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CHAIRPERSON: Barbara Holland  
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Terry Lyons

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre**  
**John Paul II Board Room**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT**

**Trustees:** F. Alexander B. Mastromattei  
F. Costante L. Soulliere, *Vice-Chair*  
M. DiMenna S. Tope  
B. Holland, *Chair* F. Valentinis

G. Santin, Student Trustee  
C. Sloan, Student Trustee  
Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain

**Regrets:** Trustee DiTomasso

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

**Recorder:** B. Marshall

1. Call To Order – Chair Holland called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.
2. Opening Prayer – Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. Recording of Attendance – Trustee DiTomasso is sent his regrets due to his vacation.
4. Approval of Agenda  
**WITHDRAWN:** Item 9a(i) Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) 2018 Annual General Meeting Resolutions and 2017 Resolution – Final Status Chart.

**Moved by Trustee Valentinis and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the April 24, 2018 Regular Board meeting agenda be approved as amended. *Carried***

5. Disclosure of Interest - Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.: None.

6. Presentations:

a. *"Dare To Dream"*: Catholic Central High School Syrian Girls' Journey (E. Byrne)

Catholic Central High School has been awarded a grant from the Ontario Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth Services to reach out to immigrant, refugees, ethno-cultural and racialized communities.

The resulting project, *Building CommUNITY to Build Mental Health: A Syrian Perspective* is a passionate, youth-led initiative supported by adult allies and community stakeholders to raise awareness about mental health, reduce stigma, and engage not only Syrian youth, but their families service providers, school peers, and the local community.

Ultimately, the goal of the project is to empower the proud Syrian Girls of Catholic Central High School to develop self-confidence by exposing them to community resources and to other opportunities available to females in Canadian society.

Board of Trustees thanked the girls for their outstanding performance, Principal Danielle Desjardins-Koloff, Teachers Sue Erdelyn and Natalia Uros as well as the community partners in attendance.

7. Delegations: None.

8. Action Items:

a. Previous Meeting Minutes

i) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of March 27, 2018

**Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Mastromattei that the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of March 27, 2018 be adopted as distributed. Carried**

ii) Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 27, 2018

**Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of March 27, 2018 be adopted as distributed. Carried**

b. Items from the Special Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of April 24, 2018

Vice Chair Soulliere reported that the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a closed Special Committee of the Whole Board in-camera meeting on April 24, 2018 pursuant to the Education Act - Section 207, to consider specific personnel, real property matters, and other matters permitted or required to be kept private and confidential under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Items from the April 24 , 2018 Special Committee of the Whole Board in-camera meeting:

**Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Valentinis that the Board receive for information a report regarding a Personnel matter, item 8a). *Carried***

**Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board approve the recommendation regarding a Property matter, item 11a). *Carried***

**Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Costante that the Board receive as information the discussions exempt from access under Protected Information matters, items 14a) and 14b). *Carried***

9. Communications:

a. External (Associations, OCSTA, Ministry):

- i. **WITHDRAWN:** Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) 2018 Annual General Meeting Resolutions and 2017 Resolution – Final Status Chart

b. Internal (Reports from Administration):

- i. Report: 2018-2019 Budget Development and Budget Outlook Update

**Moved by Trustee Tope and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive the report on 2018-19 Budget Development and Budget Outlook Update as information. *Carried***

- ii. Report: 2017-2018 – Second Interim Financial Variance Report

**Moved by Trustee Tope and seconded by Trustee Mastromattei that the 2017-18 Second Interim Financial Variance Report be received as information. *Carried***

10. Committee Reports:

- a. Report: Appointment of Sarah Stanton as Representative, and Cindy Tracey as Alternate Representative For Up About Down, to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

**Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board approve the appointment of Sarah Stanton, representative, and Cindy Tracey, alternate representative, Up About Down to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for the remainder of the four-year term, ending November 30, 2018. *Carried***

- b. Report: French Immersion Advisory Committee (FIAC) Minutes of November 22, 2018

**Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Tope that the Board receive the Minutes of the November 22, 2017 French Immersion Advisory Committee meeting as information. *Carried***

- c. Report: Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee (EIAC) Minutes of January 24, 2018

**Moved by Trustee Costante and seconded by Trustee Alexander that the Board receive the Minutes of the Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee meeting held on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 as information. Carried**

11. Unfinished Business: *None*

12. New Business:

- a. Report: Regular School Year Calendar - 2018-2019

**Moved by Trustee Mastromattei and seconded by Trustee Valentinis that the Board approve the Regular School Year Calendar – 2018 - 2019 for the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board. Carried**

- b. Report: Regularly Scheduled Board and Committee of the Whole Board Meetings for July and August and the 2018-2019 School Year

**Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Costante that the Board adopt the attached schedule of Regular Board meetings for the 2018-2019 School Year as presented; and**

**That any additional meetings of the Board of Trustees for the months of July and August 2018 be held at the call of the Chair and Vice Chair. Carried**

