



ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.
Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre
1325 California Avenue, Windsor
(*Mass Assumption Chapel at 6:45 p.m.*)

MINUTES

PRESENT

Trustees:

F. Alexander	P. Keane
J. Courtney (<i>electronically</i>)	J. Macri (<i>electronically</i>)
M. DiMenna	S. Porcellini
B. Holland	L. Soulliere
C. Janisse (<i>electronically</i>)	
C. Resendes, Student Trustee	
N. Lau, Student Trustee	
Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain	

Administration:

J. Berthiaume (Resource)	E. Byrne
C. Geml	P. Littlejohns
P. Picard	P. Murray
L. Staudt	S. O'Hagan-Wong
J. Bumbacco	

Recorder:

D. Steffens

1. Call To Order/Welcome - In accordance with Section Two of the Board By-laws, Joseph Berthiaume, Director of Education called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and presided over the meeting until the election of the Chair.
2. Opening Prayer/Re-Commissioning - Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer and led a re-commissioning prayer reaffirming trustees' commitment to the provision of Catholic education.
3. Recording of Attendance - Trustees Courtney, Janisse and Macri participated electronically.
4. 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 DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Board approve the appointment of Fr. Brunet and Superintendent Staudt as scrutineers.

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

- Trustee Macri
- Trustee Alexander

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

In accordance with the provisions of the Board By-Laws, Trustees Macri and Alexander provided comments to the assembly in support of their respective candidacies. Scrutineers Father Brunet and Superintendent Staudt distributed ballots, polled trustees participating electronically and tallied the results. The Director Berthiaume announced that Trustee Alexander would serve as Chair of the Board.

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Holland that the ballots for the election of the Chair of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board be destroyed. *Carried.*

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

5. Election of Vice-Chair

Chair Alexander invited trustees who wished to serve as Vice-Chair to stand and declare their candidacy.

- Trustee Holland nominated Trustee DiMenna for the position of Vice-Chair. The nomination was seconded by Trustee Porcellini. Trustee DiMenna allowed her name to stand.

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.

Trustee DiMenna was acclaimed as Vice-Chair.

Vice-Chair DiMenna briefly addressed her fellow trustees and members of the audience and indicated that she is looking forward to another year of working together to serve the Catholic education communities of Windsor and Essex County.

6. Chairperson's Address - Chair Alexander thanked his colleagues for their support and endorsement and indicated that he would provide the Chairperson's address at the December 16 Regular Board meeting.
7. Establishment of Committees - Chair Alexander asked trustees to review the current list of Committee appointments and to contact him with their appointment preferences as soon as possible. Committee appointments will be confirmed at a later meeting.
8. Next Regular Meeting of the Board: Tuesday, December 16, 2008

9. Closing Prayer – Fr. Brunet closed the meeting with a prayer.
10. Adjournment – There being no further business, the Organizational Meeting of December 9, 2008 adjourned at 7:52 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

Approved

Fred Alexander
Board Chairperson

Joseph Berthiaume
Director of Education & Secretary