

IC - #77/08

Moved by: A. Iantomasi
 Seconded by: Father D. Wilhelm

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the appointment of Catherine Boiago to the position of Elementary Vice Principal effective September 1, 2008.

IC - #78/08

Moved by: E. Viana
 Seconded by: A. Danko

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board receive as information the re-appointment of Barbara O'Connor and Susan Paradiso as Curriculum Consultants for a period of up to four (4) years effective September 1, 2008 and the appointments of John Barbati, Mario Soster, Wendy Giroux, Rachel Muvrin, Suzanne Tomory, Frank Jambrosich, Eugene Amoroso and Luisa Fontana and Clark McDougall, Katherine Stevenson as Departments Heads for a period of up to four (4) years effective September 1, 2008 and the re-appointments of Patricia Buckley and Dianne Fox as Department Heads for a period of up to four (4) years effective September 1, 2008 and the appointment of Karen Boelhouwer as Acting Department Head effective April 16, 2008 and the appointments of Christopher Haley, Donald Finan, James Sefeldas, Bruce Law, Adriano Perusin and Catherine Strong-Lepera as Acting Department Heads for a period of up to one (1) year effective September 1, 2008; and the employment status increase of Lisa Pepall from 0.5 to 1.0 effective April 10, 2008 and the employment status decrease of Barbara Celestini from 1.0 to 0.67 effective September 1, 2008 and the resignations of Caterina Spadafora and Alexander Zurby effective August 31, 2008 and the retirements of Louise Craig, Irene Ireland, Jennifer Lobo and Leslie Rutherford effective June 30, 2008 and the appointment of Sonia Ellison as Acting Curriculum Consultant effective September 1, 2008 for a period of up to two (2) years and the Secondary Principal/Vice Principal assignments for the 2008-2009 school year and the re-appointments of Carla Favero and Margaret Gajewski as Department Heads effective September 1, 2008 for a period of up to four (4) years and the appointments of Maureen Fazzari and Jodie Rideout as Department Heads effective September 1, 2008 for a period of up to four (4) years and the appointments of Timothy McCarthy and David Papa as Acting Department Heads effective September 1, 2008 for a period of up to one (1) year.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

11.2 Correspondence - Sudbury and London Catholic District School Boards

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Moved by: E. Viana
 Seconded by: A. Danko

RESOLVED, that the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Food for Thought

J. Langill welcomed Gail Cruikshank, Executive Director for the Food for Thought program which is a collaboration between Public Health, the Halton School Boards and Business and Community agencies. J. Langill circulated information listing the schools involved in the program, the number of students served and the per diem cost to run the program.

G. Cruikshank provided background information and explained that the mandate of the program is to improve the learning capacity, health and well being of children in the Halton Region by ensuring access to healthy food, before, after and during school, through the school-based nutrition program. The program is currently offered to eighteen (18) Catholic schools in Halton with six (6) new additional schools registered for September. G. Cruikshank informed trustees on the many programs offered through the Food for Thought initiative, elaborated on the role of volunteers and listed several sponsors who have contributed to the growth of the program.

L. Clifford expressed his appreciation to G. Cruikshank for her involvement, time and effort in the schools.

4.2 **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Association of Canada**

R. Palmieri introduced and welcomed P. Azzuolo and S. Alanes, catechists of the Good Shepherd Association of Canada. P. Azzuolo and S. Alanes thanked the Board for the opportunity to provide information regarding the program offered by the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Association of Canada, which is a theological and pedagogical approach to the religious formation of children. They explained their involvement with the Good Shepherd Association of Canada and briefly elaborated on the various components of the program. Trustees viewed a brief video describing the essence of the program.

In response to questions, P. Azzuolo indicated that the program is not intended to replace the existing curriculum offered to students but to supplement, enhance and enrich it by inviting both the adult and the child to further deepen their relationship with Jesus. She shared with trustees some of the positive results she has witnessed in providing the program to students in the schools as well as the positive feedback she's received from teachers. There was some discussion in terms of how the program could be delivered to the schools. Although it is essentially at this time a parish based program in Halton, P. Azzuolo acknowledged that the program does enjoy endorsement and support from the Archdiocese of Toronto and that the course is offered by the Association as well as St. Michael's College in Toronto. P. Azzuolo elaborated on the requirements of the training program to obtain the necessary certification.

