

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 22, 2005
4:00 p.m.

Minutes

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

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

Additions:

- D-1. Clean Water Festival
D-6. Gowns for Graduation/Confirmation

05-030 Motion By: <i>Francis Gross</i> and seconded by <i>Sam Finnie</i> that the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on February 22, 2005 be accepted as amended. <i>Carried</i>

- B. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST** ~ *Dave Slosser declared a conflict with Staff Report S.W. 2005-02-08; he will refrain from voting on the motion.*

- C. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

05-031 Motion By: <i>Sam Finnie</i> and seconded by <i>Francis Gross</i> that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 18, 2005 be approved as printed. <i>Carried</i>

- D. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

Staff Report *Suzanne*

05-032 Motion By: <i>Bill Goetz</i> and seconded by <i>Sam Finnie</i> that the Board approve the Staff Report S.W. 2005-02-08 and the recommendations contained therein. <i>Carried</i>
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05-033 *Motion By:* Bill Goetz and seconded by Francis Gross that the Board approve the Staff Report S.W. 2005-02-22 and the recommendations contained therein.
Carried

E. DELEGATIONS / SUBMISSIONS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

1. **Clean Water Festival** (*Clive Card*) *Patrick*
 - Patrick welcomed Clive to the meeting and thanked him for welcoming our students at the Outdoor Education Centre
 - Clive talked about the great success they experienced with the 2004 Water Festival which involved nearly 2000 students – of the 600 facilitators who helped organize the activities for the kids, 464 were secondary school students, many coming from St. Mary’s High School and Sacred Heart High School. Some 25 teachers also attended an in-service at the Water Festival.
 - Clive shared an audio presentation of the advertisement that played over and over on the local radio stations during the week of the Water Festival
 - with the support and cooperation of this Board and the Bluewater District School Board, the Festival has signed on for another 3 years and is looking forward to continued success
 - Clive presented Norm with a copy of the Annual Report. He also distributed some t-shirts and lapel pins. Since the Board provides busing to the event, it is considered a platinum sponsor – Clive presented the Board with a beautiful plaque in recognition of its support.
 - on behalf of the Board, Norm presented Clive with a Bruce-Grey CDSB golf shirt and thanked him for his informative and enthusiastic presentation.

2. **Cheque Register, January 2005** (*motion*) *Cathy*

05-034 *Motion By:* Sam Finnie and seconded by Francis Gross that the Cheque Register to January 31, 2005 be approved as printed.
Carried

3. **15 Year Enrolment Projection** *Cathy*
 - Cathy mentioned that this is an annual presentation, but this year she would like to focus on projections for the next five years
 - projections are based on JK/SK early registration clinics, parish baptismal records, StatsCan population projections and our grade 8 retention rate (which is approx. 90%)
 - enrolment projections show a decline from the current 3,645 students to 2,855 in 2009
 - the decline in enrolment is province wide
4. **Lorna Earl Workshop** *Bruce*
 - On February 14th Terry MacDonald and Lorna Earl presented a workshop at the CEC to principals and resource teachers relating to EQAO testing.
 - testing time will be reduced by approx. 50% – grade 3 and grade 6 students will participate in 6 hours of testing rather than 12, grade 9's will have 2 hours and the Grade 12 OSSLT will be 2.5 hours
 - EQAO will continue to report levels of proficiency
 - Patricia stated that Lorna made us aware of the fact that we have a tremendous amount of data available to us – we need to get it, work with it and come up with an action plan for each of our schools that will improve our program
 - the information will be used to create our School Improvement Plans
5. **School Year Calendar** *Bruce*
 - Bruce stated that we will be submitting a modified School Year Calendar for 2005-2006

- the only change is the timing of the Christmas break – holidays will start on December 24, 2005 and classes will resume on Jan 9,2006

05-035 *Motion By:* Francis Gross and seconded by Dave Slosser that the Board approve the School Year Calendar for 2005-2006, as presented
Carried

6. **Gowns for Confirmation/Graduation (motion)** Bill
- Bill feels it is appropriate to get input from principals and school councils on this topic. If the Board recommends that we move towards gowns it may be too late for this year but could be adopted for the next school year.

05-036 *Motion By:* Bill Goetz and seconded by Dave Slosser that we explore the feasibility of senior administration, with the collaboration of our principals and school councils, forming a policy on gowns for graduation and confirmation for all schools under the jurisdiction of the BGCDSB
Carried

7. **Policy Review: Replacement of a Trustee (motion)** Patrick

05-037 *Motion By:* Sam Finnie and seconded by Dave Slosser that the Board approve revisions to the Policy on Replacement of a Trustee, as presented.
Carried

8. **Policy Review: Trustee Generated Accounts (motion)** Patrick

05-038 *Motion By:* Francis Gross and seconded by Dave Slosser that the Board approve revisions to the Policy on Trustee Generated Accounts, as presented.
Carried

9. **Policy Review: Administrative Charts (motion)** Patrick

05-039 *Motion By:* Sam Finnie and seconded by Francis Gross that the Board approve revisions to the Policy on Administrative Charts, as presented.
Carried

10. **Policy Review: Role of the Director of Education (motion)** Patrick

05-040 *Motion By:* Dave Slosser and seconded by Francis Gross that the Board approve revisions to the Policy on the Role of the Director of Education, as presented.
Carried

11. **Policy Review: Role of the Superintendent of Education (motion)** Patrick

05-041 *Motion By: Francis Gross* and seconded by *Bill Goetz* that the Board approve revisions to the Policy on the Role of the Superintendent of Education, as presented.
Carried

12. Policy Review: Role of the Supervisor of Business Services (motion) Patrick

05-042 *Motion By: Sam Finnie* and seconded by *Dave Slosser* that the Board approve revisions to the Policy on the Role of the Supervisor of Business Services, as presented.
Carried

F. INFORMATION and REPORTS

–Committee Reports

–For Information Only:

1. **OCSTA Correspondence:**
 - Special Education Clawbacks
 - Special Education Effectiveness & Equity Fund
 - Catholic Schools Poster - Electronic Files
 - Bill 118 – Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2004
2. **Other Correspondence**
 - Grey Bruce Health Unit – Creating a Healthy School Nutrition Environment
3. **Letters of Appreciation / Thank You Notes:**
 - Mike Murphy & Family
 - Sharon Kennedy
 - Agnes Gareau & family

G. QUESTIONS / COMMENTS by TRUSTEES

H. NOTICES OF MOTION

I. CHAIR’S REMARKS

J. FUTURE BUSINESS

Next Meeting: **March 22, 2005**
~ Committee of the Whole Meeting at 2:30 p.m.
~ Regular Board Meeting at 4:00 p.m.
OCSTA AGM - trustees who will not be in attendance can vote by proxy
Character Education Survey - progressing very well

K. ADJOURNMENT

05-043 *Motion By: Francis Gross* and seconded by *Dave Slosser* that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 5:17 p.m.
Carried

Norm Bethune
Chairperson of the Board

Patrick Cureton
Director of Education and Secretary