- c. Report: Tender Approval – Theatre Arts Renovations – Assumption College Catholic High School

**Moved by Trustee Costante and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that approval be given to the award of tender and the issuance of a purchase order contract for the Theatre Arts renovations at Assumption College Catholic High School to Vince Ferro Construction in the amount of \$1,142,050 plus HST. Carried**

13. Notice of Motion: *None*.

14. Remarks and Announcements:

Chairperson of the Board

- Catholic Education Week May 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is *Renewing the Promise*. As in past years, the Catholic Student Trustees' initiated a province-wide Christian Service Activity to recognize the distinctiveness of publicly funded Catholic Education in Ontario. This year's initiative is a "Walk for Water". The focus is to raise awareness about the lack of clean and accessible water in our own country and throughout the world. Events for Walk for Water will occur on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

- a. Director Lyons provided the following comments:

***Looking back on our successes...***

Area schools filled the Capitol Theatre for three days of adjudicated jazz, concert music and choir singing as MusicFest returned to Windsor. Not surprisingly, WECDSB schools

performed exceptionally well, with a number of performers taking home top medals and receiving invitations to compete at the nationals in Toronto in May. Congratulations to everyone who participated, and good luck to those moving on to the nationals!

Congratulations to all of the teams from our board who participated in FIRST Robotics Competitions including the district competition held in London during the first week of April and the provincial contest held in Mississauga. Special acknowledgement should go out to students Sophia Symons, Mackenzie Sulyak, and Simona Touma who are part of the six-member all-girl Amazon Warriors - Build A Dream team that earned a berth in the world competition taking place in Detroit April 25-28. Good luck ladies!

Carly Benson and Aimee-Larissa Dushime were selected as nationalist finalists in the annual Poetry in Voice competition held in Toronto on April 18 & 19. It was quite an honour to be two of only 24 finalists selected from across the country. Congratulations.

***Looking ahead.....***

The Board is hiring Occasional Teachers to replenish the teaching pool. Please refer to Apply to Education for more information. Applications will be received until April 27<sup>th</sup>.

St. Teresa of Calcutta's Official School Blessing and Opening is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Trustees please contact the Executive Assistant Marshall if interested in attending.

Our Grade 5 teachers are receiving in-service on the new Grade 5 Indigenous Education Curriculum update. This update was in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action which provides mandatory learning about the histories of First Nations, Inuit and Metis people and their legacy.

The Board's Wonder League Robotics events will occur during the month of May. The Wonder League started last year with 3 schools and has evolved this year to 10 schools, as well as team members from 4 of our secondary schools. The Wonder League is an extra-curricular team which targets students in grades 4 and 5. Our hope is that Wonder League students can see themselves in many future pathways and opportunities that the STEM and Computer Science pathways provide not only through our board but also in their post secondary endeavours.

Applications for the Director's Award – Our Journey to Holiness for both Elementary and Secondary students are now being accepted until May 4<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to the staff room folder for more information.

The Board's first annual golf tournament is being held on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at Roseland Golf Course. The beneficiary of the WECDSB Golf Tournament is the Katelyn Bedard Bone Marrow Association. Trustees we invite you to golf or join us for lunch. All staff, including retirees have been invited to participate.

As Chair Holland mentioned, Catholic Education Week is May 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>. This week is marked by special activities at all grade levels, including prayer celebrations and service activities. At this point, a video on Catholic Education Week, created by Paul DiMarco, Digital Media Coordinator was shared with Trustees.

b. Board Chaplain Brunet prayed for the victims of a recent incident in Toronto and the Humboldt Hockey team.

15. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

Trustee DiMenna commented on Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary school's outstanding *Grease* performances. All three nights were sold out. Also, Cardinal Carter Middle School Robotics team is travelling to San Jose, CA for the LEGO® League Global Innovation invitational, the only Canadian team invited.

Student Trustee Sloan commented on the Student Senate initiative Zinc Saves Lives and provided an update on high school past activities.

Student Trustee Santin commented on the student council campaign week, high school activities and attending the OCSTA AGM on Thursday and Friday.

16. Pending Items: *None*

17. Future Regular Board Meetings: *Unless stated otherwise, all meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre - 1325 California Avenue, Windsor beginning at 7:00 p.m.*

- Tuesday, May 22, 2018
- Tuesday, June 12, 2018
- **Monday**, June 25, 2018

*Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm (closed sessions). NOTE: The May 8, 2018 Committee of the Whole In-Camera meeting has been rescheduled to May 22, 2018.*

18. Adjourn to In-Camera meeting, if required: Not Required.

19. Closing Prayer – Fr. Brunet closed the meeting with a prayer.

20. Adjournment – There being no further business, the Regular Board meeting of April 24, 2018 adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

*Original signed by B. Holland and T. Lyons*

**Barbara Holland**  
Chairperson of the Board

**Terry Lyons**  
Director of Education & Secretary of the Board