

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 15, 2008**

**3:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

Trustees Present: Chairperson - N. Bethune Vice-Chairperson - D. Slosser  
Members - S. Finnie, F.Gross, J. Vanhaelemeesch

Board Officials: B. MacPherson (*Director of Education*); J. Casey (*Superintendent of Education*);  
C. Colton (*Superintendent of Business*); C. Montreuil (*Superintendent of Education*);  
P. Morley (*Programme Principal*); S. White (*Human Resources Administrator*)

Regrets: B. Eckensweiler (*Trustee*)

Student Trustees: B. Schrempf (S.M.H.S.), K. Young (S.H.H.S)

OECTA Rep: Bill King, Anna Morrison

Recording Secretary: A. Dietz

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A. 1) The meeting commenced with prayer led by Sam Finnie.

2) **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**08-007 Motion By:** *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* and seconded by *Sam Finnie* that the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on January 15, 2008 be accepted as printed.

*Carried*

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

C. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**08-008 Motion By:** *Sam Finnie* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 18, 2007 be approved as printed.

*Carried*

D. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

**08-009 Motion By:** *Dave Slosser* and seconded by *Francis Gross* that the Board approve the Staff Report S.W. 2008-01-15 and the recommendations contained therein.

*Carried*

E. **DELEGATIONS / SUBMISSIONS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Trinity Program** (*Ann-Marie Deas*) . . . . . *Bruce*
  - Accompanying Ann-Marie Deas were students and staff from St. Mary’s High School and Sacred Heart High School who are involved with the Trinity Program. Ann-Marie mentioned that the program is a partnership with Keystone Children’s Services and is about building student leaders in our schools. This initiative is offered through our Student Success Teachers and Child and Youth Workers.
  - The students presented a brief overview of how the program works. The teachers elect students to participate in the program. The students are provided with training to assist in the development of leadership skills. These students are known as Peer Leaders. They are instrumental in getting to know the grade 9 students and helping them to overcome barriers and to assist with eliminating peer pressure.
  - The students spoke very highly of the program and have found that their schools have more of a family/community atmosphere since the program was initiated.
  - Ann-Marie mentioned that the next steps will be to combine the two secondary schools for peer mediation training. The Peer Mediators will be going to feeder schools to meet grade 8's and will be invited to the two day orientation day in the summer.
  
2. **Rainbows Program** (*Ann-Marie Deas*) . . . . . *Bruce*
  - this is the 20<sup>th</sup> year for the Rainbows program in Bruce-Grey. It is a partnership with Bruce Power. Once a year the program offers a “Celebrate Me” day. We are very appreciative that the facility, bussing and meals are provided by Bruce Power.
  - the program provides support for students – socially, emotionally and academically
  - Ann-Marie attends enrichment training every 5 years. She shared a document entitled “A Generation At Risk in Canada” which showed alarming statistics. Ann-Marie also presented a slide show of the kids who participated in the program last year
  - Ann-Marie is thrilled to be part of the program and feels it has a very positive impact on the kids.
  
3. **Financing Agreement By-Law** (*motion*) . . . . . *Cathy*
  - this agreement offers permanent financing of “Good Places to Learn” projects that were completed or in progress at the end of August 2007. This is our way of getting funding from the province. The Board will make debenture payments over the next 25 years and the province will give us the funds to make these payments.

**08-010**     *Motion By:* *Sam Finnie* and seconded by *Francis Gross* that the Board approve a long-term financing agreement for work completed or in process by August 31, 2007 under Good Places to Learn, in the amount of \$464,350 as presented.

*Carried*

4. **Safe Schools** . . . . . *Jerry*
  - Jerry noted that in the Spring the government passed Bill 212 and the Board has until February to become compliant. Training was held at the Stonetree and the main message was legal, legal, legal – have someone look at our documents and provide advice on where we are going. The Board has secured a firm from Toronto for legal assistance. A committee has been formed to put together a manual, to review Board Policies and to decide on programs for suspended students.
  
5. **Shared Solutions Ministry document** . . . . . *Cathy M.*
  - the Ministry of Education has been looking at Conflict Resolution programs and services for students with special needs. The purpose is to encourage approaches and strategies that lead to higher achievements for students.
  - Cathy provided a brief overview of the resource document entitled Shared Solutions.

6. **2006-07 Audited Financial Statements** (*motion*) ..... *Cathy*
- Cathy presented the formal financial statement of the Board and noted the key items: enrolment remained pretty constant, it's a balanced financial report and is compliant with expenditure envelopes.

**08-011**     *Motion By: Sam Finnie* and seconded by *Francis Gross* that the Board approve the 2006-2007 Audited Financial Statements, as presented.  
*Carried*

7. **Student Trustee Report (SMHS)** ..... *Bridget*
- Topics covered in Bridget's report included: Christmas Mass, getting ready for Exams, University applications are in, and St. Mary's has a new principal, Mr. Miller. She also gave an update on their Sports events and noted that they are working on an upcoming Fashion Show.

8. **Student Trustee Report (SHHS)** ..... *Kelsey*
- Kelsey reported on the following: Spiritual - Christmas bags that were sent to Kitchener for distribution and Sacred Heart's Lenten preparation. She also commented that the Centennial Basketball tourney was held this past weekend, applications are in for University, and exams are fast approaching.

9. **Policy/Administrative Procedures Review:** ..... *Suzanne*
- Terms of Employment for Temporary and Occasional Staff

**08-012**     *Motion By: Francis Gross* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemesch* that the Board approve the Policy on Terms of Employment for Temporary and Occasional Staff, as presented.  
*Carried*

**F. INFORMATION and REPORTS**

–*Committee Reports*

–*For Information Only*

1. **Miscellaneous Correspondence:**
  - Grey Bruce Children's Water Festival
  - IAPA ~ recognizing Joyce Benninger
2. **Internal Correspondence / Reports:**
  - Minutes of JH&S Meeting - Dec. 12/07

**G. QUESTIONS / COMMENTS by TRUSTEE**

**H. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**I. CHAIR's REMARKS**

- AGM in Niagara Falls – trustees to notify Anne
- read pages 22 - 25 of "Our Catholic Schools" – to be discussed at next meeting
- change the name of the document:
- Committee Preferences – hand in at next meeting

**J. FUTURE BUSINESS**

Next Meeting:                    **February 12, 2008**

~ Committee of the Whole @ 1:30

**February 26, 2008**

~ Committee of the Whole @ 1:30 and Regular Board Meeting @ 3:00 p.m.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

**08-013**    **Motion By:**    *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* and seconded by *Francis Gross* that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

*Carried*

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Norm Bethune  
Chairperson of the Board

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Bruce MacPherson  
Director of Education and Secretary