

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, August 24, 2004

4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Trustees Present: Chairperson - N. Bethune Vice-Chairperson - W. Goetz
Members - S. Finnie, F. Gross, D. Slosser, 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, held in the Library at SMHS, commenced with prayer led by Bill Goetz.
2) Adoption of the Agenda

Additions:

D-1 Student Trustee Declaration

04-156 Motion By: *Sam Finnie* and seconded by *Dave Slosser* that the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on August 24, 2004 be accepted as amended.
Carried

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

B. Approval of Minutes

04-157 Motion By: *Francis Gross* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemesch* that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 29, 2004 be approved as printed.
Carried

C. Committee of the Whole Report

04-158 Motion By: *Bill Goetz* and seconded by *Sam Finnie* that the Board approve the Staff Report S.W. 2004-08-24 and the recommendations contained therein.
Carried

D. DELEGATIONS / SUBMISSIONS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Addition: **Student Trustee Declarations** *Patrick*
Patrick delivered the declaration to student trustees, Mary Rose Hillyer and Laura Batte, respectively.
Norm congratulated and welcomed the student trustees.

1. **Anti-Bullying Update** *Patricia/Bruce*
- Bruce and Patricia are very happy to present a copy of the draft Anti-Bullying Resource document that has been developed by a committee throughout this past school year.
 - bullying is a serious social problem in our schools
 - BGCDSB is being proactive to address the issue of bullying behaviour in our schools
 - several reasons why we decided to address the problem: contradicts gospel values; may contribute to a negative school climate; we want to establish a safe, positive learning environment
 - we will be training one representative from each school to act as a resource/contact person who will know what resources are available and where these can be located
 - OCSTA has identified bullying as an issue that schools and boards need to address
 - OSTA also prepared a report on bullying
 - the Anti-Bullying Committee has developed a draft Board Policy to address bullying
 - Patricia and Bruce outlined the various checklists included in the draft resource: prevention, intervention and discipline
 - Bruce outlined the “next steps”: present to principals, approval of policy, principals will select staff rep, October is Safe Schools month, feedback from School Community
 - one of Bruce’s former students from Notre Dame School, who is now a member of the Toronto Maple Leaf Hockey team, has agreed to speak to our students regarding bullying
 - Norm commented that he had attended, as did 50 of our staff , a training program on “Virtues”. The Virtues program is a natural fit for our Catholic schools in our Family Life and Religious Education curriculum. The training took place at the Bruce Power Visitor’s Centre. A short presentation about the Virtues program will take place at the Board Meeting on September 14.

2. **Communications Update** *Suzanne White*
- Suzanne noted that she and Patrick have met with Kim Denstedt of Denstedt and Diggle to review their contract and to look at what we want to do in the future regarding communications
 - a communications audit was performed in 2001, as recommended by an advisory committee
 - Suzanne would like to resurrect the committee and determine where we want to go with communications
 - various initiatives have been developed including the distribution of a community newsletter
 - presently working on recruitment initiatives - to develop a polished look to what we hand out at recruitment fairs and to develop some banners to display at these fairs. The banners would be a marketing tool to draw teachers to our area.
 - we are also working on bringing back our old motto, “Let Your Light Shine”

3. **Cheque Registers, June and July 2004 (motion)** *Cathy Colton*

<p>04-159 <i>Motion By: Jules Vanhaelemeesch</i> and seconded by <i>Sam Finnie</i> that the Cheque Register to June 30, 2004 be approved as printed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Carried</i></p>
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<p>04-160 <i>Motion By: Sam Finnie</i> and seconded by <i>Jules Vanhaelemeesch</i> that the Cheque Register to July 31, 2004 be approved as printed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Carried</i></p>
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4. **Borrowing Resolution (motion)** *Cathy Colton*
- Cathy brings this forward every year - sets us up for the next fiscal year

- we have not been in a borrowing position for the past few years, and we do not anticipate that this will change
- we must set up instrument with the bank in case of unforeseen problems

04-161 *Motion By:* Francis Gross and seconded by Dave Slosser that the Board adopt the “Borrowing Resolution” for the fiscal year 2004-05, which will authorize the Treasurer of the Board to borrow from a Canadian Chartered Bank by way of Promissory Notes.