Some trustees expressed interest in the program and asked some clarifying questions.

R. Palmieri thanked P. Azzuolo and S. Alanes for their presentation.

5. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

6.1 **Regular Board Meeting – April 1, 2008**

# 95/08	<i>Moved by: Father D. Wilhelm</i> <i>Seconded by: E. Viana</i>
RESOLVED , that the minutes of the April 1, 2008 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented.	
CARRIED	

7. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

7.1 **Summary of Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings**

# 96/08	<i>Moved by: E. Viana</i> <i>Seconded by: A. Iantomasi</i>
RESOLVED , that the summary of outstanding items from previous meetings be received as information.	

The Chart will be updated to reflect the next meeting date of the CEC Accommodations Committee to read that they will meet at the call of the Chair.

In response to a question, the Chair confirmed that the next STRIVE meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

The Chair called for a vote and the motion **CARRIED**.

8. ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Pre-Qualified Architect Roster & Appointment of Architect Process

G. Corbacio indicated that the purpose of the report was to obtain approval of the recommended Pre-Qualified Architect Roster, the membership of the Architect Selection Committee and the Appointment of Architect Process for the four potential school capital projects proposed in the Town of Milton and the Town of Oakville.

<p>#97/08</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the appointment of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makrimichalos Cugini Architects, Toronto • Mekinda Snyder Partnership Inc., Toronto • Salter Pilon, Barrie • Svedas Koyanagi, Burlington, and • ZAS Architecture, Toronto <p>to the Board's Pre-Qualified Architect Roster for a period of up to five (5) years effective April 15, 2008 to provide architectural services for the new Milton # 4 Catholic Elementary School, and</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the appointment of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Joanne Matters, Burlington - Architect Selection Committee Chair • Trustee Father David Wilhelm, Milton • Trustee Anthony Danko, Oakville • Trustee Pauline Houlahan, Oakville • Trustee Alice Anne Lemay, Oakville • Trustee Ed Viana, Oakville • Trustee Arlene Iantomasi, Burlington • Trustee Rosanna Palmieri, Halton Hills • Trustee Bob Van de Vrande, Burlington • Giacomo Corbacio, Superintendent, Facility Management Services • John Langill, Superintendent of Education, Halton Hills & Milton Elementary Schools • Fiammetta Mazzetti, Superintendent of Education, Secondary Schools • Alex Duffield, Senior Administrator, Facility Management Services • Frank Crouchman, Manager, Purchasing Services, and • Craig Harling, Purchasing Officer <p>as the members of the Architect Selection Committee for the St. Peter/Milton # 2 Catholic Elementary School, Milton; Milton # 6 Catholic Elementary School, Milton; St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School - Replacement Project, Oakville, and St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Secondary School – Addition & Alteration Project, Oakville and</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the Appointment of Architect Process as outlined in Action Report Item 8.1 dated April 15, 2008 for the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Peter/Milton # 2 Catholic Elementary School, Milton • Milton # 6 Catholic Elementary School, Milton • St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School - Replacement Project, Oakville, and • St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Secondary School – Addition & Alteration Project, Oakville 	<p>Moved by: Father D. Wilhelm</p> <p>Seconded by: A. Danko</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
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8.2 Proposed 2008 Facility Renewal Projects

Trustees were presented at the April 1st Board meeting with a preliminary report outlining the proposed 2008 facility renewal projects at an estimated cost of \$5.4 million which will be funded from the Facility Renewal Reserve portion of the Pupil Accommodation Allocation Reserve. G. Corbacio explained that staff continues to work on investigating the scope of work, which he briefly described, and the cost estimate for additional facility renewal projects at 802 and 830 Drury Lane. He listed the projects that will be presented to trustees for approval at the May 6th Board meeting and those that will be presented at the May 20th or June 3rd Board meetings.

