

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 18, 2007

3:00 p.m.

Minutes

Trustees Present: Chairperson - N. Bethune Vice-Chairperson - D. Slosser
Members - B. Eckensweiler, S. Finnie, J. Vanhaelemeesch

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

Student Trustees: B. Schrempf (S.M.H.S.)

Regrets: F. Gross (*Trustee*), C. Colton (*Superintendent of Business*), K. Young (*Student Trustee*)

OECTA Rep: Bill King, Anna Morrison

Recording Secretary: A. Dietz

A. 1) The meeting commenced with prayer led by Dave Slosser.

2) **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Inaugural address will be first; Peer Mediators already made presentation because they had to return to school for buses; addition of Administrative Procedure re Noise Control and Hearing Conservation, Excursion Report in Section F.

07-205 Motion By: *Sam Finnie* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* that the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on December 18, 2007 be accepted as amended.

Carried

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

C. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

07-206 Motion By: *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* and seconded by *Bev Eckensweiler* that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 27, 2007 be approved as printed.

Carried

07-207 Motion By: *Sam Finnie* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* that the Minutes of the Inaugural Board Meeting held on December 10, 2007 be approved as printed.

Carried

D. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

07-208 *Motion By:* Dave Slosser and seconded by Bev Eckensweiler that the Board approve the Staff Report S.W. 2007-12-18 and the recommendations contained therein.

Carried

E. DELEGATIONS / SUBMISSIONS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Inaugural Address *Norm*
 - Norm is very honoured and privileged to accept the opportunity to serve again for another year. “I humbly and eagerly accept your confidence and support, and will do my very best over the next year to earn that.”
 - he mentioned that all members of the Board share a passion and dedication to Catholic education and the Board functions as a team keeping students front and foremost
 - Norm shared quotes from three leading political parties which confirmed their support for the present school systems in Ontario
 - Norm noted that this Board is opposed to one large school board and we intend to remain the distinct and unique system we are
 - he also referred to our balanced budget, our exemplary partnerships that have been recognized by the Ministry, the recognition given to Notre Dame Catholic School through EQAO, and our successful Reading Recovery program
 - we are proud of our graduates - we believe Catholic education is embedded in the social fabric of Ontario and that academics and character formation go hand in hand. We must raise the bar and close the gap, not only in literacy and numeracy but in Catholic formation programs
 - Norm also mentioned that the Board has just completed the first steps of the strategic plan process, which involved participation from nineteen focus groups, to determine our plan for the next three to five years.
 - in closing, Norm noted that we will have to face our challenges and speak up for Catholic education

2. Peer Mediators (*Ann-Marie Deas*) *Bruce*
 - Ann-Marie Deas, Social Worker, Kim Scott, Child and Youth Worker and three students from Holy Family School, Jenna, Riley and Nelson were present to speak about the Peer Mediators program
 - The Grade 6 students all received special training in May in order to learn how to facilitate the problem-solving process and help disputants negotiate an agreement. The mediator role is to control the process but the disputants control the outcome.

3. Safe Schools (*Jerry Casey*) *Bruce*
(presentation deferred to new year)

4. Student Trustee Report (SMHS) *Bridget*
 - Bridget commented on events at St. Mary’s which include a school Mass in preparation for Christmas, Product Red fundraiser with proceeds to Third World Countries, mid-term report cards and parent-teacher interviews, Semi-formal dance and sports teams.

5. Student Trustee Report (SHHS) *Kelsey*
(Kelsey is absent due to illness)

6. Missionary Work in Africa (*Pat Halpin*) *Bruce*
(deferred to another meeting)

7. Notice Long-term Financing Agreement *Bruce.*
 – information to be included in board package for the next board meeting

At the January 15, 2008 Regular Board Meeting, a motion will be requested to approve a long-term financing agreement for work completed or in process by August 31, 2007 under Good Places to Learn, in the amount of \$464,350.

8. Policy/Administrative Procedures Review: (*motion*) *Bruce*
• **Guiding Principles**

<p>07-209 <i>Motion By: Jules Vanhaelemeesch</i> and seconded by <i>Sam Finnie</i> that the Board approve the Policy on Guiding Principles, as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Carried</i></p>

- **Noise control and Hearing Conservation** *Suzanne*
 - Excessive noise exposure in Ontario has been identified as a hazard and as such is regulated under the Health and Safety Act
 - BGCSB will maintain an effective Hearing Conservation Program

F. INFORMATION and REPORTS

–*Committee Reports*

–*For Information Only*

1. **Miscellaneous Correspondence:**

- Excursion Report, November 2007
- Coalition on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth

2. **Internal Correspondence / Reports:**

- Note of Appreciation ~ Kathy Becker & family, Dennis Farwell & family

G. QUESTIONS / COMMENTS by TRUSTEES

H. NOTICES OF MOTION

I. CHAIR's REMARKS

J. FUTURE BUSINESS

Next Meeting: **January 15, 2008**

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

K. ADJOURNMENT

<p>07-210 <i>Motion By: Bev Eckensweiler</i> and seconded by <i>Sam Finnie</i> that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at <u>4:05</u> p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Carried</i></p>
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Norm Bethune
Chairperson of the Board

Bruce MacPherson
Director of Education and Secretary