



Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING Tuesday, November 22, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre John Paul II Boardroom

MINUTES

PRESENT

Trustees:

F. Alexander	P. Keane
J. Courtney, Vice-Chair	J. Macri, Chair
M. DiMenna	S. Porcellini
B. Holland	L. Soulliere
C. Janisse	
A. Kishek, Student Trustee	
J. Devos, Student Trustee (Alternate)	

Regrets:

Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain

Administration:

M. Moher (Resource)	P. Littlejohns
J. Berthiaume	C. Marier
J. Ouellette	R. Mousaly
S. Freeman	P. Picard
C. Geml	E. Poirier
K. Gignac	T. Robins
T. Halford	L. Staudt

Recorder:

D. Steffens

1. Call To Order - Chair Macri called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer – The meeting opened with a prayer.
3. Recording of Attendance – All trustees present. Fr. Brunet sent regrets. Trustees Holland and Courtney entered the meeting at 7:15 p.m.
4. Approval of Agenda

Amendments:

- Addition: 7a Construction Projects Update – New St. Anne and St. Joseph's Catholic High Schools
- Addition: 10a(ii) Memorandum from Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association re: Trustee Input to Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the November 22, 2005 Regular Board meeting agenda be approved as amended. Carried.

- 5. Questions Pertaining to Agenda – None.
- 6. Disclosure of Interest - Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act. – None.

Trustees Holland and Courtney entered the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

7. Presentations

- a. Construction Projects Update – New St. Anne’s and St. Joseph’s High Schools

Director Moher and Tim Robins, Controller of Facilities Services provided a progress report on the new St. Anne Catholic High School that is being constructed in the Lakeshore River Ridge subdivision and the new St. Joseph’s Catholic High School that is being constructed in the East Riverside area of Windsor.

8. Delegations

- a. Delegation Regarding Items Not on the Agenda – None.
- b. Delegations Regarding Items On the Agenda – None.

9. Action Items

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - i) Minutes of In-Camera Meeting, November 8, 2005
Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the minutes of the In-Camera meeting of November 8, 2005 be adopted as distributed. Carried.
 - ii) Minutes of Regular Meeting, November 8, 2005
Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 8, 2005 be adopted as distributed. Carried.
- b. Items From In-Camera Meeting of November 22, 2005

Vice-Chair Courtney reported the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a closed Committee of the Whole meeting on November 22, 2005, pursuant to the Education Act - Section 207, to consider specific personnel and real property issues and other matters permitted or required to be kept private and confidential under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Trustee Soulliere declared a conflict of interest in the November 22, 2005 In-Camera Session and excused herself from the relevant discussion items.

Moved by Trustee Courtney and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the recommendations and directions of the Committee of the Whole Board at its meeting of November 22, 2005 be approved. Carried.

Vice-Chair Courtney made the following announcements:

In relation to the **Principal and Vice Principal Elementary and Secondary Roster:**

- The following individuals have been added to the 2005 – 2010 Elementary Principal Roster: Joe Bachetti, Nancy Georges, Dan Laporte, Cathy Nelson, Pamela Prsa, Bridget Russo and Louise St. Pierre.
- The following individuals have been added to the 2005 – 2010 Elementary Vice-Principal Roster: David Bishop, Carmen Casalena, Ian Drago, Diane Loebach, Brian Marenchin, Susanna DiMeo-Easby, Cathy Prekupec, Kelly Rilley, Vicky Walker, Michelle Mailloux and Carl Bull.
- The following individuals have been added to the 2005 – 2010 Secondary Vice-Principal Roster: Jim Melito, Laura Porfilio and Sam Sleiman.

In relation to **school administration appointments:**

- The appointment of Greg Jolicoeur as Acting Principal of St. Christopher Catholic Elementary School, the appointment of Donna Savage as Acting Administrator as St. John Vianney Catholic Elementary School, the appointment of Brenda Stanley Dauphin as Acting Administrator at St. Peter Catholic Elementary School and the appointment of Arlene Davis as Acting Administrator at Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School.

10. Communications

a. External (Associations, OCSTA, Ministry)

- i) Memorandum from Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association
re: Trustee Award of Merit, dated October 7, 2005
Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Porcellini that Board receive the Memorandum from Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association re: Trustee Award of Merit, dated October 7, 2005 as information. Carried.
- ii) Walk On: Memorandum from Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association re:
Trustee Input to Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education
Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Janisse that Board receive the Memorandum from Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association re: Trustee Input to Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education, dated November 17, 2005, as information. Carried.

b. Internal (Reports from Administration)

- i) Report: Administrative Staff Report
Moved by Trustee Courtney and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive the *Administrative Staff Report* on hiring, retirement and resignation of staff dated November 22, 2005 for information. Carried.
- ii) Report: High School Council – Minutes of June 9, 2005
Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee Porcellini that the Board receive the minutes of the High School Council dated June 9, 2005, as information. Carried.

