

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, January 13, 2004**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

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

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- A. 1) The meeting commenced with prayer led by Jules Vanhaelemeesch.  
2) Adoption of the Agenda

**04-007 Motion By:** *Sam Finnie* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* that the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on January 13, 2004 be accepted as printed.

*Carried*

- 3) **Conflict of Interest** ~ *None were declared*

**B. Approval of Minutes**

**04-008 Motion By:** *Dave Slosser* and seconded by *Francis Gross* that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 16, 2003 be approved as printed.

*Carried*

**C. Committee of the Whole Report**

**04-009 Motion By:** *Bill Goetz* and seconded by *Dave Slosser* that the Board approve the Staff Report P.C. 2004-01-13 and the recommendations contained therein.

*Carried*

**D. DELEGATIONS / SUBMISSIONS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

1. **GEARS** ..... *Steve Peck*
- Steve credited two teachers in our system, Brad Lacey and Patti-Jo Lacey, for initiating the GEARS program - Graduates Educating At Risk Students. The goal of this initiative is to provide At-Risk students from grade seven to twelve with the added support that they need to successfully achieve the curriculum expectations as set out by the Ministry of Education. The GEARS program will provide a recent high school graduate with a placement where he/she has an expertise.

- interested graduates will be required to submit an application form along with a personal resume for this position
- GEARS is a volunteer program, however, successful applicants may receive an honorarium to offset the cost of transportation

**Pathways Booklet**

- the purpose of this resource is to give students and their parents information that will help them in the choice of a pathway that will lead to success in later life.
- students must be aware that the new secondary school program can extend beyond 4 years
- the booklet includes information about different destinations, e.g. work, apprenticeships, college, university
- Steve is in the process of making presentations to students and their parents

**Newsletter**

- the Newsletter is designed by Steve Peck and is posted on the Board’s website
- this issue provides an overview of some of the initiatives Steve has been working on including Literacy Development, the recent secondary Professional Development Day held at SHHS, Math TIPPS, Pathways Booklet and Literacy Strategy
- also included are some job facts ~ schools have done a good job of promoting college and university but we also need to focus on other avenues to pursue, e.g. apprenticeships

2. **Annual Health and Safety Report** ..... *Joyce Benninger*

- Joyce distributed a copy of the annual Health & Safety Report
- this is an overall summary of what we have done in our H&S program in 2003
- the committee meets every 2 months except July & August
- Joyce shared the Highlights of 2003 and also listed the 2004 Objectives

3. **Cheque Register, December 2003 (motion)** ..... *Cathy Colton*

**04-010**     *Motion By: Jules Vanhaelemeesch* and seconded by *Francis Gross* that the Cheque Register to December 31, 2003 be approved as printed.  
*Carried*

4. **Anti-Bullying Committee** ..... *Patricia Morley / Bruce MacPherson*

- Bruce and Patricia referred to the “Speech from the Throne” and its commitment to keep our schools safer
- they mentioned that the purpose of the Board’s Anti-Bullying Committee is to look at the available resources and decide which meet the needs of our school board. They are also committed to reducing bullying in the schools and to provide support to its victims
- the Board viewed a Video Clip on Bullying
- Bruce presented a Communication Chart entitled “A Systemic Approach to Bullying: Overview of Strategies” which will be used at each and every school

**E. INFORMATION and REPORTS**

–For Information Only:

1. **Miscellaneous Correspondence:**

- Approval of OECTA/OCSTA Religious Education Course for Spring 2004
- Letter from Ontario Power Generation re donation to St. Joseph’s

2. **Internal Reports:**

- Minutes of Joint Health and Safety Committee Meeting, December 11, 2003

- Excursion Requests: December 1-31, 2003

3. **Letters of Appreciation / Thank You Notes:**

- Scholarships/Bursaries ~ *Joanna Zippel, Lisa Walter, Andrew Weber, Amanda Grubb*
- Bereavement ~ *Verena Goetz family*

**F. QUESTIONS / COMMENTS by TRUSTEES**

1. Survey prepared by OSTA - Bill feels the committee did a good job and they've put a lot of work into the document. However, they compared the number of hours in a school week, including hours spent on the bus, with a 40 hour work week but failed to include travel time to and from work. This is an unfair comparison.

**G. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**H. CHAIR's REMARKS**

1. Trustees were asked to review the list of Committees and sign up for those which are of interest.
2. Norm responded to an earlier comment from Dave – we need more frequent and ongoing communication with those serving on a committee – there are lots of options to report back to the Board – we will add this to the Board Agenda

**I. FUTURE BUSINESS**

Next Meeting: **February 10, 2004** ~ Committee of the Whole @ 2:30 p.m.

**February 24, 2004** ~ Committee of the Whole @ 2:30 p.m. and Regular Board Meeting @ 4:00 p.m.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

**04-011 Motion By:** *Francis Gross* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

*Carried*

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Norm Bethune  
Chairperson of the Board

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Patrick Cureton  
Director of Education and Secretary