



**WINDSOR-ESSEX CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

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1325 California Avenue  
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CHAIRPERSON: Barbara Holland

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Paul A. Picard

**PUPIL ACCOMMODATION STUDY  
TRUSTEE DELEGATION MEETING  
AMHERSTBURG AREA  
Monday, February 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.  
St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic Secondary School  
2800 County Rd. #8, LaSalle**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT**

**Trustees:**

F. Alexander	B. Mastromattei
F. Costante	L. Soulliere
M. DiMenna, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	S. Tope
F. DiTomasso	F. Valentinis
B. Holland, <i>Chair</i>	

Student Trustee Diab  
Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain

**Regrets:**

Student Trustee Bowers

**Administration:**

P. Picard (Resource)	J. Bumbacco	R. Lo Faso
C. Geml	E. Byrne	C. Norris
M. Iatonna	S. Fields	M. Seguin
	P. King	J. Shea
		J. Ulicny

**Recorder:**

B. Marshall

1. Call To Order – Chair Holland called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Chair Holland assured members of the audience that the Board meeting was designed specifically to receive public input on Administration’s Accommodation Review Recommendations for the Amherstburg Area. Chair Holland recognized Catholic School Advisory Council Chairpersons and thanked the principals, vice principals, custodians and students for their assistance in preparing for this evenings meeting.

Chair Holland outlined the delegation process and time limit and also mentioned Trustees and senior administration will remain after the meeting to speak to members of the community.

2. Opening Prayer – Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. Recording of Attendance – All trustees are present. Student Trustee Bowers sent his regrets due to a prior commitment.
4. Approval of Agenda – No amendments this evening.

**Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Mastromattei that the February 29, 2016 Trustee Delegation meeting agenda be approved as distributed.**  
*Carried*

5. Disclosure of Interest - Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.: *None*
6. Delegations:
  - a. Frank Cleminson, Parent of children attending Stella Maris Catholic Elementary School to speak to start times, portables and total value to update the school.

Mr. Cleminson thanked Trustees for the opportunity to speak and stated his main focus is on the students' needs and to find the best solution should Trustees decide to close St. Bernard school.

Mr. Cleminson requested the following information from administration:

- Will the current start time at Stella Maris school remain the same for September 2016?
- Location of portables and anticipated duration?
- Expand intramural and team sports.
- Savings due to consolidation be reinvested in student needs (examples: new technology, smart boards, larger computer room).

- b. John Miceli, Community Member and Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Amherstburg to present the Town of Amherstburg's position on school closures.

As per Board By-Law 3:09, the Board waived the 5 minute timeline required of delegations, and by resolution extended Delegation John Miceli's time limit.

**Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Mastromattei that the Board waive Delegation John Miceli's five minute time limit in order for Mr. Miceli to complete his presentation.** *Carried*

On behalf of the Town of Amherstburg, Mr. Miceli questioned the Board's rationale in the Final Staff recommendation to consolidate St. Bernard to Stella Maris. Mr. Miceli provided the following perceived challenges in the areas of:

- Transportation, bus bays and increased travel time;
- The missed opportunity to utilize a 30 acre municipal park across from St. Bernard;
- St. Bernard is more centrally located in the municipality and the primary settlement area, thus minimizing the impact on municipal road infrastructure and better equipped to handle the Town's future growth patterns;
- The Town receives parking complaints on the streets surrounding Stella Maris;
- Limited options for site expansions at Stella Maris, specifically as it relates to the

- addition of permanent classrooms;
- Smaller parking area, and smaller gymnasium at Stella Maris as well as limited opportunities for on-site and on-street parking;
- Future growth in the primary settlement area of the municipality is divided fairly evenly between the north and the south. However, due to infrastructure challenges, the south is better positioned for growth;
- The Town has major developments in the south which include Hunt Club Creek Subdivision (draft plan approved) at 800 homes and Smith Subdivision (preliminary planning phases) with 600 homes;
- Stella Maris located in the “Fraserville Area” under the Town’s Nuisance Mosquito Program.

*Written Submissions received prior to the meeting:*

Two (2) written submissions was received by:

- Darren Clark, a parent of two children that attend St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School
- Barb Souliere, Community member

Trustees and administrators received a copy of the written submissions.

Submissions received after the Trustee Delegation meeting will be electronically forward to Trustees as well as attached to the Draft Trustee Delegation Minutes.

7. Action Items: *None*

8. Communications:

a. External (Associations, OCSTA, Ministry): *None*

b. Internal (Reports from Administration):

- i) Report: Final Staff Report on the Accommodation Review Study for the Amherstburg area, including St. Bernard and Stella Maris Catholic Elementary Schools

Director Picard provided the community with administration’s rationale for the final staff recommendations for the Amherstburg area.

Trustees requested the following data to be supplemented in the final staff recommendation:

- What are the potential savings by installing portables at Stella Maris as opposed to students remaining at St. Bernard until construction of classrooms are completed.
- Transportation:
  - Majority of St. Bernard students will be bussed. How will that financially impact the Board?
  - Address Bus bay access.
  - After school programs/sports - Provide student transportation home.
- Address additional parking.
- Will the Ontario Early Learning Years Program at St. Bernard move to Stella Maris?

**Moved by Costante and seconded by Mastromattei that the Board receive as information the Final Staff Report on the accommodation review study for the Amherstburg area, including St. Bernard and Stella Maris Catholic Elementary Schools; and**

**That the Board receive public input concerning the Final Staff Report, including the final recommendation presented by Board Administration as follows:**

**That effective September 2016, the St. Bernard Catholic Elementary School Community be consolidated with the Stella Maris Catholic School Community at the Stella Maris site, with students to be accommodated in the short term through the use of portables, as may be required; and**

**That the Board apply to the Ministry of Education through the School Consolidation Capital (SCC) Program for funding for the construction of an addition and renovations, as may be required, to support the consolidation at Stella Maris or, if failing to obtain SCC funding, a further report be submitted to the Board regarding alternatives; and**

**That effective June 2016, St. Bernard Catholic Elementary School be closed and deemed surplus to the Board's future needs, pursuant to Section 194 (3) (a) of the Education Act. *Carried***

9. Committee Reports: *None*
10. Unfinished Business: *None*
11. New Business: *None*
12. Notice of Motion: *None*
13. Pending Items: *None*
14. Future Regular Board Meetings: *Unless stated otherwise, all meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre - 1325 California Avenue, Windsor beginning at 7:00 p.m.*
  - Tuesday, March 1, 2016 – *Trustee Delegation Meeting – West Windsor at Assumption College High School, 7:00 pm*
  - Tuesday, March 29, 2016
  - Tuesday, April 5, 2016 – *Final Board Approval - Pupil Accommodation Studies*
  - Tuesday, April 26, 2016
  - Tuesday, May 24, 2016
  - Tuesday, June 14, 2016 (*Additional*)
  - **MONDAY**, June 27, 2016

*Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm (closed sessions).*

15. Adjourn to In-Camera meeting, if required: *Not Required.*
16. Closing Prayer – Fr. Brunet closed the meeting with a prayer.
17. Adjournment – There being no further business, the Trustees Delegation meeting of February 29, 2016 adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

***Original signed by B. Holland and P. Picard***

***Barbara Holland***  
*Chairperson of the Board*

***Paul A. Picard***  
*Director of Education & Secretary of the Board*