Carried

5. **Secondary Class Size Resolution (motion)** Cathy Colton

- resolution we have looked at annually for a number of years
- the whole purpose is that we are funded at the secondary level at 21 students per teacher; a few years ago the gov’t allowed boards to increase the average, to free up teachers for extra curricular activities

04-162 *Motion By:* Dave Slosser and seconded by Francis Gross that the

- Average aggregate size of the Board's secondary school classes is increased to 22;
- This is effective September 1, 2004 and will terminate on August 31, 2005;
- Financial, human and other resources that will become available to the Board as a result of this resolution is estimated at 3.75 full-time teaching positions or \$282,000;
- Resources referred to above will be used to reduce the teaching assignments to 6.25 credits per teacher in the aggregate and thereby facilitate the provision of co-instructional activities.

Carried

6. **Community Use of Schools Annual Report** Cathy Colton

- as stated in Board Policy, an annual report will be brought to the August Board Meeting
- Cathy mentioned that we’ve always known our schools are used a lot, but the numbers surprised us: last year 201 permits were issued for 2569 events
- as part of the annual report we are making public the annual rates for 2004-05
- we do not charge a fee for non-profit groups
- the Ministry would like to increase the use of schools used by community groups and is therefore making some funds available to school boards.

E. INFORMATION and REPORTS

–Committee Reports

–For Information Only:

1. **Ministry of Education Correspondence:**

- Supporting Student Success in Literacy, Grades 7-12: Effective Practices
- Response to request to meet with Minister Kennedy
- Education Funding: Special Education ~ 2004:B11
- PSAB & School Board Financial Reporting General Guide

2. **OCSTA Correspondence:**

- Catholic School Councils
- Resolution #60-04 - ISA Cycle 5 Funding
- Government Release of ISA Cycle 5 Funding

3. **Miscellaneous Correspondence:**
 - Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB ~ Funding of ISA Cycle 5
4. **Internal Reports:**
 - Scheduled Board Meetings: 2004-2005
 - Minutes of JHSC Meeting ~ June 10, 2004
 - Excursions, Field Trips, Outdoor Education Trips ~ June 2004
5. **Letters of Appreciation / Thank You Notes:**
 - Grey Bruce Children's Water Festival
 - Canada Wide Science Fair ~ Alina Reid
 - Scholarship/Bursary ~ Natalie Gagnon, Kristen Giesler, Sarah Grubb, Christa Heigenhauser, Faren Hill, Destiny Kieffer, David King, Marijean Kuntz, Darryl LaValley, Ashlea Sakal, Kyle Sakal, Curtis Weber, Theresa Zettel
 - Expressions of Sympathy ~ Theresa Mullen, Anita & Ray Waechter

F. QUESTIONS / COMMENTS by TRUSTEES

G. NOTICES OF MOTION

H. CHAIR's REMARKS

- request from BW - re conflict with date for Bi-Board Meeting - would like to reschedule for Wed., Oct 27
- Regional meeting September 21 (Windsor) – notify Anne if you plan to attend
- AGM - Deerhurst Inn – April 28-30 – notify Anne if you plan to attend
- PA day - Monday, Sept 27 - invitation to all Trustees

I. FUTURE BUSINESS

Next Meeting: **September 14, 2004**
 ~ Committee of the Whole Meeting
September 28, 2004
 ~ Committee of the Whole and Regular Board Meeting

J. ADJOURNMENT

04-163 Motion By: *Francis Gross* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Carried

Norm Bethune
 Chairperson of the Board

Patrick Cureton
 Director of Education and Secretary