

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

Meeting #17 – Wednesday, October 19, 2011

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Clayton Ferguson, Board Chair, at 7:32 p.m., in the Board Room, 46 Alliance Boulevard, Barrie.

2. **OPENING PRAYER / REFLECTION**

Trustee Shawn Cooper and Student Trustee Jessica Bews led the opening prayer and reflection.

Remembrances for the Deceased:

The Late **Barbara Renouf**, mother of Kristen and Leah, students, and Jonathan, former student.

The Late **Brunina Vavala**, mother of Vince Vavala, Chief Custodian, Cosmina Ethier, school office administrator, grandmother of Graziano Vavala, Principal and Laura Martin, Educational Assistant, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren who are students in the Board.

The Late **Cecilia DeCourcy**, mother of Michael DeCourcy, supply teacher, mother-in-law of Denise DeCourcy, teacher, and grandmother to Maggie, student.

The Late **Antonio Ingraldi**, father of Cathy Ingraldi-Minchella, teacher and grandfather of Sabrina and Luca, students.

The Late **Bruce Fraser**, supply teacher with the Board.

The Late **Gino De Longhi**, father of Bryan De Longhi, teacher, and father-in-law of Joyanne Van Laarhoven, teacher.

The Late **James Rodgers**, father of Danielle and Chandra, former students.

The Late **Matthew Letwin**, nephew of Michelle Zawacki, Randy Zawacki, Charlene and Bruce Wakewich, cousin of Christopher, Jonny and Stephanie, students and Stephen, Lyndsay and Erin, graduates.

The Late **Tom Angus**, partner of Margie Baks, HRMS Administrator, and grandfather to Jacqueline, graduate and Heather, student.

The Late **Dr. Elfio A. Schincariol**, father of Alene D'Ulisse, teacher.

The Late **Rodger Fisher**, grandfather of Christina Fisher, teacher.

The late **Bryson McQuirter**, father-in-law of Jennifer McQuirter, Educational Assistant.

The Late **Evelyn Price**, mother of Vince Price, teacher, and Laurie Burke, custodian.

The Late **Szczepan Szczodrowski**, father of Beata Sypulkowski, Educational Assistant.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Brian Beal, Director of Education, conducted the Roll Call of the Board of Trustees to establish quorum for the Meeting.

Present: Clayton Ferguson – Board Chair, Jessica Bews, Shawn Cooper, Carol Corriveau-Truchon, Maria Hardie, Catherine MacDonald, Connie Positano, Jeanny Salmon, Francis Smith
Resource: Brian Beal – Director of Education, Steve Charbonneau, Glenn Clarke, Peter Derochie, Jane Dillon-Leitch, Ab Falconi, Diane Legg, Darren Schmidt,
Regrets: Mary Puopolo
Recorder: Belinda Marcellus

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the public session portion of the Agenda.

5. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

6. PRESENTATIONS

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

1) ShareLife

Brian Beal reported that last year through the employee campaign approximately \$20 thousand dollars was raised for ShareLife. This month kicks off the employee contribution campaign and in January the school campaign will commence. ShareLife continues to improve its processes to recognize the contributions of the schools which goes through the parishes.

Board Chair Clayton Ferguson noted that the Board is pleased to continue its partnership and support of ShareLife.

2) Our Lady of Assumption Catholic School, Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, Prince of Peace Catholic School – Architect Presentation

Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant introduced Doug Snyder, of Snyder Architect, the firm appointed for this project which will include the demolition of an old section of Our Lady of Grace School, and construction of a new addition to accommodate the students of these three schools. Mr. Snyder outlined the design's focus on identity and heritage; catholicity and community, natural light; efficiency; and sustainability. Site challenges noted were: the floor plans for the first and second floors; and the main hall which will pay tribute to each of the three schools that are coming together as one community. The design team and user group will continue to meet to refine the design. It is anticipated that the school will open in the autumn of 2013.

Board Chair Clayton Ferguson commented that the Board is looking forward to the development of bricks, mortar and glass that will eventually join Our Lady of the Assumption, Our Lady of Grace, and Prince of Peace Catholic schools, as one faith-filled learning community.

3) **Changes to the Mass: The Roman Missal**

Sherry Chapman, Adult Faith Animator provided an overview of the changes to the Roman Missal which will be in effect on the first Sunday of Advent. The key parts of the mass such as the structure and the cycle of the readings remains the same, but the wording will change significantly. These changes are being discussed and resources provided to Principals, Vice-Principals, Chaplaincy Team Leaders, and Faith Ambassadors, with encouragement to communicate with their respective parish priests.

Board Chair Clayton Ferguson noted that trustees will have an opportunity to celebrate together under the new Missal at a Mass on December 7th.

7. **ACTION ITEMS**

None.

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1) **Report 8. 1) 17-2011: Our Lady of Assumption Catholic School, Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, Prince of Peace Catholic School – Architect Presentation**

Staff will continue to pursue the need for a sidewalk on the street, especially when across the street from the school there is a busy drive-thru business. A suggestion was brought forward to present a delegation to the township.

