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CHAIRPERSON: Fred Alexander
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Joseph Berthiaume

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre
John Paul II Boardroom

MINUTES

PRESENT

Trustees: F. Alexander, Chair C. Janisse
J. Courtney P. Keane
M. DiMenna, Vice-Chair J. Macri
B. Holland S. Porcellini

N. Timperio, (Student Trustee)
J. Wolinski, (Student Trustee)
Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain

Regrets: Trustee Soulliere

Administration: J. Berthiaume (Resource) E. Byrne
C. Geml P. Littlejohns
M. Iatonna P. Murray
L. Staudt J. Shea
J. Braido
J. Bumbacco

Recorder: B. Marshall

1. Call To Order – Chair Alexander called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer - Fr. Brunet and Religion Consultant B. Brush and Information Communication Technology Consultant Doug Sadler opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. Recording of Attendance – Trustee Soulliere sends her regrets.
4. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the February 9, 2010 Regular Board meeting agenda be approved as distributed. *Carried.*

5. Questions Pertaining to Agenda: None

6. Disclosure of Interest - Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act: None

7. Presentations:

a. Principal's Report on Student Achievement - Holy Name Elementary Catholic School

Principal's Report on Student Achievement - Principal Joni Ouellette and Vice Principal Christine Merritt were present to provide an overview of the strategies and initiatives in place at Holy Name Catholic Elementary School to support faith development and student achievement.

b. Aboriginal Education Presentation

Superintendent Staudt, Assistant Superintendent Emelda Byrne, Literacy and Numeracy Consultant Suzanne Garneau and St. Rose Elementary school grade 6 teacher Kim Capaldi-Field presented to the board a synopsis of the full day in-service all grade 6 teachers recently attended. The in-service helped teachers to incorporate deeper understandings of the Aboriginal perspective directly into their classrooms as well as to provide resources to support student learning.

c. Communication Strategy: Twitter Presentation

Superintendent Staudt and Information Communication Technology Consultant Doug Sadler and Communication Co-ordinator Jill Braido explained and demonstrated the implementation of the Board's new communication strategy, *Twitter*. As an additional means of communicating to the parents and public, the Communication Co-ordinator will now Twitter board-wide events and accomplishments. These same messages can also be accessed through the board website.

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, January 26, 2010

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Holland that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of January 26, 2010 be adopted as distributed. Carried.

ii) Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, January 26, 2010

Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee Holland that the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of January 26, 2010 be adopted as distributed. Carried.

b. Items from the In-Camera Meeting of February 9, 2010

Vice Chair DiMenna reported that the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a closed Committee of the Whole Board meeting on February 9, 2010 pursuant to the Education Act - Section 207, to consider specific personnel, labour relations matters, and other matters permitted or required to

be kept private and confidential under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Trustees Courtney, Macri and Porcellini declared a conflict of interest during the In-Camera Session and excused themselves from the relevant discussion item.

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Holland that the recommendations and directions of the Committee of the Whole Board at its in-camera meeting of February 9, 2010 be approved. Carried.

Vice Chair DiMenna made the following announcements:

- receipt of the Administrative Staff Report on hiring, leave of absence, return from leave of absence, retirement and resignation of staff, dated February 9, 2010
- receipt of the Principal and Vice Principal Roster for elementary and secondary schools

10. Communications:

- a. External (Associations, OCSTA, Ministry): None
- b. Internal (Reports from Administration):
 - i) Report: Administrative Staff Report

Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee Macri that the Board receive the Administrative Staff Report on hiring, retirement and resignation of staff dated February 9, 2010 as information. Carried.

- ii) Report: Elementary Music Program Update

Board music educators Petar Cuckovic and Cori McGuire presented to the trustees the Music Enrichment: *Transition Band Project* and *A New Perspective*. The goal of the Transition Band Project is to encourage elementary students to continue taking music classes at the secondary level. *A New Perspective's* focus is to introduce music to our special needs students and those who are at risk.

Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive the Update of the Delivery of the Elementary Music Program as information. Carried.

- iii) Report: Legal Services - December 2009

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Board receive the report Legal Services - December 2009 as information. Carried

- iv) Report: 2010-11 Budget Schedule

Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board receive the report on the 2010-11 Budget Schedule as information. Carried

11. Unfinished Business: None.

12. New Business:

a. Field Trips:

- i) Report: 2010 Spring Muskoka Woods Leadership Experience Field Trip

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Courtney that the Board approve the 2010 Spring Muskoka Woods Leadership Experience Field Trip as information.

Carried

- b. Report: Board Policy Review (*final approval*) ST: 05 Student Discipline Intervention and SC: 18 Bullying Prevention

Due to the significant changes to the legislation and consequently Board policies, Trustee Porcellini suggested to administration that presentations to parents outlining Policies ST:05 Student Discipline Intervention and SC:18 Bullying Prevention may be beneficial.

Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee Macri that the Board provide final approval to the Draft Amended Board Policies ST: 05 Student Discipline Intervention and SC: 18 Bullying Prevention;

and That the Board receive amended administrative procedures Pr ST:05 Student Discipline Procedures and Pr SC:18 Strategies for Bullying Prevention and Intervention as information. *Carried.*

- c. Report: Board Policy Review (*approval in principle*) Amended Policy A:23 Microwave Ovens in Elementary School Classrooms

Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee Courtney that the Board approve, in principle, Draft Amended Board Policy A:23 Microwave Ovens in Elementary School Classrooms. *Carried*

- d. Report: Board Policy Review (*approval in principle*) Amended Policy H:04 Criminal Reference Checks and Offence Declaration for Employees

Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Board approve, in principle, Draft Amended Board Policy H:04 Criminal Reference Checks and Offence Declaration for Employees. *Carried*

13. Committee Reports:

- a. Verbal Report: Essex Civic Centre Building Management Committee

Superintendent Iatonna informed trustees a meeting was held February 4, 2010 to discuss the Essex Civic Centre calendar year budget.

14. Notice of Motion: None

15. Remarks and Announcements:
- a. Chairperson Alexander commented on his visit to the Newcomer Reception Centre which provides many support services to families new to Canada.
 - b. Director of Education Berthiaume provided comment on recent activities supporting the Board's strategic priorities namely;
 - Faith Development:* celebrating Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010;
 - Student Achievement:* the board's introduction to Teachers Learning Critical Pathway through Schools Helping Schools, Academic Leadership, Pathway to Potential, Occasional Teachers Training, Young Worker Awareness Program, Journey to Holiness, Red Cross Training, Schools in the Middle and JK - Grade 1 Assessment and Intervention Project;
 - Community Engagement and Partnerships:* attending Umbrella Group meeting at Brennan, visited St. Michael's Rhodes Campus, L.A. Demarais and St. Maria Goretti and will bring greetings at the University of Windsor Social Justice Forum;
 - Celebrating Achievements:* congratulations to Linda Staudt who was recently appointed by the Assistant Deputy Minister to serve on the Ontario Education Research Panel and congratulations to Brian Rivait and Jim Minello on the Catholic Principals Council of Ontario, Principals of the Year Award, recognizing outstanding school and community leadership.
 - c. Board Chaplain Fr. Brunet encouraged all to take part during this forty day period of Lent.
16. Remarks/Questions by Trustees
- Trustee Holland commented on the artwork displayed in the Board reception area. She inquired whether schools still organize ski trips and if so encouraged the rental of helmets for all students. Also, it has been brought to her attention that many grade 8 students when completing their secondary school course selections are choosing applied over academic for reasons other than those recommended and suggested this be made aware of at the High School Council Meeting.
 - Trustee DiMenna asked for continued prayers for the two Leamington children who recently lost their parents.
 - Trustee Porcellini thanked Chair Alexander for his visit St. Anne French Immersion.
 - Trustee Courtney thanked the number of teaching staff and employee groups in attendance at tonight's meeting.
 - Student Trustee Wolinski informed trustees of the Senate meeting at Catholic Central and she will also be attending the University of Windsor's Social Justice forum.
 - Student Trustee Timperio contributed to the publication of the Ontario Student Trustees' Association, titled "Inspiring Citizenship: Ontario's Careers/Civics Curriculum".
17. Pending Items
- a. Draft Board Policy H:07 Selection Process - Principals and Vice Principals (*deferred March 10, 2009*)
 - b. Deferred Report (*Deferred from April 28, 2009*): Play Surface Material Standard – Rubber
18. Continuation of In-Camera: The Board reconvened to In-Camera Committee of the Whole meeting following adjournment.

19. Future Board Meetings: *Unless stated otherwise, all meetings will be held at the Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre - 1325 California Avenue, Windsor with the In-Camera Session beginning at 6:00 p.m. and the Public Session beginning at 7:00 p.m.*
- Tuesday, February 23, 2010
 - Tuesday, March 9, 2010
 - Tuesday, March 30, 2010
 - Tuesday, April 13, 2010
 - Tuesday, April 27, 2010
 - Tuesday, May 11, 2010
 - Tuesday, May 25, 2010
 - Tuesday, June 8, 2010
 - **Monday**, June 21, 2010
20. Closing Prayer – Fr. Brunet closed the meeting with a prayer.
21. Adjournment – There being no further business, the Regular Board meeting of February 9, 2010 adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Approved

Fred Alexander
Board Chairperson

Joseph Berthiaume
Director of Education & Secretary-Treasurer