

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

Meeting #18 – Wednesday, November 09, 2011

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m., by Board Chair Clayton Ferguson, in the Board Room, 46 Alliance Boulevard, Barrie.

2. **SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**

Sherry Chapman, Adult Faith Animator, led the prayer service of remembrance.

Remembrances for the Deceased:

The Late **Randy Cholak**, husband of Suzanne Conely-Cholak, office administrator and president of the Office & Clerical bargaining unit.

The Late **Enno Meijers Sr.**, father of Phyllis Alberts-Meijers, teacher.

The Late **Margaret Culliton**, mother of Marty Aubin, educational assistant.

The Late **Mark Hipwell**, nephew of Maureen Doeler, teacher and cousin to Adam, Danielle and Mackenzie, students.

The Late **Patricia May**, mother of Megan and Aislinn, students.

The Late **John Defend**, father-in-law of Mona Defend, educational assistant.

The Late **Garry McIntyre**, father-in-law of Mary Sue McIntyre, teacher and grandfather to Maggie, Robyn, Rachael, Teaghan and Garth, students.

The Late **Rose Szczepanski**, mother of Liz Cinapri, teacher.

The Late **Minni Bloem**, mother of Marion Shaw, educational assistant.

The Late **Gabriel Barban**, father of Krista Barban, teacher.

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, Mary Puopolo, Darren Schmidt

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**

Nil.

6. **PRESENTATIONS**

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

1) **EQAO**

Jane Dillon-Leitch, Superintendent of Programme & Services introduced Perry Cavarzan, Secondary Programme Coordinator and Jonathan Rajalingam, Elementary Programme Coordinator.

Trustees and Education Leadership Council were each given randomly, either a grade nine math question or a grade three reading or writing question that represented an EQAO test question that students might be required to answer.

Discussion of the expectations for students' responses, and the scoring system, highlighted the complexity of the annual provincial testing.

Staff noted that there are many ways that the board provides opportunities for families to support their child, beginning in junior kindergarten when children receive a welcome bag with books, and tips for parents to read with their child. Schools are endeavouring to educate parents by drawing them in to the schools for various curriculum activity evenings.

Board Chair Clayton Ferguson expressed appreciation, on behalf of the Board, to the presenters and to all staff and students who work hard to prepare for and complete the EQAO annual testing exercises in grades three, six and nine.

2) **Partnership Initiatives 2010-2011 Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board and Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit**

Jane Dillon-Leitch, Superintendent of Programme & Services introduced Carol Yandreski, Public Health Nurse with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, who is liaison to Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board.

Carol highlighted some of the many partnerships and achievements throughout the 2010-2011 school year to promote and protect health and prevent disease and injury. These included clinical services such as dental screenings; healthy schools with public health nurses working directly with schools to set up committees with representatives from the student body, parents and staff, to survey the school community on public health issues, and the assets and supports in place that can help address those issues. St. Noel Chabanel Catholic School, Monsignor Castex Catholic School and Patrick Fogarty Catholic Secondary School were highlighted for their promotion of healthy activities in their schools.

A suggestion for a promotion to encourage parents to be role models for students by refraining from smoking at school bus stops will be taken to the Tobacco Team.

Director of Education, Brian Beal, commended the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

and Carol Yandreski, in particular, for the strong partnership and good will of the health unit and staff.

Board Chair Clayton Ferguson expressed appreciation, on behalf of the Board, for the continued commitment of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to work in partnership with the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School board to promote and protect health and prevent disease and injury.

In closing, Carol Yandreski urged everyone to visit the health unit's website to book their flu shot.

7. ACTION ITEMS

- 1) **Report 7. 1) 18-2011: Architect Selection Committee – Capital Projects**
By putting the committee in place now, the Board can be ready to move ahead on projects that may receive funding in the months ahead.

Recommendation: That the Board appoint a minimum of two Trustees to an Ad Hoc Committee to select architects for the following projects:

- a. Proposed new Bradford West Gwillimbury Catholic elementary school;
- b. Full Day Kindergarten Projects at:
 - i. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School;
 - ii. St. James Catholic School;
 - iii. Monsignor Michael O'Leary Catholic School; and
 - iv. St. John Vianney Catholic School.

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the recommendation.

Trustees Carol Corriveau-Truchon, Maria Hardie and Jeanny Salmon accepted appointments to the committee with Board Chair Clayton Ferguson serving as Architects Selection Committee Chair. This committee membership represents all communities that may be in line for Ministry of Education funding in the next year.

- 2) **Report 7. 2) 18-2011: Monsignor Lee Catholic School and Guardian Angels Catholic School Amalgamation Date**

Consolidation of Monsignor Lee Catholic School and Guardian Angels Catholic School in September would allow staff to plan for the new community to join together at the beginning of the school year with the staffing compliment and transportation routes in place.

Recommendation: That the Board approve the consolidation of Guardian Angels Catholic School students with Monsignor Lee Catholic School for September 1st, 2012 at the

temporary facility currently serving the Monsignor Lee school community.