Concern was expressed that the capacity of the school will not accommodate the projected enrolment when it the new school opens. Staff are working through long range plans and discussions with the Ministry of Education.

Board Chair Clayton Ferguson thanked Glenn Clarke and his staff, noting that everyone is looking forward to updates from the design team and user group, and to the completion of this project.

2) **Report 8. 2) 17-2011: Boundary Reviews**

The first boundary review has begun in Bradford West Gwillimbury with a report expected to the Board in the winter. It was noted that a new school for the Bradford West Gwillimbury (BWG) area was third on the Board's capital submission this past year but with the first two projects already approved, the BWG proposal is at the top of the Board's capital projects proposal list for approval by the Ministry of Education. The process takes several years to complete. The current boundary review may identify some short term solutions and provide further support to the proposal for a new school.

Board Chair Clayton Ferguson thanked staff involved in these initiatives, in addition to the North Barrie accommodation review.

- 3) **Report 8. 3) 17-2011: Summer School 2011 Review**
Statistics provided illustrate the success of the summer school program in 2011 and identified the potential for new opportunities in continuing education and summer school in 2012, such as evening courses and driver education.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Clayton Ferguson thanked the Continuing Education Committee and staff for their commitment to student success.

- 4) **Report 8. 4) 17-2011: New Monsignor Lee Catholic Elementary School Project Update**

The project includes the closure of Guardian Angels Catholic School and the students joining the Monsignor Lee Catholic School community. The Board owns the Guardian Angels Catholic school building and the church owns the land. There will be a prescribed process to go through to decommission that building. The history of Guardian Angels Catholic School and its building will be honoured when the two schools unite.

- 5) **Report 8. 5) 17-2011: St. Bernard's Catholic School, Orillia Transition Planning**

Trustees were invited to join St. Bernard's Catholic School community for a blessing and walk from their current temporary facility to a blessing and move into their brand new facility on November 7th.

- 6) **Report 8. 6) 17-2011: ICT Initiatives**

The report outlined three specific areas of work on infrastructure; the student information system; and an information and communication technology strategic plan to support the 21st century classroom and administration. Of particular note, is the relocation of the Board's data centre to Monsignor Clair Catholic School. The cost and logistics of moving fibre optics and the availability of an empty classroom made Monsignor Clair Catholic School the ideal location for the data centre. It was noted that this relocation will not prejudice the accommodation review process as the location of the data centre does not anchor the board office to that site.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Board Chair Clayton Ferguson expressed appreciation to the Information Communication Technology staff for their commitment to these important projects that are essential to the work we all do in supporting student learning and success.

- 7) **Report 8. 7) 17-2011: Multi Year Plan Update**

In order to align the development of the Board's multi-year plan with the Ministry of Education's training opportunity the completion timeline will be delayed. Consultation has begun and will be ongoing. The multi year plan will provide direction for 2012-2013 budget approval by the Board in June.

- 8) **Report 8. 8) 17-2011: Communications and Public Relations Awards**

The Communications department was commended for their creativity and contributions to providing support by working with various departments and the schools on initiatives such as website development and support, and various

publications and learning tools. Their work has been recognized professionally through national and North American organizations.

- 9) **Minutes – Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)**
i) **Meeting #08 – Wednesday, June 08, 2011**

9. **ROUTINE**

- 1) **Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings**
i) **Minutes – Meeting #15 – Wednesday, September 07, 2011**
Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the Minutes.
ii) **Minutes – Meeting #16 – Wednesday, September 28, 2011**
Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the Minutes.

10. **TRUSTEE ENQUIRIES**
None.

11. **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

Trustee Carol Corriveau-Truchon was pleased to advise that Paige Forsythe, Chaplain at St. Dominic Catholic Secondary School has been nominated for the YWCA of Muskoka Woman of Distinction - Mentorship award. The ceremony and recognition of award recipients takes place on October 27th.

Trustee Catherine MacDonald shared praise from a parent who lost their spouse recently and received support from the school and community for the children and father.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA)
i) October 3, 2011 – Connie Araujo-De Melo, Administrative Assistant
Invitation – Retirement Celebration for Carol Devine
ii) October 5, 2011 – Sharon McMillan, Coordinator, Communications and Media Relations
Catholic School Board Across Ontario Honour Teachers
iii) October 7, 2011 – Pam Denobrega, Administrative Assistant
2012 AGM & Conference
iv) October 11, 2011 - Sharon McMillan, Coordinator, Communications and Media Relations
Toronto Catholic & Public Boards Profile Shared Transportation Success
- 2) Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association
i) October 2011 – Board of Directors' Highlights
- 3) Ministry of Education
i) August 31, 2011 – Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of Education

13. MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 25, 2011	Discipline Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 26, 2011	Board Policy Review Committee	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 08, 2011	Discipline Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 09, 2011	Board Meeting #18	7:30 p.m.

14. PRIVATE SESSION

15. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

No report.

16. NEXT MEETING

Board Meeting #18:	Wednesday, November 09, 2011	7:30p.m.
Agenda Deadline Date:	Wednesday, November 02, 2011	4:30p.m.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:39 p.m.

18. CLOSING PRAYER

Trustee Maria Hardie led the Closing Prayer.