

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

Meeting #06 – Wednesday, February 23, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:54 p.m. in the Library at St. Joseph's Catholic High School, 243 Cundles Road East, Barrie, following the Commissioning Mass and reception.

2. ROLL CALL

Director of Education, Brian Beal, conducted roll call of the Board of Trustees to determine quorum for the meeting.

Present: Clayton Ferguson – Board Chair, Jessica Bews, Shawn Cooper, Maria Hardie, Catherine MacDonald, Sergio Morales, Connie Positano, Jeanny Salmon and Francis Smith

Regrets: Carol Corriveau –Truchon

Resource: Brian Beal – Director of Education, Glenn Clarke, Peter Derochie, Delio Di Giovanni, Jane Dillon-Leitch, Diane Legg, Mary Puopolo, Darren Schmidt, Enda Soostar

Recorder: Belinda Marcellus

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the Meeting Agenda.

4. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

5. INAUGURATION OF CATHOLIC TRUSTEE – WARD 3

Chair Clayton Ferguson welcomed Trustee Catherine MacDonald, representing Ward 3, to the Board table.

Director of Education, Brian Beal, led Trustee MacDonald through her declaration and oath of allegiance.

6. DELEGATIONS

Nil.

7. PRESENTATIONS

Celebrating God's Gift of Life and the Wonder of Life in our Community

1) **Canada's Outstanding Principals Award Recipients– Pattie Campbell, Principal – St. Paul's Catholic Elementary School and Joe Timmins, Principal – St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School**

The Board recognized the recipients of The Learning Partnership's Canada's Outstanding Principals award. The Learning Partnership is a champion for public education and recognized 32 principals across Canada, which included two principals from Simcoe Muskoka Catholic.

Patricia Campbell, a former student of St. Paul's Catholic Elementary School, in Alliston, and currently its principal, was honoured for her goal to maintain a school where all children learn and achieve, through such initiatives as a School on the Move and Girls on the Run.

Joe Timmins is principal at St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School, in Barrie and has focused on faith and social justice, as well as utilizing technology, such as SMARTBoards and establishing courses using digital technology to reach and engage all students.

2) **Update on Programme & Services Initiatives Part 2**

Director of Education Brian Beal, highlighted secondary initiatives, such as Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting (AER), mathematics, curriculum councils, School/College Work Initiative (SCWI), Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM), and Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP); and Special Education programmes, services and funding, including Special Incident Portion (SIP), Special Equipment Amount (SEA), Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and alternative curriculum expectations (ACE-ACT).

Part three of the programme and services initiatives update will be presented at the next Board meeting.

3) **I-Plan and Course Planner**

Perry Cavarzan, Secondary Programme Coordinator, discussed the *I-Plan* which was developed to assist students in the transition from elementary to secondary school and provides the calendar of courses offered in the next school year. The *Iconnect: Your High School Connection* is a tool used in elementary schools to assist each student in their transition from elementary to secondary school, and offers information such as an introduction to high school, myths, realities and other things that concern students. *Career Cruising* is an online tool in which students and their parents/guardians can select their courses, keep track of earned and required credits, and plan their career, with links to colleges and universities. The student trustees spoke very highly of their experience with the *Career Cruising* tool.

8. ACTION ITEMS

- 1) **Report 8. 1) 06-2011: School Year Calendar**
Recommendation: That the Board approve the Elementary and Secondary 2011-2012 School Year Calendars for the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board, as presented, for submission to the Ministry of Education for final approval.
Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the recommendation.
- 2) **Report 8. 3) 06-2011: Trustee Selection Committee Summary**
Recommendation: That the Board dissolve the Trustee Selection Committee effective immediately.
Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the recommendation.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1) **Report 9. 1) 06-2011: 2011 Committee Appointments - Update**
Trustee Catherine MacDonald was appointed to the Discipline Committee. Clarification was provided that Trustee Jeanny Salmon is a member of the Discipline Committee, not an alternate. Trustee Catherine MacDonald was also appointed to the Ad Hoc Catholic Education Centre Facilities Committee, and as an alternate on the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC). Updated committee chart attached to minutes as Appendix 1.
- 2) **Report 9. 2) 06-2011: OSSLT Adjusted School Day**
- 3) **Report 9. 3) 06-2011: Operational Review Update**
- 4) **Report 9. 4) 06-2011: Trustee Orientation Topics and Date**
Board Chair Clayton Ferguson polled trustees for dates and topics for further orientation sessions for trustees. A date in early March will be called for information and training regarding budget and funding. On April 13th an orientation session will be held at 5:00 p.m. with FirstClass and board website training, a light dinner and further orientation prior to the commencement of the regularly scheduled board meeting.
- 5) **Report 9. 5) 06-2011: 2011 Graduation Dates**
It was noted that many dates/locations are tentative and updated information will be provided. Many schools hold graduation ceremonies on the same dates and times. Some schools partner with other schools in their family of schools and hold graduation together either in the church or secondary school. Many schools also hold masses, breakfasts and/or luncheons, which trustees may be able to attend if they are unable to attend the actual graduation ceremony.

