



THE HURON-PERTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of the General Board Meeting
Monday, August 23, 2010 – 8:00 p.m.
Board Office, Dublin

1. **OPENING PRAYER** – Father R. Bester
2. **CALL TO ORDER & RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE**
Trustees – Present except V. McInnes
Administration – Present
Recording Secretary – Present
Chaplain – Present
Press – S. Slater - Freelance Education Reporter
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – B. Murray – R. Marcy (CARRIED)
4. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
5. **PRESENTATIONS**
6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – J. McDade – B. Murray (CARRIED)
General Board Meeting of June 21st, 2010
7. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**
8. **REPORTS**

I COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, IN CAMERA

II EDUCATION

The Education Report was presented.

Full Day Kindergarten Program - Superintendent of Education JoAnn MacGregor gave an update on the Early Learning Program for 4 and 5 year olds. The Ministry of Education has committed \$200 million to Year One, with full implementation by 2015-2016. The Board will begin to implement Phase 1 of the initiative in September 2010 in two of our elementary schools - St. Joseph's, Clinton and St. Ambrose, Stratford.

Equity and Inclusive Education Draft Policy - Policy/Program Memorandum (PPM) 119 requires all school boards to adopt an Equity and Inclusive Education policy, including religious accommodations. Superintendent of Education Dan Parr stated that the new policy *Developing and Implementing Equity and Inclusive Education Policies in Ontario Schools*, replaces the *Anti-racism and Ethno Cultural Equity PPM*. The policy will be taken to the Board for approval once public consultation has taken place.

Leaders' Learning Council 2010-2011 - The Leaders' Learning Council (LLC) consists of Executive Council, Principals and Vice-Principals, Coordinators, and Manager. LLC meets monthly to address the work of strategic development, organization and implementation. D. Parr and J. MacGregor provided an overview of the LLC's format, goals and themes for the coming school year.

III MANAGEMENT

The Management Report was presented.

Report regarding 2010-2011 Non-Resident Tuition Fees - Superintendent of Business Gerry Thuss stated that the Board has completed its budget process for the school year 2010-2011. A recommendation is being made to adjust the tuition fee that is being charged for non-resident students. Based on the changes to the Ministry of Education Grants, we have determined a 6% increase from the 2009-2010 school year amounts which were \$10,600 Elementary and \$11,800 Secondary.

Motion #09/10-038

R. Marcy – B. Murray

That the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board set the tuition fee rate for Non-Resident students for the 2010-11 school year at \$11,250 (Elementary) and \$12,500 (Secondary).

CARRIED

Operational Review Report - G. Thuss highlighted the results of the operational review that was conducted over three days in March 2010. The report was reviewed in four functional areas: Governance and School Board Administration; Human Resource Management and School Staffing/Allocation; Financial Management; and School Operations and Facilities Management. The report will be posted on the Board website.

Construction at St. Mary's School, Goderich - The Board will prepare a request for proposal for architectural services to design and construct the addition to St. Mary's, Goderich. The Board has been allocated \$468,026 towards the construction of a classroom to accommodate the Early Learning Program for September 2011.

Final Report Regarding 2010-2011 Budget - The Certificate of the Director of Education and Compliance Reports were filed with the Ministry of Education on July 12, 2010, which met the filing deadlines of July 31, 2010.

IV PERSONNEL

V OTHER

9. ITEMS FOR ACTION

Motion #09/10-039

J. McDade – B. Murray

That the Director of Education's Personal Staff Development Plan for September 2010 to June 2011 be approved.

CARRIED

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Mass cards and condolences sent were noted.
- Cards of thanks received were noted.
- Director of Education Martha Dutrizac informed the Board of the Full Day Kindergarten announcement being held at St. Joseph's School in Clinton on Tuesday, September 7 beginning at 11:30. The SHSM announcement will be held at a later date in September.
- M. Dutrizac provided an overview of the Executive Summary of the communications survey that was recently completed.
- D. Parr and J. MacGregor provided information on the PD day happening on Sept. 2 at St. Anne's CSS.
- As a "Catholic Community of Caring", Huron-Perth Catholic will walk as one "united group" at the upcoming Terry Fox Run in Seaforth on Sunday, September 19. M. Dutrizac has had consultations with

the OECTA and CUPE reps as well as other employee groups re this initiative. More information will follow at the PD Day on September 2.

- The Deanery Dinner is scheduled for October 19 at the Mitchell Golf & Country Club. M. Dutrizac is delighted to announce that Trustee Jim McDade will be the keynote address, speaking on the gift of Catholic education and parent and parish engagement.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Second Annual Bishop's Dinner - thank you letter

12. **FUTURE BUSINESS**

The next Board Meeting date is Monday, September 27, 2010.

13. **STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORTS**

St. Michael CSS – Fiatsogbe Dzuali reported on the membership of student council and the Grade 9 welcome day on Sept. 1. St. Michael staff, students and community are mourning the passing of student Sarah Ulch. Plans are being made for a school-wide memorial service.

St. Anne's CSS – Rachel Askett reported on the first meeting of the student council happening on Sept. 1 with the Grade 9 BBQ and welcome being held in the evening.

14. **QUESTION PERIOD**

- Highlights of Board Activity

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

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