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CHAIRPERSON: Barbara Holland
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Terry Lyons

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre
1325 California Avenue, Windsor
(Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m.)

MINUTES

PRESENT

Trustees:

F. Alexander	Bernie Mastromattei
F. Costante	L. Soulliere (<i>Vice-Chair</i>)
M. DiMenna	S. Tope
F. DiTomasso	F. Valentinis
B. Holland (<i>Chair</i>)	
C. Sloan, Student Trustee	
Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain	

Regrets:

Student Trustee Santin

Administration:

T. Lyons (Resource)	S. Fields	C. Norris
E. Byrne	G. McKenzie	M. Seguin
D. Fister	J. Ibrahim	J. Ulicny
P. King	M. Farrand	

Recorder:

B. Marshall

1. Call To Order - In accordance with Section Two of the Board By-Laws of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School, Terry Lyons, Director of Education called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and presided over the meeting until the election of the Chair.
2. Opening Prayer – Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. Welcome: The Director of Education welcomed everyone to this evening’s meeting to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board for the final year of a four-year term.

4. Commissioning Ceremony - Fr. Brunet led a commissioning prayer reaffirming Trustees' commitment to the provision of Catholic education.
5. Recording of Attendance – All Trustees present. Student Trustee Santin was absent due to illness.
6. Election of Chair

The Director of Education asked Trustees to approve the appointment of two scrutineers.

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Board approve the appointment of Fr. Brunet and Executive Superintendent Byrne as scrutineers. Carried

As Presiding Officer, Director Lyons invited Trustees who wished to serve as Chair to stand and declare their candidacy. The following Trustee(s) declared their candidacy:

- Trustee Holland

After three requests by Director Lyons inviting those who wished to stand to do so, there were no further declarations and the Director called that nominations be closed.

Moved by Trustee DiTomasso and seconded by Trustee Valentinis that nominations for the position of Chair be closed. Carried

Trustee Holland was acclaimed to the position of Chairperson of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board.

At this point, Trustee Holland assumed the Chair and proceeded with election of the Vice-Chair.

7. Election of Vice-Chair

Chair Holland invited Trustees who wished to serve as Vice-Chair to stand and declare their candidacy. The following Trustee(s) rose and declared their candidacy:

- Trustee DiMenna nominated Trustee Soulliere for the position of Vice-Chair. Trustee Soulliere allowed her name to stand.

After three requests by the Chair inviting those who wished to stand to do so, there were no further declarations and the Chair called that the nominations be closed.

Moved by Trustee Mastromattei and seconded by Trustee Tope that nominations for the position of Vice-Chair be closed. Carried

Vice Chair Soulliere thanked Trustee DiMenna for the nomination and her many years of service and commitment as Vice Chair.

Chair Holland also thanked Trustee Chair DiMenna for the collaboration over the many years and her service, time and commitment as Vice Chair. Chair Holland also thanked Trustee DiMenna for succession planning within the Board of Trustees.

Trustee DiMenna thanked the Board for entrusting her with the responsibility of Vice Chair over the course of many years. She will continue to work hard for the Board. Trustee DiMenna congratulated Vice Chair Soulliere on her new position and is confident, together with Chair Holland, they will continue to move this Board forward.

8. Chairperson's Address
Chair Holland congratulated the Board of Trustees that were elected in 2014. The changes over the past three years have been instrumental, in large part for believing in the senior administrative team, teachers, and all staff. These changes have affected the 20,000 students placed in our care. Chair Holland mentioned it will be a challenging year ahead but the Board must strive to continue the momentum.
9. Establishment of Committees – Trustees will receive a list of current committee appointments to review and advise the Chair of their preferred membership. Appointments to committees will be confirmed at a future board meeting.
10. Next Regular Meeting of the Board: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm.
11. Closing Prayer – Fr. Brunet closed the meeting with a prayer.
12. Adjournment – There being no further business, the Organizational Meeting of December 5, 2017 adjourned at 7:19 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

Original signed by B. Holland and T. Lyons

Barbara Holland
Board Chairperson

Terry Lyons
Director of Education & Secretary of the Board