

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, January 18, 2005**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

Trustees Present: Chairperson - N. Bethune Vice-Chairperson - W. Goetz  
Members - S. Finnie, F. Gross  
Regrets: D. Slosser, J. Vanhaelemeesch  
Board Officials: P. Cureton, C. Colton,, B. MacPherson, P. Morley, S. White  
Student Trustees: L. Batte, M.R. Hillyer  
Recording Secretary: A. Dietz

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- A. 1) The meeting commenced with prayer led by Norm Bethune.
- 2) **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

***Additions:***

E-3. Changing Lives  
– *remaining items will be re-numbered.*

**05-008 Motion By:** *Francis Gross* and seconded by *Sam Finnie* that the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on January 18, 2005 be accepted as amended.  
*Carried*

**B. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST** ~ *None were declared*

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**05-009 Motion By:** *Sam Finnie* and seconded by *Francis Gross* that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 14, 2004 be approved as printed.  
*Carried*

**D. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

**Staff Report** (*motion*) ..... *Suzanne*

**05-010 Motion By:** *Bill Goetz* and seconded by *Sam Finnie* that the Board approve the Staff Report S.W. 2005-01-18 and the recommendations contained therein.  
*Carried*

<p><b>05-011</b>     <i>Motion By:</i> <i>Bill Goetz</i> and seconded by <i>Francis Gross</i> that the Board approve the extended absence of Jules Vanhaelemeesch. Consequently, the number required for a quorum shall be three for the four meetings between January 18<sup>th</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup>.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Carried</i></p>
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**E. DELEGATIONS / SUBMISSIONS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Coaching to Inclusion Award** . . . . . *Bruce*

- Bruce introduced the WRAP team who are the recipients of this year’s “Coaching to Inclusion Award”, Ann-Marie Deas, Jackie Remers, Jenn Greig, and Joyce Primeau.
- Bruce mentioned that the WRAP team is one of the most intensive support teams within our Board who provide support for students, staff and families
- the award recognizes staff who promote inclusion which is certainly demonstrated by the team in their collaborative approach when working with our staff and students. They are a group of enthusiastic members working tirelessly to ensure all children feel special and are included in their school family
- Ann-Marie stated that they were really honoured to be nominated for this award. With travelling from school to school, you never know the impact you have on others so this was very rewarding. Every kid is important and unique in our system, we aim to keep the hope alive -- we don’t give up on kids and our schools certainly reciprocate this too.

**2. Student Support Program (Steve Peck)** . . . . . *Patrick*

- Steve provided a brief overview of a new program that will be starting next semester at our secondary schools and is in response to the Ministry’s initiative, “Learning to 18”
- the program is designed to support students who have had difficulty in getting credits and also to provide some work experience
- this is a 2 period package of courses that will include a number of numeracy and literacy skills and will give students 3-4 weeks of “on the job” work experience
- students will also participate in a number of sessions facilitated by Ann-Marie Deas, which will help students focus on those attributes and skills which lead to success in life.

**3. Changing Lives** . . . . . *Charlotte Lahey*

- “Changing Lives” is a name Charlotte came up with for the victims of Tsunami
- immediately after Christmas break, staff contacted Charlotte to establish ways to respond as a community to the Tsunami tragedy
- Changing Lives was taken from a verse called Living the Meaning of Christmas
- as part of the project Charlotte put together a prayer service and invited all schools to participate on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>
- students were asked to bring in change that would be collected daily – the total would be sent to Development and Peace
- the combined total from all our schools was **\$12,891.31** – a cheque will be forwarded to Development and Peace.
- this proved to be a very successful project and spoke well of our students and staff members and their desire to respond
  
- Charlotte also mentioned that we had participated in another project before Christmas, in which we collected clothing for Haiti.
- Joyce Weber, Librarian at Mother Teresa, was instrumental in organizing this project. She collected the clothing items which were then delivered to Toronto by Cuneo Interiors
- Charlotte also wanted to recognize Gerry Noonan for his assistance in collecting the

clothing and delivering it to Joyce's residence

- Norm congratulated Charlotte for the success of these projects – the students felt good about helping victims across the world and also demonstrated their caring and sharing virtues.

