1) Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA)
 - i) September 7, 2011 – Carol Devine, Director, Legislative and Political Affairs Provincial Election
 - ii) September 8, 2011 - Carol Devine, Director, Legislative and Political Affairs Broader Public Sector Perquisites Directive
 - iii) September 12, 2011 – Jane Ponte, Executive Assistant

- iv) OCSTA Regional Meetings – Student Trustees
September 12, 2011 - Jane Ponte, Executive Assistant
Questions for Discussion at OCSTA Regional Meeting – Central, October 12, 2011 & Agenda
 - x) September 15, 2011 – Sharon McMillan, Coordinator, Communications and Media Relations
Trustee Updates
 - xi) September 16, 2011 - Sharon McMillan, Coordinator, Communications and Media Relations
Renewal of Discounted Media Monitoring Package for OCSTA Member Boards
 - xii) September 16, 2011 Sharon McMillan, Coordinator, Communications and Media Relations
Trustee Resource Documents
 - xiii) September 16, 2011 – Kevin Kobus, Executive Director
Student Vote
 - xiv) September 16, 2011 – Margaret Binns, Office Administrator
OCSTA Trustee Award of Merit
 - xv) September 16, 2011 – Margaret Binns, Office Administrator
2012 AGM & Conference Resolutions
 - xvi) September 19, 2011 – Sharon McMillan, Coordinator, Communications and Media Relations
All Night Platform for Catholic Education
 - xvii) September 19, 2011 – Jane Ponte, Executive Assistant
Father Patrick Fogarty Awards Dinner
 - xviii) September 19, 2011 – Jane Ponte, Executive Assistant
Minister’s Advisory Council on Special Education (MASE)
 - xix) September 21, 2011 – Sharon McMillan, Coordinator, Communications and Media Relations
Labour Relations Seminar – Register ONLINE
 - xx) September 23, 2011 – Sharon McMillan, Coordinator, Communications and Media Relations
2012 Catholic Trustees’ Professional Development Seminar
 - xxi) September 23, 2011 – Sharon McMillan, Coordinator, Communications and Media Relations
CBC Metro Morning Interview
 - xxii) September 23, 2011 – Sharon McMillan, Coordinator, Communications and Media Relations
Communicator’s Seminar
2. The Canadian Catholic School Trustees’ Association
 - i) September 6, 2011 – John Stunt, Executive Director
Toonies for Tuition Day – Tuesday, October 4, 2011
 3. Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board
 - i) September 16, 2011 – Brian Beal
Crisis in East Africa – Thank You

13. MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 29, 2011	Retirement Celebration for Cathy Allen <i>Terrace Room – Innisbrook Golf Club</i>	6-10 p.m.
Tuesday, October 11, 2011	Discipline Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 12, 2011	Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL)	5:00 p.m.
Date Change Notice:		
Wednesday, October 12, 2011	Board Policy Review Committee	7:30 p.m.
has been rescheduled to:		
Wednesday, October 26, 2011	Board Policy Review Committee	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 19, 2011	SEAC	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 19, 2011	Board Meeting #17	7:30 p.m.

14. PRIVATE SESSION

15. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

None.

16. NEXT MEETING

Board Meeting #17:	Wednesday, October 19, 2011	7:30p.m.
Agenda Deadline Date:	Wednesday, October 12, 2011	4:30p.m.

17. ADJOURNMENT

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

18. CLOSING PRAYER

Trustee Carol Corriveau-Truchon closed the meeting with a prayer.