G. Corbacio acknowledged that the 830 Drury Lane projects would be covered by Facility Renewal Funds as computer server room supports all schools but those projects proposed for 802 Drury Lane involving the replacement of the boiler and windows would be funded from the Working Funds Reserve.

In response to questions, G. Corbacio elaborated on the St. James site improvements project regarding the playground expansion and grass playfield repairs, which could also be utilized to partially accommodate students from St. Thomas Aquinas during the re-construction of St. Thomas Aquinas School. He also provided information on the life expectancy of the roofing material.

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Moved by: E. Viana

Seconded by: P. Houlahan

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the Proposed 2008 Facility Renewal Projects Identified to date and that the estimated \$5.4 million required to complete the projects be funded from the Facility Renewal Reserve portion of the Board's Pupil Accommodation Allocation Reserve. **CARRIED**

8.3 **Corpus Christi Catholic Secondary School – Artificial Turf Surface Sports Field**

G. Corbacio asked for trustee consideration and approval to install an artificial turf surface sports field, including field lighting and an electronic scoreboard at the new Corpus Christi Catholic Secondary School in Burlington. He referenced two previous reports prepared by the Superintendent of Curriculum and the Health & Physical Education Consultant regarding the program enhancement and benefits provided to students by the artificial turf surface.

G. Corbacio provided information regarding the tendering process, the cost estimates, the financial implications as well as the estimated community cost recovery revenues. Because of the favourable tender results, G. Corbacio indicated that additional enhancements are being considered which would include a video camera surveillance system and an announcer's booth which will be brought back at a future meeting for trustee approval.

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Moved by: B. Van de Vrande

Seconded by: J. Matters

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the supply and installation of an artificial turf surface multi-use sports field, including field lighting and an electronic scoreboard at Corpus Christi Catholic Secondary School, Burlington.

R. Palmieri expressed a concern with the fact that the report did not include additional competitive rental rates analysis, which had been requested at prior meetings, and that the estimated revenues appeared to be unreasonable based on the projections presented. In response, G. Corbacio explained the challenges in obtaining additional information from other potentially competitive artificial turf facility organizations, and staff is confident that they will generate sufficient cost recovery revenues to cover the ten-year repayment schedule since the incremental cost is significantly lower than first estimated.

The Chair called for a vote and the motion **CARRIED**.

8.4 **New Operating Policy II-40 Bullying Prevention and Intervention: Second and Third Readings**

J. Langill reported that he and F. Mazzetti attended a meeting of the GTA school board representatives to discuss the new implementation of the Bullying Prevention policy. He shared with trustees preliminary findings/results/comments that are very characteristic and applicable to our Board. Trustees will be given a more detailed statistical report in September 2008 that will highlight the differences from the pre-legislation to the post legislation.

J. Langill provided trustees with feedback received from stakeholders as well as legal counsel's response to the student trustee inquiry concerning the difference between bullying and harassment.

Discussion which followed focused on the language of the policy. Members of senior staff clarified several statements contained therein and trustees suggested a number of revisions, including an addition to Requirements, Point 8, which ensures that training on cultural sensitivity and respect for diversity will adhere to Catholic faith and moral teaching.

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Moved by: Father D. Wilhelm

Seconded by: A. Danko

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve Policy II-40 Bullying Prevention and Intervention in second and third readings as amended. **CARRIED**

8.5 Amendments to Various Policies as a Result of the Progressive Discipline Policy

J. Langill explained that several policies had to be updated as a result of the implementation of the Progressive Discipline Policy and Safety in Schools Safety Act (2008).

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Moved by: B. Van de Vrande

Seconded by: A. Danko

RESOLVED, that the amendments to Policies II-10 Releasing Pupils from Schools; II-19 Educational Field Trips; II-24 Home-to-School Transportation; II-26 Risk Management; II-28 Drug Education, Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Abuse in Schools; II-35 Access to School Premises; and II-36 Student Dress Code/School Uniform as listed above, be approved as presented.