- iii) Report: Public Consultation Process Re: Expansion of Elementary French Immersion Program to County

Superintendent Ouellette presented the report on the Public Consultation Process Re: Expansion of Elementary French Immersion Program to County that was initiated as the result of a board motion on June 27, 2005. The consultation process, initiated in October 2005, consisted of a public meeting held in each of the three county secondary schools, telephone feedback and survey comments. Superintendent Ouellette indicated that the results of the parental survey from the St. Louis parent community are pending.

Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee Porcellini that the Board receive the *Report on Public Consultation Process Re: Expansion of Elementary French Immersion Program to County* as information.

Trustee Soulliere commented that, as a result of considerable parental interest in the possibility of the program being offered in county schools, she would like to propose an amendment to the motion.

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the motion be amended to add: “and, that that the Board instruct administration to move forward in expanding the French Immersion program by adding it to one school in each of the three family of schools in the county.”

After further table discussion, Trustees Soulliere and DiMenna agreed to add the following to the proposed amendment “and that administration bring back a report at the end of January regarding the financial costs, implementation plan and registration.”

Chair Macri brought the question of the adoption of the amendment. Following trustee debate regarding the need for additional study of the proposed program expansion prior to making a final decision, the amendment was further amended and the following question was considered.

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive the *Report on Public Consultation Process Re: Expansion of Elementary French Immersion Program to County* as information;

and, that administration provide an additional report to the Board, by the end of January, that provides an outline of the implementation process, an estimate of the total costing and requests further direction from the Board in terms of the feasibility of expanding the French Immersion program to the county. Carried.

11. Unfinished Business – None.

12. New Business

- a. Report: OSBIE Insurance Premium 2005

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Board approve payment for the Ontario School Boards’ Insurance Exchange Insurance Premium for the year 2006. Carried.

- b. Fieldtrips:
 - i) St. Joseph's Catholic High School – Quebec City
Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Keane that the Board approve the St. Joseph's Catholic High School – Quebec City field trip for February 19 to 22, 2006. Carried.
 - ii) Holy Names Catholic High School – New York City
Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board approve the Holy Names Catholic High School field trip to New York City field trip for May 9 to 12, 2006. Carried.

13. Committee Reports

- a. Report: Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of October 6, 2005

Trustee Soulliere reported that the Special Education Advisory Committee is reviewing the recently approved Special Education Plan in preparation for the 2006 amendments.

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Board receive the minutes of the October 6, 2005 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting as information. Carried.

14. Notice of Motion

- Trustee Holland – “At the next Board meeting, I shall move or cause to be moved that the Board strike a Committee to re-examine the role of the Board Chaplain in consultation with the Bishops of the Diocese of London.”

15. Remarks and Announcements

- a. Chairperson Macri commented on the recent fundraising dinner for the Hôtel Dieu Grace Hospital and congratulated the food services students of all Catholic high schools who provided the hors d'oeuvres for the evening.
- b. Director of Education reminded trustees of the St. Anne Catholic High School Ground Blessing that will be held the morning of November 23 and indicated the Organizational Meeting of the Board will be held Tuesday, December 6 with Celebration of Eucharist at 6:45 p.m. and the public meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m.
- c. Board Chaplain – Fr. Brunet sent regrets this evening.

16. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

- Trustee Holland expressed appreciation to the Windsor Mayor, city councillors, the fire chief, fire department members, emergency 911 services, officials from Windsor Star, and area sports heroes for their participation in the recent Read-a-thon held at H. J. Lassaline Catholic Elementary School and commended the staff and students on the success of the literacy initiatives underway at the school.

- Trustee DiMenna advised trustees of a pasta fundraiser for Queen of Peace Catholic Elementary School that will be held this Friday night.

17. Pending Items

- a. Deferred from June 27, 2005: Board Policy Review Committee – Board Policy Revisions: *A:12 Code of Ethics / Conflict of Interest (Amended Policy)*
- b. Deferred for six months from October 25, 2005: Motion by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee DiMenna *“that the Board add two (2) more psychologists to its psychology department for a total of four (4), and that the cost be applied to the general budget to offset the cost of educational assistant lunch supervision to the Special Education budget.”*

18. Continuation of In-Camera – Not required.

19. Future Board Meetings: (unless stated otherwise all meetings will be held at the Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre - 1325 California Avenue, Windsor)

- Tuesday, December 6, 2005
(Organizational Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. – Mass at 6:45 p.m. in Assumption Chapel)
- Tuesday, December 13, 2005
- Tuesday, January 17, 2006
- Tuesday, January 31, 2006
- Tuesday, February 14, 2006
- Tuesday, February 28, 2006
- Tuesday, March 28, 2006
- Tuesday, April 11, 2006
- Tuesday, April 25, 2006
- Tuesday, May 9, 2006
- Tuesday, May 23, 2006
- Tuesday, June 13, 2006
- Monday, June 26, 2006

20. Closing Prayer - The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

21. Adjournment - There being no further business, the Regular Board Meeting of November 22, 2005 adjourned at 7:43 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

John Macri
Board Chairperson

Michael Moher
Director of Education & Secretary