

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

3:00 p.m.

Minutes

Trustees Present: Chairperson - N. Bethune Vice-Chairperson - D. Slosser
Members - B. Eckensweiler, 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*);
S. White (*Human Resources Administrator*)

Regrets: P. Morley (*Programme Principal*)

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

OECTA Rep: Bill King, Anna Morrison

Recording Secretary: A. Dietz

A. 1) The meeting commenced with prayer led by Bev Eckensweiler.

2) **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Additions/Deletions:

E. 8 Earth Day (*Cathy*)

F Admin Procedure ~ Procedures for Safe Disposal of Hazardous Waste (*Suzanne*)

08-060 Motion By: Francis Gross and seconded by <i>Sam Finnie</i> that the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on April 22, 2008 be accepted as amended. <i>Carried</i>

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

C. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

08-061 Motion By: <i>Jules Vanhaelemeesch</i> and seconded by <i>Dave Slosser</i> that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 18, 2008 be approved as printed. <i>Carried</i>
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D. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

08-062 Motion By: <i>Dave Slosser</i> and seconded by <i>Sam Finnie</i> that the Board approve the Staff Report S.W. 2008-04-08 and the recommendations contained therein. <i>Carried</i>
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08-063 Motion By: <i>Dave Slosser</i> and seconded by <i>Sam Finnie</i> that the Board approve the Staff Report S.W. 2008-04-22 and the recommendations contained therein. <i>Carried</i>
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E. **DELEGATIONS / SUBMISSIONS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

1. **International Plowing Match** (*Chris Peabody*) *Bruce MacPherson*
 - Bruce welcomed Chris, a teacher at SHHS, who has been very involved in the IPM and is our Board Liaison
 - Chris thanked the Board for the opportunity to provide an overview of the IPM and for the support and involvement of the Board
 - Chris noted that he and another teacher will be spending the week at the IPM as Board representatives
 - the Match is being held the week of Sept 16-20, 2008 on Hwy 4, north of Teeswater and the theme is “Come Home to the Country”.
 - the Match gives teachers a chance to reflect on the heritage and culture of the area and to be good ambassadors of the farming community
 - Chris was pleased to report that the Board is a “Friends of the Match” sponsor for its in-kind donations and it will receive recognition for same
 - for more information on the Match, you can visit the website at www.IPM2008.com

 2. **Teacher Performance Appraisal (TPA)** *Cathy M.*
 - the Ministry has introduced a new TPA for experienced teachers – a tool to assist teachers with their ongoing learning
 - the Performance Appraisal is now a 5 year cycle rather than every 3 years
 - Cathy reviewed the revisions to the document and explained the procedure when a teacher is given an Unsatisfactory rating

 3. **School Year Calendar** *Cathy M.*
 - Cathy highlighted the key dates based on Regulation 304
 - of the 196 possible school days, 194 are instructional days and 2 days mandated as PA days, with up to 4 more additional PA days
- 08-064** *Motion By: Sam Finnie* and seconded by *Francis Gross* that the Board approve the 2008-2009 School Year Calendar, as presented.

Carried
4. **Catholic Education Week** *Bruce*
 - Bruce shared some of the resources that are being sent to our schools for use during Catholic Education Week – posters, monthly bookmarks and a brochure listing some of the activities taking place at the schools during Catholic Education Week
 - the Board is hosting a Dinner during Catholic Education Week -- April 29th at the K of C Hall, Walkerton and the guest speaker is Father J. Glenn Murray
 - coming in September a calendar designed by the Catholic Faith Formation Committee. The calendar will list the Virtues and a number of activities the schools can take part in
 - Norm asked everyone to watch for an insert in this week’s Parish Bulletins. The article was published by the C.W.L. Also in the Bulletin there will be a notice from the Chair and Director of Education regarding Catholic Education Week.

 5. **Student Success – Differentiated Instruction (DI)** *Jerry/Paulette Lippert*
 - Jerry noted that part of the Student Success portfolio is in regards to Differentiated Instruction; Paulette works with our focus groups in DI for grades 7 & 8 and also for grades 9 & 10
 - Paulette provided an overview of DI – DI is an organizing framework for thinking about teaching and learning
 - she then had the group participate in “4 corners activity” for learning styles and thinking styles

- Paulette shared some Best Practices and Classroom Practices Inventory as well as examples of DI at Holy Family School, St. Peter & St. Paul’s School and St. Anthony’s School.
6. **Student Trustee Report - SMHS** *Bridget Schrempf*
 - Donated money to share lent
 - Penny Challenge starting
 - midterms reports this week
 - Gotcha - pay \$4, you get a card with the name of person you have to catch, winner rec’d an Ipod
 - Footloose – May 8-10, tickets are going fast
 - First soccer game Thursday
 - New team: Boy's Rugby
 - Student Council Elections
 - Student Trustee Elections –May 2nd
 - Concert Band

 7. **Student Trustee Report - SHHS** *Kelsey Young*
 - Donated money to the Cenotaph – raised over \$1300
 - Catholic Education Week - donations for Salvation Army, Children’s Aid, Food Bank, Native Reserve
 - school mass
 - music appreciation assembly tomorrow – Radio Host is a guest judge
 - Spirit Week
 - Circus Day
 - Mid-terms Tues. 22
 - Trustee Elections
 - “Doogie Cup” Rugby tourney this Friday in memory of Alison Dugas who passed away a few years ago
 - Boys rugby, Girls rugby, Girls and Boys Soccer, and 3 on 3 basket ball are starting

 8. **Earth Day** *Cathy*
 - today is Earth Day – we celebrate the wonder of our planet
 - we hope our students will be responsible citizens when they graduate
 - \$23,500 grant – to increase student engagement in environmental awareness
 - preliminary objectives – our committee has representation from students and every employee group; some small things we are doing is to ask people to turn lights off when leaving the classroom/office, turn off computer monitors when not in use; windows, curtains and shades drawn at the end of day; 2-sided photocopies, recycling and biodegradable products
 - we have launched our green cones – not for leaves, branches, etc. – this is for food scraps, meat bones, etc. – this is an accelerator and apparently decomposes rapidly

F. INFORMATION and REPORTS

–Committee Reports

1. Accessibility Committee *Sam*

–For Information Only

1. **Miscellaneous Correspondence:**

- Administrative Procedure: Safe Disposal of Hazardous Waste
- Thank you Notes ~ MaryLou Batte, Holly Batte

2. **Internal Correspondence / Reports:**

- Excursion Report, March 2008

G. QUESTIONS / COMMENTS by TRUSTEE

H. NOTICES OF MOTION

I. CHAIR's REMARKS

Bi-Board Meeting – tomorrow at BWDSB, Chesley at 1:30 pm
OCSTA AGM - leaving CEC at 1:00 pm this Thursday

J. FUTURE BUSINESS

Next Meeting: **May 20, 2008**
~ Committee of the Whole @ 1:30 and
Regular Board Meeting @ 3:00 p.m.

K. ADJOURNMENT

08-065 Motion By: *Sam Finnie* and seconded by *Francis Gross* that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Carried

Norm Bethune
Chairperson of the Board

Bruce MacPherson
Director of Education and Secretary