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the recommendation.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

1) Report 8. 1) 18-2011: Supports for Student Well-Being

The list from the psychology, and programme and services departments provides a sense of the supports available to students who are experiencing barriers to learning. The Board has also been chosen by the Ministry of Education to pilot a Mental Health initiative in which the lead on the project will work with Community Care Access Centre mental health nurses to provide support in our schools. Five counsellors provide support to the elementary schools. The secondary schools have a social worker and psychologist assigned to each school, as well as support from the Chaplains and Guidance. The Board also has supports in place to assist students who may disclose an issue of sexuality. Whatever issue a student may be dealing with, the Board will support our students.

2) Report 8. 2) 18-2011: Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, Prince of Peace Catholic School and Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School Transition Plans

Due to contractual obligations, it is not possible to blend two or more schools into one school mid year. A recommendation will be brought forward at the next Board meeting to consider amalgamating all three schools in one facility effective September 2013, whether the new addition to Our Lady of Grace is complete or not. This allows for the staffing compliment and transportation routes to be put in place and for all of the students to join as one community at the beginning of the 2013 school year.

A request has come from the community to rename Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, which will have an addition constructed to house the students from Our Lady of Grace, Prince of Peace and Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Schools. This will also be discussed further at the next meeting.

It was further noted that a boundary review be expedited so that families can prepare to move only once to a new school community.

The Board requested further information so that trustees have sufficient time to consider recommendations at the November 23rd Board meeting.

3) Report 8. 3) 18-2011: Student Trustee Selection Process

The report was provided to familiarize the trustees to the student trustee selection process. A new student trustee will be elected in December by the Student Senate, which is comprised of a representative of each secondary school. The successful student will begin their duties as Student Trustee-Elect in January.

4) **Report 8. 4) 18-2011: Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarship Program**

95 Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board students received the Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarship this year which acknowledges students who have achieved an average of 80% or above throughout their secondary school career. Monetary awards are given for up to four years of the student's post secondary studies, and are based on the financial situation of the student.

Board Chair Clayton Ferguson noted that this is affirmation of the success of the many programs that our staff and teachers develop which led all of these students to outstanding success.

5) **Report 8. 5) 18-2011: Father Patrick Fogarty Awards**

Every year the Catholic Education Foundation of Ontario awards a graduate from each Catholic secondary school with the Father Patrick Fogarty award. Students are nominated by their Principal based on a range of criteria.

Six of the students and their families attended the Father Patrick Fogarty awards dinner. The Director of Education and Board Chair were pleased to attend the awards dinner which honours the students and celebrates Catholic education.

6) **Minutes – Board Policy Review Committee**

i) **Meeting #07 – Wednesday, September 14, 2011**

It was noted that minutes of the Board Policy Review Committee are brought to the Board for information after they have been approved at the Committee level at its next meeting.

9. **ROUTINE**

1) **Approval of Minutes – Board Meetings**

i) **Minutes – Meeting #17 – Wednesday, October 19, 2011**

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained for approval of the Minutes as amended.

10. **TRUSTEE ENQUIRIES**

A suggestion was brought forward to include a full listing of the Board of Trustees in student agendas next year. This would replace the listing that appeared on the annual Board calendar, which is no longer published in the same format.

A report on standards for gymnasium floors for elementary schools was requested of staff.

A report on the decommissioning of Guardian Angels Catholic School was requested of staff.

An update on the status of sidewalks to St. Dominic Catholic Secondary School, in Bracebridge was requested.

11. ITEMS OF INTEREST

Trustee Francis Smith reported on the St. Bernard’s Catholic School community’s walk from their temporary site at David H Church School to the new St. Bernard’s Catholic School facility which was well attended by the community, the media and a police escort. Trustee Smith expressed his appreciation to all for the successful event.

Trustee Carol Corriveau-Truchon provided an update on the nomination of Paige Forsythe, Chaplain at St. Dominic Catholic Secondary School for a YMCA Woman of Distinction award. While the award went to another nominee, Paige’s vibrant and energetic passion to help people was shared with the Board.

Student Trustee Jessica Bews shared greetings from former student trustee Sergio Morales.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Ontario Catholic School Trustees’ Association (OCSTA)
 - i) October 21, 2011 – Margaret Binns, Office Administrator
OCSTA Travel Accident Insurance Policy December 1, 2011 to November 30, 2012
 - ii) October 25, 2011 – Carol Devine, Director, legislative and Political Affairs
AODA – Integrated Accessibility Regulation: Getting Ready
 - iii) October 27, 2011 – OCSTA Newswire
 - iv) October 31, 2011 – Jane Ponte

13. MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 16, 2011	Supervised Alternative Learning	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 16, 2011	Audit Committee	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 16, 2011	Board Policy Review Committee	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 22, 2011	Discipline Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 23, 2011	Special Education Advisory Council	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 23, 2011	Board Meeting #19	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 07, 2011	Initial 2012 Board Meeting (following Mass) Mass at St. Mary’s Church 65 Amelia Street, Barrie	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 10, 2011	Christmas Gathering	

14. PRIVATE SESSION

15. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Nil.

16. NEXT MEETING

Board Meeting #19: Wednesday, November 23, 2011 7:30p.m.
Agenda Deadline Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2011 4:30p.m.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Consensus of the Board of Trustees was obtained to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:48 p.m.

18. CLOSING PRAYER

The Closing Prayer was led by Trustee Catherine MacDonald.