

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 16, 2007**

**3:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

Trustees Present: Chairperson - N. Bethune Vice-Chairperson - D. Slosser (*absent*)  
Members - B. Eckensweiler, S. Finnie, F.Gross, J. Vanhaelemeesch

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

Regrets: D. Slosser

Student Trustees: K. Young (S.H.H.S.), B. Schrempp (S.M.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 Bev Eckensweiler.

2) **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**07-164 Motion By:** *Sam Finnie* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* that the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on October 16, 2007 be accepted as printed.

*Carried*

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

C. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**07-165 Motion By:** *Francis Gross* and seconded by *Bev Eckensweiler* that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 25, 2007 be approved as printed.

*Carried*

D. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

**07-166 Motion By:** *Norm Bethune* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* that the Board approve the Staff Report S.W. 2007-10-16 and the recommendations contained therein.

*Carried*

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

1. **Safe Schools** (*Ann-Marie Deas*) . . . . . *Bruce*
  - Ann-Marie will share information on some of the programs offered within our Board that impact Safe Schools; a lot of good things are happening
  - flow chart (handout)
  - Rainbows – the program has been operating for the past 20 years and is currently operating in 10 of our 11 elementary schools with 145 children in the program. This is a support group program for kids who are going through significant transitions, i.e. death, divorce, incarceration, etc. We have 32 facilitators from our schools staff who help out in a volunteer capacity. The program includes two “Celebrate Me” days - in partnership with Bruce Power. Cathy Colton commented that Ann-Marie has been recognized as the longest provider of the program in Canada.
  - Operation Respect - this program is a Character Focus Program that encompasses the “Don’t Laugh at Me” program. The goal of the program is to establish character and good culture early in the school year. A very extensive program that supports Catholic education in every way. This past summer training was provided to implement Operation Respect in two schools: Holy Family School and St. Peter and St. Paul’s School.
  - Peaceful Playgrounds - implemented during Safe Schools month - bring together kids from all elementary schools to learn leadership qualities, conflict resolution, safety on the playground, etc. Students then take this back to the schools and work with the younger students to have more peaceful playgrounds. Child and Youth workers are involved in training for Peaceful Playgrounds.
  - Restorative Measures - available to high school and elementary students. Partnership with the Family Y. They provide trained facilitators to come into our schools to run family counselling. Involves parents, support people, school staff - this is a scripted process – repairs the harm that has been done. Cathy Montreuil noted that we expect to see more support at the provincial level.
  - Catholic Character Formation - a project we are working on to build character and help students make responsible decisions.
  - WRAP - partners with Keystone, Bluewater and Bruce-Grey – involves social worker, resource teacher and C&Y worker - partner with schools, home and community to try to enforce good strategies/interventions across the Board. We work with the high needs students - our goal is to help students to be successful in school and in life in general. Two programs through WRAP: Telepsychiatry and Paediatric Clinics.
  - High School Child & Youth Workers - each high school has a full time C&Y worker who works with Student Success team in school - partner with Keystone
  - Trinity Project - Theatre group is a group from Toronto who will be working with student leaders from each high school. The leaders will do classroom workshops with Grade 9 students and look at issues Grade 9’s are experiencing - relationships, drugs, alcohol, homework. Students will be trained as Peer Mediators and Peer Mentors. Training will take place in March with the hope that these students will be able to help with orientation.
  - Holy Family Project - the Board submitted a proposal to develop a demonstration school that would be a model for Bullying and Violence Prevention. This project as well as Operation Respect are offered at Holy Family School.
  - Crisis Response Team - deals with Compassionate Response and Crisis Response - 10 members on the team that can be freed up quite readily. Support is driven by the schools.
  - Attendance - we would like to add more support for the attendance kids - an area that we need to grow in. Ann-Marie takes individual referrals from schools. The Board also offers the SALEP program and the STOP program for kids who do not like to attend school.
  
2. EDU DM memo re Safe Schools Strategy PPMs - Oct 4/07 . . . . . *Bruce*

Bruce mentioned that we will hear more on this topic after the Safe Schools presentation on November 1<sup>st</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sam, Francis and Bev will be attending the workshop.

PPM 128 Prov’l Code of Conduct and School Board Codes of Conduct

  - Ministry is telling all boards to look at Code of Conduct and ensure it aligns with the Ministry’s Code – deadline is Feb 2008

- Boards and schools should focus on prevention and early intervention
- Provincial Code of Conduct involves everyone: parents, volunteers, teachers and other staff members - whether they are on school property, school buses, school events/activities or other circumstances that could impact on the school climate
- purpose - standards of behaviour, roles and responsibilities
- we have covered the criteria in our current Safe Schools document

PPM 144 Bullying Prevention and Intervention

- need to teach students how to deal with and recognize bullying
- Bruce shared the Ministry definition of bullying

PPM 145 Progressive Discipline and Promoting Positive Student Behaviour

- this is all about promoting positive student behaviour – deadline February 2008
- progressive discipline is a whole-school approach

3. **Student Trustee Reports** (*Bridget/Kelsey*) ..... *Bruce*
  - Kelsey - first dance went well. English classes went to Stratford to a play. Cabaret is coming up. NSAID - students wore impaired glasses to shoot basketballs. Boys and Girls Rugby - girls were in tourney in Toronto and did well. Student cards arrived and school photos have been taken. Semi formal is approaching and the theme is “Fall into You”. SAC conference will be held in London in two weeks. Spirit week – end of the month.
  - Briget - Food Drive - had a week to collect and exceed their goal of 1000 items - and they did it! Also had a prayer service. Interim reports are out. New addition is very appreciated by the science teachers. Good results in Cross Country. Football and girls basketball have done well. John Vanier leader training was a great experience for Kelsey - she learned a lot from the presentations and she is looking forward to the upcoming Forum. Kelsey thanked the Board for their support for the conference she and Bridget will be attending next week.
4. **Education for All** ..... *Patricia / Cathy M*
  - Patricia distributed the Ministry document, “Education for All” – a series of Expert Panel Reports
  - Cathy M. mentioned that the purpose of this report was to assist classroom teachers with the many learning needs in their classroom
  - this document is fundamental to good instruction for Grade JK to 12
  - this is one of the best received documents by teachers and is not intended as a special education document
  - was also developed in response to Human Rights and other legal/moral pressures on publicly funded education
  - children who misbehave are often masking their struggles for learning
  - Cathy’s powerpoint outlined the Board’s seven belief statements.

**F. INFORMATION and REPORTS**

*–Committee Reports*

*–For Information Only*

1. **Internal Correspondence / Reports:**
  - Excursion Report, September 2007
  - Thank You Notes: -  
Scholarship/Bursary ~ Kathleen Zettel  
Expression of Sympathy ~ Jerry and Agnes Casey

**G. QUESTIONS / COMMENTS by TRUSTEES**

**H. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**I. CHAIR's REMARKS**

November 2<sup>nd</sup> – while some Trustees are attending the Safe Schools Training, Bruce and Norm will be at OCSTA's Communicators Conference

November 4 & 5 – Norm and Bruce will be attending the National Character Education Conference at Deerhurst Inn.

**J. FUTURE BUSINESS**

Next Meeting: **November 13, 2007**

~ Committee of the Whole @ 1:30

**November 27, 2007**

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

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

**07-167**    **Motion By:** *Francis Gross* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

*Carried*

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Norm Bethune  
Chairperson of the Board

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Bruce MacPherson  
Director of Education and Secretary