



# THE HURON-PERTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of the General Board Meeting  
Monday, January 25, 2010 – 4:00 p.m.  
Board Office, Dublin

1. **OPENING PRAYER** – Religion Coordinator Lori Lynn opened the meeting with prayer and song.

### *Hockey Day in Stratford*

Superintendent of Education JoAnn MacGregor highlighted the events and activities that will be taking place on Wednesday, January 27 at St. Michael CSS in Stratford for all Stratford schools during Hockey Day in Stratford.

2. **CALL TO ORDER & RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE**

Trustees – Present, except V. McInnes

Administration – Present

Recording Secretary – Present

Chaplain – Present

Press – S. Slater - St. Marys Journal Argus, Listowel Banner, Exeter Times, Wingham Advance Times;

S. Miller-Cameron – CKNX Radio

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – J. McDade – R. Marcy (CARRIED)

4. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

*2010 Canada's Outstanding Principals Award* - The Canadian Association of Principals partners with The Learning Partnership to award The Learning Partnership's 2010 Canada's Outstanding Principals Awards. These awards recognize the unique and crucial contribution that principals of publicly funded schools make to the community and to ensuring quality education for Canada's young people. J. MacGregor introduced and congratulated Joanne Lombardi, Principal of St. James Catholic School, Seaforth, who is one of thirty-two 2010 Canada's Outstanding Principals to receive the award. The Gala Awards Dinner for Canada's Outstanding Principals takes place in Toronto on February 23, 2010 at the Delta Chelsea Hotel.

*Leaders & Learners - Winter 2009/2010 edition* - *Leaders & Learners* is the official magazine of the Canadian Association of School Administrators. The Winter 2009/2010 edition focuses on Engaging Young Children in Our Schools. J. MacGregor introduced Literacy Coordinator Dawne Boersen. Together JoAnn and Dawne wrote an article on Technology is Good, but Not Good Enough (Combining Technology with Critical Thinking to Engage Students).

6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – B. Murray – J. McDade (CARRIED)

General Board Meeting of November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 and Inaugural Meeting of December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009

7. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

## 8. REPORTS

### I COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, IN CAMERA

**Motion #09/10-007**

M. Miller – R. Marcy

That Dawne Boersen be appointed to the position of Elementary Principal effective February 1, 2010.

**CARRIED**

### II EDUCATION

The Education Report was presented.

*Early Learning Program* - J. MacGregor and D. Boersen discussed the Early Learning Program which will provide a full day of learning to four and five year olds as part of the province's plan to build a stronger school system and a well-educated workforce. The program will be phased-in over time, starting in September 2010 at two of our Catholic elementary schools - St. Joseph's, Clinton and St. Ambrose, Stratford. Discussion followed.

*E-learning Homework Help Resource Teacher* - The Ministry of Education has chosen to offer the Huron-Perth CDSB the opportunity, and the funds, to pilot the position of E-Learning and Math Homework Help Contact. Huron-Perth is one of 15 boards piloting this resource. Andrea Leroux, a math, geography, and guidance teacher, has been appointed. Superintendent of Education Dan Parr welcomed and introduced Andrea to the meeting. Andrea provided details of her new role which will be to help students, parents, and teachers become more familiar with the resources of the eLearning Ontario, especially the online after-school math help that is available for grade 7 to 10 students.

*Revisions to Board Policy 3D:10: Progressive Discipline and Student Conduct* - In June 2008 the Ontario Legislature passed Bill 157, the *Keeping our Kids Safe at School Act*. The new legislation requires changes to Board policy 3D:10. D. Parr outlined the proposed revisions to the policy.

*Approval of Board Policy 3E:27: Media Relations* - Recognizing the public has a right to information regarding the Board's policies, programs, activities and celebration of events in our schools and Board, Policy 3E:27 - Media Relations has been proposed. D. Parr described the contents of this policy.

**Motion #09/10-008**

J. McDade – B. Murray

That the Board approve the revisions to Board Policy 3D:10 - Progressive Discipline and Student Conduct, effective January 26, 2010.

**CARRIED**

**Motion #09/10-009**

R. Marcy - B. Murray

That Board Policy #3E:27 - Media Relations be deferred to the next Board Meeting.

**CARRIED**

### III MANAGEMENT

The Management Report was presented.

Superintendent of Business Gerry Thuss provided a report regarding the 2009-2010 Revised Estimates.

G. Thuss discussed the Ministry memos regarding capital updates and long-term financing arrangements for Good Places to Learn capital projects.

G. Thuss provided a brief presentation on *Tips on Serving Customers with Disabilities* – making our schools more accessible.

#### IV PERSONNEL

#### V OTHER

SEAC minutes were handed out.

#### 9. ITEMS FOR ACTION

#### 10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Mass cards and condolences sent were noted.
- Cards of thanks received were noted.
- Chair Mike Miller provided highlights from the Catholic Education Team meeting of January 13, 2010.
- Chair M. Miller and Vice-Chair Bernard Murray reported on the OCSTA Chair and Vice-Chair Seminar they recently attended with the Director.
- Director of Education Martha Dutrizac - Succession Planning - GOAL program *Growing Our Accountable Leaders* - Director M. Dutrizac outlined a new and innovative program to provide professional learning for those seeking a career in Catholic leadership. Job-embedded professional and personal growth opportunities will be provided for selected candidates, in order to assist in succession planning and develop future leaders for our Catholic elementary schools. Upon successful completion of the program, individuals may be considered for appointment to the position of elementary Vice-Principal in September 2010.
- November and December "Rejoice" Director's Monthly Newsletters

#### 11. CORRESPONDENCE

#### 12. FUTURE BUSINESS

#### 13. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORTS

**St. Anne's CSS** – Ellen Tousaw reported on Advent Mass, Christmas assembly, social justice initiatives, Haiti relief, EQAO Math, exams, Wednesday Pre-recorded, semi formal and sports.

**St. Michael CSS** - Ben Veldman reported on Advent Mass, human trafficking campaign, Christmas food drive, Haiti relief, exams, university applications, math contest, sports, the arts and school band.

#### 14. QUESTION PERIOD

- Highlights of Board Activity

#### 15. ADJOURNMENT – R. Marcy - J. McDade (CARRIED)

#### 16. CLOSING PRAYER – Father R. Bester