



THE HURON-PERTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of the General Board Meeting
Monday, February 22, 2010 – 4:00 p.m.
Board Office, Dublin

1. **OPENING PRAYER** – Trustee Bernard Murray
2. **CALL TO ORDER & RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE**
Trustees – Present
Administration – Present
Recording Secretary – Present
Chaplain – Absent
Press – S. Miller-Cameron – CKNX Radio
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – B. Murray – V. McInnes (CARRIED)

4. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
Trustee J. McDade declared a conflict of interest under Motion #09/10-012.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

Virtual Gallery of Hope - A Celebration of Student Artwork - Religion and Family Life Coordinator Lori Lynn Stapleton presented to the Board student artwork that is being displayed on the Board website. The artwork celebrates the Board theme, *Catholic Education: Rejoicing in Hope*. Lori Lynn introduced the very artistic students who have provided their artwork on the Board's website. Chair Mike Miller and Superintendent of Education JoAnn MacGregor thanked the students for providing their inspirational pieces of work.

Staff Development Connection of Ontario - J. MacGregor introduced Literacy Coordinator Gaylene Hagarty who made a presentation on an article she recently wrote entitled, *Coaches as Reflective Collaborators* for the Staff Development Connection of Ontario (SDCO) publication.

Learning for the 21st Century - J. MacGregor welcomed St. Columban Principal Judy Merkel, Gr. 6/7 teacher Sean McDade and St. Columban students to the meeting. Sean and his students made a presentation on the use of MOODLE (online learning environment) to extend classroom learning to include the home. Students presented some very exciting Web 2.0 tools which they use to communicate with parents, their teacher and each other, both in and out of the classroom.

6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – R. Marcy – J. McDade (CARRIED)
General Board Meeting of January 25th, 2010
7. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**
8. **REPORTS**

I COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, IN CAMERA

Motion #09/10-010

R. Marcy – M. Miller

That the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approve a one (1) year extension to the Terms and Conditions for Transportation, between the bus operators and the Avon-Maitland District School Board and the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board, from the current August 31, 2011 to August 31, 2012.

CARRIED

Motion #09/10-011

J. McDade – M. Miller

That Gaylene Hagarty be appointed to the position of Learning Coordinator (Elementary) effective February 8, 2010.

CARRIED

Motion #09/10-012

M. Miller – R. Marcy

That the Board approve the collective agreement between the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board and CUPE Local 3615.01 members employed by the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board.

CARRIED

II EDUCATION

The Education Report was presented.

2010-11 School Year Calendar - The proposed 2010-11 School Year Calendar has been developed through a consultative process involving trustees, supervisory officers, employee groups and parent involvement committees within the Huron-Perth Catholic and Avon Maitland District School Boards. The school year must include a minimum of 194 days, of which six may be designated as Professional Development Days. The traditional start date of Tuesday after Labour Day is not possible in 2010-11 because of the lateness of Labour Day. There are only 193 days between Labour Day and June 30 (presuming a two-week Christmas break, a one-week March break, and provincially-set holidays). Consequently, the Calendar Committee has recommended one P.D. Day prior to Labour Day.

Motion #09/10-013

B. Murray – J. McDade

That the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board adopt the 2010-11 School Year Calendar as proposed.

CARRIED

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 #09/10-014

J. McDade – V. McInnes

That the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board adopt Board Policy 3E:27 - Media Relations, effective February 23, 2010.

CARRIED

III MANAGEMENT

The Management Report was presented.

Effectiveness and Efficiency Review - Superintendent of Business Gerry Thuss reviewed the report regarding the Ministry of Education's Effectiveness and Efficiency Review of the Huron-Perth Student Transportation Services. As a result of the review, the Consortium has been rated as a moderate to high Consortium, and the Ministry will provide additional transportation funding for the Board in the amount of \$235,733.00.

Capital Report 2009-10 - G. Thuss and Anne Marie Nicholson, Manager of Plant, reported on updates to a number of items relating to the Board's facilities and capital operations.

2009-10 Interim Financial Report - G. Thuss and Nancy Becker, Manager of Finance, highlighted the first quarter financial position as at November 30, 2009.

2010-11 Budget Procedures Manual - G. Thuss provided a Procedures Manual to the Trustees that will be followed by all departments for the preparation of the Board's Annual Budget for the fiscal year September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011.

Motion #09/10-015

J. McDade – R. Marcy

That the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approve the 2010-2011 Budget Procedures Manual.

CARRIED

IV PERSONNEL

V OTHER

SEAC minutes of January 21st, 2010 were distributed.

9. ITEMS FOR ACTION

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- *Strategic Plan Process* - Director of Education Martha Dutrizac updated the Board on the evidence of growth in our Board over the last several years. She is visiting elementary and secondary schools to celebrate the system achievements, acknowledge the hard work of all employee groups and offer an opportunity for input into strategic planning.
- *Partnership Meeting at King's College* - Trustee R. Marcy reported on the recent meeting at King's College.
- Mass cards and condolences sent were noted.
- Cards of thanks received were noted.
- January and February "Rejoice" Director's Monthly Newsletters
- 2009 Director's Annual Report

11. CORRESPONDENCE

12. FUTURE BUSINESS

13. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORTS

St. Michael CSS - Ben Veldman reported on the recent OSTA conference he attended, Ash Wednesday liturgy, Red Hand Day, Dominican Republic poverty awareness trip, Gr. 10 retreat, Gr. 8 day, Bandarama, report cards, math contests, Reach team, students raising money for cancer, heart and stroke, and Haiti relief.

St. Anne's CSS – Ellen Tousaw reported on Ash Wednesday prayer service, student Eucharistic Ministers, students for social justice, university applications, report cards, co-op placements, winter Olympics, sports, and drama clubs – one-act plays.

14. QUESTION PERIOD

- Highlights of Board Activity

15. ADJOURNMENT – V. McInnes – R. Marcy (CARRIED)

16. CLOSING PRAYER – Trustee Ron Marcy