



Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

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Michael B. Moher, Director of Education John Macri, Board Chairperson

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.
(Mass Assumption Chapel at 6:45 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 (<i>participated electronically until 7:50 p.m. – arrived at the meeting at 8:03 p.m.</i>)	

Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain
A. Kishek, Student Trustee
J. Devos, Student Trustee (Alternate)

Administration:

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

Recorder:

D. Steffens

1. Call To Order – In accordance with Section Two of the Board By-laws, Michael Moher, Director of Education called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and presided over the meeting until the election of the Chair.
2. Opening Prayer – Rev. Larry Brunet, Board Chaplain opened the meeting with prayer. Afterwards, trustees recited a commissioning prayer reaffirming their commitment to the provision of Catholic education.
3. Welcome – The Director of Education welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board for the final year of a three-year term.

4. Recording of Attendance – All trustees present. Trustee Janisse participated electronically from 7:33 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. and entered the meeting in person at 8:03 p.m.
5. Election of Chair

The Director of Education read the bylaws and procedures pertaining to election of the Chair. Trustees were asked to approve the appointment of two scrutineers.

Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee Macri that the Board approve the appointment of Father Brunet and Superintendent Berthiaume as scrutineers.

A Point of Order was raised with respect to the compliance of a telephone vote to procedures outlined within Board By-Law 2.0 Organizational Meeting, specifically By-law 2.6 *Procedures of Election of the Chair*. Discussion occurred around trustee voting rights under By-Law 3.11 *Electronic Meetings* and By-Law 10.0 *Voting*.

Presiding Officer Moher called a ten-minute recess at 7:50 p.m. in order to contact the Board Solicitor to obtain legal advice. Trustee Janisse then informed the recording secretary that he would arrive in person at the meeting within 10 minutes. The meeting recessed until the arrival of Trustee Janisse.

Trustee Janisse entered the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 8:05 p.m.

Presiding Officer Moher invited trustees who wished to serve as Chair to stand and declare their candidacy. The following trustees declared their candidacy:

- Trustee Macri
- Trustee Holland

After three requests by Director Moher inviting those who wished to stand to do so, there were no further declarations and the Director called that nominations be closed.

Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that nominations for the position of Chair be closed.

Candidates Macri and Holland provided their comments to the assembly in support of their respective nominations.

Scrutineers Father Brunet and Superintendent Berthiaume distributed the ballots and tallied the results. Director Moher announced that Trustee Macri would continue to serve as Chair of the Board.

Moved by Trustee Courtney and seconded by Trustee Porcellini that the ballots for the election of the Chair of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board be destroyed.

At this point, Trustee Macri assumed the Chair and proceeded with election of the Vice-Chair.

6. Election of Vice-Chair

Chair Macri invited trustees who wished to serve as Vice-Chair to stand and declare their candidacy. The following trustees rose and declared their candidacy:

- Trustee Holland
- Trustee Courtney

After three requests by the Chair inviting those who wished to stand to do so there were no further declarations and the Chair called that the nominations be closed.

Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that nominations for the position of Vice-Chair be closed.

Candidates Holland and Courtney provided their comments to the assembly in support of their respective nominations.

Scrutineers Father Brunet and Superintendent Berthiaume distributed the ballots and tallied the results. The Chair announced that Trustee Courtney would continue to serve as Vice-Chair of the Board.

Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee Keane that the ballots for the election of the Vice-Chair of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board be destroyed.

Vice-Chair Courtney indicated that she would share comments at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Alexander exited the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

7. Chairperson's Address

Chair Macri expressed his appreciation to his fellow trustees for their vote of confidence and trust. Chair Macri highlighted some of the Board's accomplishments over the past year and commented on the challenges of the new coming year. On behalf of the board of trustees, the Chair thanked board personnel, administration, teachers, administration and support staff for their dedication and commitment to ensure our students receive the finest Catholic education possible.

8. Establishment of Committees

Chair Macri asked trustees to review the present list of Committee appointments and to contact him with their preferences as soon as possible. Committee appointments will be confirmed at a later meeting.

9. Next Regular Meeting of the Board

- Tuesday, December 13, 2005 – 7:00 p.m.

10. Closing Prayer – Fr. Brunet closed the meeting with a prayer.
11. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

Approved

John Macri
Board Chairperson

Michael Moher
Director of Education & Secretary