10. ROUTINE

- 1) **Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings**
 - i) **Minutes – Meeting #04 – Wednesday, February 02, 2011**
Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the Minutes.
 - ii) **Minutes – Meeting #05 – Wednesday, February 16, 2011**
Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the Minutes.

11. TRUSTEE ENQUIRIES

Nil.

12. ITEMS OF INTEREST

Student Trustee Jessica Bews highlighted the Speak Up event she attended that day, which involved students from Simcoe Muskoka Catholic and Simcoe County District School Board. The event offered students an opportunity to discuss anything that they felt was important in an informal format. Technology was the hot topic as students expressed the need for more technology in classrooms and the use of a class Twitter page and school Facebook page.

Sergio Morales spoke about the Speak Up event and that the Ministry of Education funded 13 school Speak Up initiatives, and is expanding the funding to special education. Natalie Kramer is Simcoe Muskoka Catholic's representative.

Trustee Francis Smith attended a retirement luncheon, hosted by Patrick Fogarty Catholic Secondary School students, for former Board Chair Jim Canning.

Trustees were asked to complete and return the forms provided regarding their potential attendance at the OCSTA AGM and convention (April 28-30) and the CCSTA AGM and convention (June 2-4).

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA)
 - i) February 3, 2011 – Pam Denobrega
OCSTA Website – Members' Centre page – PD presentations
 - ii) February 4, 2011 – Connie Araujo-De Melo
Submission to the Standing Committee on Finance & Economic Affairs Pre-Budget Consultation
 - iii) February 7, 2011 – Kevin Kobus, Executive Director
Bereavement – the late Miriam French, mother of Sharon McMillan
 - iv) February 17, 2011 – Student leaders Share Ideas on catholic Faith, Technology and Culture

14. MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 01, 2011 Discipline Committee (*training session*) 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 02, 2011	Supervised Alternative Learning (<i>training session</i>)	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 02, 2011	Audit Committee (<i>training session</i>)	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 02, 2011	SEAC #02 (<i>rescheduled from February 23rd</i>)	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday March 02, 2011	Board Policy Review Committee # 02	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 23, 2011	Board Meeting #07	7:30 p.m.

15. PRIVATE SESSION

16. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Nil.

17. NEXT MEETING

Board Meeting #07:	Wednesday, March 23, 2011	7:30 p.m.
Agenda Deadline Date:	Wednesday, March 16, 2011	4:30 p.m.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:26p.m.

19. CLOSING PRAYER

Student Trustee Sergio Morales closed the meeting with a prayer.

2011 Committee Appointments

Legislated Committees (per diem applies)	Trustees	Resource
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)	Maria Hardie Carol Corriveau-Truchon Sergio Morales Alternates: Catherine MacDonald Jeanny Salmon	Delio Di Giovanni
DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE	Clayton Ferguson - Chair Connie Positano Catherine MacDonald Jeanny Salmon	Darren Schmidt
AUDIT COMMITTEE	Francis Smith - Chair Shawn Cooper Jeanny Salmon	Peter Derochie
SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE (SAL)	Jeanny Salmon	Mary Puopolo
Standing Committees	Trustees	Resource
BOARD POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE (BPR)	Connie Positano - Chair Shawn Cooper Francis Smith Jessica Bews Sergio Morales	Brian Beal or designate
Board of Directors	Trustee representative	Resource
SIMCOE COUNTY STUDENT TRANSPORTATION CONSORTIUM	Maria Hardie	Peter Derochie
Ad Hoc Committees	Trustees	Resource
CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE FACILITIES COMMITTEE	Clayton Ferguson – Chair Maria Hardie Catherine MacDonald Francis Smith	Glenn Clarke

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AD HOC TRUSTEE VACANCY COMMITTEE	Clayton Ferguson – Chair Connie Positano Francis Smith	Brian Beal
JOINT TASK FORCE – SIMCOE MUSKOKA CDSB / SIMCOE COUNTY DSB	Clayton Ferguson – Chair Maria Hardie Catherine MacDonald Francis Smith	Brian Beal
Representation on Committees	Trustee Representative	Resource
PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE	Carol Corriveau-Truchon	Brian Beal