

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 13, 2001

4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Trustees Present: Chairperson - W. Goetz Vice-Chairperson - N. Bethune
Members - M. Lemme, J. Vanhaelemeesch, C. Zettel, B. Herney
Board Officials: V. Batte, C. Colton, J. Contois, P. Cureton, J. Sheppard
Regrets: D. Slosser
Recording Secretary: A. Dietz

- A. 1) The Board was led in prayer by Mike Lemme.
2) Adoption of the Agenda

01-314 *Motion By: Norm Bethune* and seconded by *Mike Lemme* that the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on November 13, 2001 be accepted as printed.
Carried

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

B. Approval of Minutes

01-315 *Motion By: Christine Zettel* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 23, 2001 be approved as printed.
Carried

C. Committee of the Whole Report

01-316 *Motion By: Jules Vanhaelemeesch* and seconded by *Christine Zettel* that the Board approve the APSSP agreement as presented.
Carried

01-317 *Motion By: Jules Vanhaelemeesch* and seconded by *Mike Lemme* that the Board approve the Staff Report J.S. 2001-11-13 and the recommendations contained therein.
Carried

01-318 *Motion By:* *Mike Lemme* and seconded by *Christine Zettel* that the Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board support the request from the Durham and Peel District School Boards to the Minister of Education, that the Integrity Commissioner be assigned to conduct an independent review of trustee compensation, taking into consideration the workload and the level of responsibility required in the role of trustee.

Carried

D. DELEGATIONS / SUBMISSIONS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

1. **United Way** (*Greg Chaban*)

- Jim Sheppard introduced and welcomed Greg Chaban who is United Way's campaign manager for the Bruce-Grey area. Greg mentioned that they are a fundraising umbrella organization and have been operating in this area for the past 3½ years. After the September 11th terrorist attack, United Way took on a leadership role in New York City. Also, during the Ecoli outbreak in Walkerton, United Way funded \$96,000 to the community. In an attempt to expand their partnership and reach this year's goal of \$100,000, they have requested the Board's support in their efforts.

01-319 *Motion By:* *Christine Zettel* and seconded by *Mike Lemme* that the Board support the efforts of United Way via contact with Jim Sheppard.

Carried

2. **Safe Schools** (*Bruce MacPherson*)

- *Policy on Code of Conduct*
 - *Policy on Safe Schools*
 - *Policy on Dress Code and School Uniforms*
 - *Policy on Access to School Premises*
 - *Policy on Suspension of Students*
 - *Policy on Expulsion of Students*
- Jane Contois extended her gratitude to the Safe Schools Committee who has spent endless hours on the creation of this document. She also commended Bruce MacPherson for his contribution to the committee. Bruce has been working on the Supervisory Officers' Qualification Program and dedicated his time and efforts spent on this committee towards his practicum requirement.
 - Jane highlighted the revisions that were made to Board Policies that are included in this document.
 - Bruce MacPherson addressed the Protocol between the Local Police Services and this Board who support the principle that all staff and students deserve a safe learning environment. Bruce highlighted the key points of the Safe Schools Act.

01-319 *Motion By:* *Norm Bethune* and seconded by *Mike Lemme* that the Board approve the Policy on Code of Conduct, as presented.

Carried

01-320 *Motion By: Christine Zettel* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemesch* that the Board approve the Policy on Safe Schools, as presented.

Carried

01-321 *Motion By: Mike Lemme* and seconded by *Norm Bethune* that the Board approve the Policy on Dress Code and School Uniforms, as presented.

Carried

01-322 *Motion By: Christine Zettel* and seconded by *Mike Lemme* that the Board approve the Policy on Access to School Premises, as presented.

Carried

01-323 *Motion By: Norm Bethune* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemesch* that the Board approve the Policy on Suspension of Students, as presented.

Carried

01-324 *Motion By: Mike Lemme* and seconded by *Christine Zettel* that the Board approve the Policy on Expulsion of Students, as presented.

Carried

01-325 *Motion By: Jules Vanhaelemesch* and seconded by *Mike Lemme* that the Board approve the Safe Schools document and the contents therein, as presented.

Carried

3. **Tracking Results** (*Catherine Penner*)

- Catherine Penner provided an overview of the Early Literacy tracking results compiled from tests administered last May and June for Senior Kindergarten and Grade 1 students. The tests produced mixed results with a large number of students ranking below grade level in reading and writing and many above grade level in spelling. This is the 2nd year of the balanced literacy program in Bruce-Grey. Catherine mentioned that emphasis will focus on phonemic awareness and phonics in the classroom.

4. **EQAO Results**

- Jane Contois announced that EQAO test results for Bruce-Grey's grade 3's and grade 6's present a distorted picture of student performance due to 20% of our schools missing data. We are awaiting more clarification and hope to get the data sorted out on behalf of our schools. Jane mentioned that we continue to work very hard with Jolly Phonics and the Early Literacy Program to eliminate any struggling readers by the end of grade 3.

5. **Transportation Request**

- Vern Batte presented a transportation request that, if approved, would be an exception to board policy. In the past, similar requests have not been approved by the Board since there would be cost implications. The trustees denied the request but would be willing to review the request at a later date if the family circumstances change.

6. **Cheque Register**

01-326 *Motion By:* Norm Bethune and seconded by Mike Lemme that the Cheque Register to October 31, 2001 be approved as printed.

Carried

E. INFORMATION and REPORTS

–For Information Only:

1. Correspondence from Ministry of Education
 - News Release ~ Dr. Peter Ross to chair the EQAO
2. Correspondence from O.C.S.T.A.
 - Mission Statement Review and Revision Process
3. Communication from Roots of Bruce
 - Requesting authorization for annual event on April 9, 10 and 11, 2002
4. Health and Safety Meeting
 - Minutes of Meeting held on October 18, 2001
5. Excursion, Field Trips, Outdoor Education Trips
 - October 1-31, 2001
6. Miscellaneous:
 - Thank you from Martin/Sylvia McGrath & family
 - Thank you from Sarah Diebel re John Korman Scholarship
 - Thank you from Michael Murray re Bruce-Grey System Bursary

F. FUTURE BUSINESS

Next Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 2:30 p.m.

Next Regular Board Meeting @ 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, **November 27**, 2001

G. ADJOURNMENT

01-327 *Motion By:* Mike Lemme and seconded by Norm Bethune that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Carried

William Goetz
Chairperson of the Board

Vern Batte
Director of Education and Secretary