4. **Recruitment Package** ..... *Suzanne*

- January is the time for recruitment fairs – Brock, Nipissing, Windsor, Western
- Suzanne presented the folders the Board distributes at the recruitment fairs and also displayed the banners that are used to represent our Board, promoting our theme, “Faith is the Landscape at Bruce-Grey – Let your light shine”

5. **Cheque Register, December 2004 (motion)** ..... *Cathy*

**05-012**     *Motion By:* Francis Gross and seconded by Sam Finnie that the Cheque Register to December 31, 2004 be approved as printed. *Carried*

6. **Energy Retrofit Plan (motion)** ..... *Cathy*

- the gov't has made a commitment to Energy Conservation – one-time funding of \$67,091 has been allocated to our Board
- Cathy listed examples of projects that produce energy savings and efficiencies
- the proposal for our board is to remove existing windows and insulated panels from six classrooms at Sacred Heart High School and replace with block/brick facing and smaller, non-operating energy efficient windows

**05-013**     *Motion By:* Francis Gross and seconded by Sam Finnie that the Board approve the Energy Retrofit Plan, as presented. *Carried*

7. **Policy Review: Development, Approval, Amendments, Exceptions to Policies (motion)** *Patrick*

- includes an amendment to number 6 – that the policies of the board will be reviewed on a regular cycle to be approved by the Board of Trustees.

**05-014**     *Motion By:* Sam Finnie and seconded by Francis Gross that the Board approve the Policy on Development, Approval, Amendments and Exceptions to Policies, as presented. *Carried*

8. **Policy Review: Indemnification of Members of the Board and Board Employees** ... *Patrick*

**05-015**     *Motion By:* Francis Gross and seconded by Bill Goetz that the Board approve the Policy on Indemnification of Members of the Board and Board Employees, as presented. *Carried*

9. **Policy Review: Role of the Board and Trustees (motion)** ..... *Patrick*

**05-016**     *Motion By:* Sam Finnie and seconded by Francis Gross that the Board approve the Policy on Role of the Board and Trustees, as presented. *Carried*

10. **Professional Development Opportunities** ..... *Bruce*
- Patricia and Bruce have been busy organizing professional development opportunities for staff members
  - Bruce shared a list of PD activities including Literacy, Numeracy, Music, Autism, Classroom Management, Math
  - Bruce also shared a list of activities that Steve Peck has used for staff development
  - Patricia mentioned that principals will receive an in-service on how to incorporate EQAO data into their local school
  - Norm thanked Bruce and Patricia for sharing a wealth of PD opportunities – we are happy to see the wide range of staff who have been involved which should get us positive results in the classroom

**F. INFORMATION and REPORTS**

–Committee Reports

–For Information Only:

1. **OCSTA Correspondence:**
  - Resolution #59-04
2. **Internal Correspondence/Reports**
  - Minutes of Joint Health & Safety Committee Meeting
3. **Letters of Appreciation / Thank You Notes:**
  - Scholarship/Bursary ~ Sean Schuknecht

**G. QUESTIONS / COMMENTS by TRUSTEES**

**H. NOTICES OF MOTION**

- Bill presented this motion: That we explore the feasibility of senior administration with the collaboration of our principals and school council to form a policy on gowns for graduation and confirmation for all schools under the jurisdiction of the BGCDSB
- this motion will be brought forward to the meeting on February 22

**I. CHAIR's REMARKS**

- Norm mentioned that presentations on Character Education are well underway
- in addition to presenting to our school councils, they will also be addressing the Bruce-Grey Deanery

**J. FUTURE BUSINESS**

Next Meeting: **February 8, 2005**  
~ Committee of the Whole Meeting  
**February 22, 2005**  
~ Committee of the Whole and Regular Board Meeting

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

**05-017 Motion By:** *Francis Gross* and seconded by *Sam Finnie* that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

*Carried*

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Norm Bethune  
Chairperson of the Board

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Patrick Cureton  
Director of Education and Secretary