



THE HURON-PERTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of the General Board Meeting
Monday, April 26, 2010 – 8:00 p.m.
Board Office, Dublin

1. **OPENING PRAYER** – Father R. Bester
2. **CALL TO ORDER & RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE**
Trustees – Present
Administration – Present
Recording Secretary – Present
Chaplain – Present
Press – S. Slater - St. Marys Journal Argus, Listowel Banner, Exeter Times, Wingham Advance Times
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – B. Murray – R. Marcy (CARRIED)
4. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
5. **PRESENTATIONS**
Virtual Gallery of Hope - A Celebration of Student Artwork - Student artwork continues to be displayed on the Board website to celebrate our Board theme, *Catholic Education: Rejoicing in Hope*. Superintendent of Education JoAnn MacGregor welcomed student artists from St. Ambrose and St. Joseph's, Stratford; St. Patrick's, Dublin; St. Mary's, Listowel, St. Anne's CSS, Clinton, and St. Michael CSS, Stratford.
6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – J. McDade – B. Murray (CARRIED)
General Board Meeting of March 22, 2010
7. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**
8. **REPORTS**

I COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, IN CAMERA

Motion #09/10-019

That the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approve the credit facility with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce dated April 16, 2010.

R. Marcy – M. Miller

CARRIED

II EDUCATION

The Education Report was presented.

Kindergarten – Grade 1 Collaborative Inquiry Project at Jeanne Sauvé - This project is sponsored by the Ministry of Education to engage teams in collaborative inquiry about teacher and student learning. J. MacGregor introduced Gaylene Hagarty, Coordinator of Literacy; Karyn Bruneel, Principal at Jeanne Sauvé; and, Wendy Rawes, Gr. 1 teacher at Jeanne Sauvé who made a presentation.

Youth Re:Action4Inclusion - Recently, Pam Robson, Special Education Department Head and two students from St. Michael attended the second annual Action4Inclusion Youth Leadership Camp at the YMCA Camp in Schomberg, ON. J. MacGregor introduced Maureen Sabin, Coordinator of Special Education, and Pam Robson,

Special Education Department Head, who made a presentation along with the students from St. Michael who attended the leadership camp. St. Michael students are enlisting the support of the Student Council and the Social Justice Club to assist with the implementation of an Inclusion Awareness Week at St. Michael.

Student Success Provincial Indicators - Since the Student Success Initiative began in Spring 2003, data has been gathered to track our progress on the provincially-set indicators of success in Ontario's secondary schools. Superintendent of Education Dan Parr reported on the most recent progress at St. Anne's and St. Michael Catholic Secondary Schools.

Training and Support for School Secretaries – This item was postponed until next month.

III MANAGEMENT

The Management Report was presented.

Motion #09/10-020

R. Marcy – B. Murray

That the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approve the firm of Marklevitz Architects Inc. as the Jeanne Sauvé Catholic Elementary School project architects at a rate of 9.5%.

CARRIED

Grants for Student Needs (GSN) - Superintendent of Business Gerry Thusss indicated that the Board has received preliminary allocations under the Grants for Student Needs for the 2010-2011 school year. G. Thusss provided a summary of the changes to the grants for the current year.

IV PERSONNEL

V OTHER

- SEAC minutes of February 18 and March 25 were provided

Motion #09/10-021

J. McDade – B. Murray

That Shelly Fleming representing Autism Ontario be appointed to the Board's SEAC committee effective April 26, 2010 until August 31, 2011, and that Carolyn Simons be appointed as an Ad Hoc member to the SEAC effective April 26, 2010 until August 31, 2011.

CARRIED

9. ITEMS FOR ACTION

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Huron-Perth Catholic Trustees' Leadership Award winners were distributed. Workshop and Mass for the recipients will be on Thursday, May 13.
- *Focus Groups* - Director of Education Martha Dutrizac reported on two focus groups which will be taking place on May 10 to seek input on how to better enhance Board communication. Our goal is to receive feedback from our stakeholders on our present communication practices and to determine where to make improvements. The first group will consist of Board employees with the second group comprised of elementary and secondary parents and two trustees.
- *Catholic Education Team* – Chair Mike Miller reported that the Catholic Education Team is continuing to work on the Action template. Final results will be presented to the Board when the information is finalized.
- Mass cards and condolences sent were noted.

- Cards of thanks received were noted.
- March Director's Monthly report was distributed.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Letter from Carol Mitchell, MPP, thanking the Board for their support on her recent appointment as Minister of Agriculture.

12. **FUTURE BUSINESS**

Future Board meeting dates will be:

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Monday, June 21, 2010

13. **STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORTS**

St. Michael CSS – Ben Veldman reported on Earth Day Liturgy, Youth Mass, Catholic Student Leadership Forum, Inclusion Week and motivational speaker Andy Thibodeau, high school students visiting elementary schools re Dominican Republic poverty awareness trip, mid term report cards, Gr. 12 math contest, Skills Canada contest, writing contest, St. Michael concert band, Godspell, Matt Wakem receiving provincial volunteer award, and sports.

St. Anne's CSS - Ellen Tousaw reported on Holy Thursday prayer service and Easter Mass, Gr. 11 retreat, civics day fundraiser for Epilepsy and Mental Health society, Envirothon competition, Skills Canada competition, mid term reports, Gr. 10 literacy test, Catholic Student Leadership presentations, Coffee House, sports, and the annual Road Hockey tournament.

14. **QUESTION PERIOD**

- Highlights of Board Activity

15. **ADJOURNMENT – B. Murray – R. Marcy (CARRIED)**

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