B. Van de Vrande requested that the Policy on Drug Education, Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Abuse in Schools be brought back at a future meeting for further discussion in order to consider other alternatives for students smoking off school property. Staff briefly addressed the accountability and responsibility of the school, the students and the parents in terms of monitoring students' behavior and action off school property.

The Chair called for a vote and the motion **CARRIED**.

9. STAFF REPORTS

9.1 EQAO Report

R. MacDonald referenced the report in response to the motion presented by Trustee Houlahan at the April 1st Board meeting. He introduced E. Van Roosmalen in attendance to address concerns and questions regarding the data and K. Lowicki to address questions and concerns regarding student success issues. R. MacDonald provided background information relative to the implementation of the EQAO assessment process as well as an overview of the responsibilities of the department and the various initiatives linked to Curriculum Services.

R. MacDonald clarified that EQAO data is intended to be used to improve classroom instruction and not to rank or categorize schools. He briefly gave an overview of the content of the report and addressed key components of the Board Improvement Plan which outlines the strategic direction for the 2007-2008 academic year.

P. Houlahan extended her appreciation for providing the report and asked that it be brought back to a future meeting in order to give trustees the opportunity to review and comprehend the data presented. Understanding that the data is not meant to compare school against school, P. Houlahan commented that the statistics presented by the press do in fact compare schools and the information submitted in the report will allow her to respond to parents' questions and concerns. When asked about this year's results, R. MacDonald indicated that the OSSLTs are due at the end of June and the EQAO Math results in September. Once the results are released, staff undertakes an analysis of all EQAO scores, examines the results with the principals as well as the strategies to determine what was or was not successful.

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Moved by: E. Viana

Seconded by: A. Danko

RESOLVED, that the meeting continue beyond 10:30 p.m.

CARRIED

L. Clifford addressed the issue and suggested that trustees refer questions and concerns from parents to School Services Superintendents.

B. Van de Vrande asked staff to provide additional information regarding the percentage differential over a three year period, to identify the concerns and problems that led to the decline in scores, to indicate what was assessed in terms of the reason for the decline and to identify the strategies implemented to address the concerns. R. MacDonald and E. Van Roosmalen referenced sections of the report, specifically action plans within the school improvement plan.

A.A. LeMay suggested holding a separate meeting in order to give staff the opportunity to respond to questions. R. MacDonald suggested that trustees read the material and forward questions to his attention.

9.2 **Proposed Implementation of the Elementary Model of Gifted Education Services and Related Costs**

G. Mahoney spoke to the report, which is in response to direction regarding the format and associated costs of a feasible model. He pointed out some of the features that might differentiate this report from previous ones, in particular a modified implementation plan in the interest of more modest expenditures without compromising the goal of a full range of placements.

G. Mahoney elaborated on the components of the program, the delivery model, the implementation plan, the accommodations as well as the implications in the area of transportation.

Discussion which followed focused on the implementation of the program. B. Van de Vrande's understanding was that the plan had been approved through the budget initiatives, in its original scale and that it was up to staff to determine how it could fit within the scope of the budget.

G. Mahoney provided a rationale for submitting a modified implementation model and associated expenses as a staff report for approval at the next Board meeting. His understanding of the process was that it was to be brought back to provide information to the Board in terms of the actual scale of the implementation but acknowledged that it could come up through the budget process to be approved as a new budget initiative and proceed as described.

G. Mahoney noted that SEAC members received copies of the various drafts that led to the final report which received endorsement from SEAC. P. Houlihan agreed that the plan had been circulated and discussed in detail at SEAC. G. Mahoney will obtain formal approval from SEAC.

# 103/08	<i>Moved by: E. Viana</i>	
	<i>Seconded by: A. Iantomasi</i>	
RESOLVED , that the meeting continue beyond 11:00 p.m.		DEFEATED

14. **RESOLUTION re ABSENTEES**
There were no absentees.

15. **ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER**

# 104/08	<i>Moved by: Father D. Wilhelm</i>	
	<i>Seconded by: A. Iantomasi</i>	
RESOLVED , that the meeting adjourn.		CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m. with a closing prayer led by A. Danko.

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APPROVED:

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Secretary of the Board

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Chair