

IC - #107/08*Moved by: A. Iantomasi**Seconded by: P. Houlahan*

Resolved, that the Halton Catholic District School Board receive as information the report entitled: *Special Education Resource Teacher, Workload Arbitration Costs.*

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

10.3 Notice of Motion – Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – R. Palmieri

128/08*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 Seeing our Voices “Sharing our Stories One Frame at a Time”

Dr. E. Van Roosmalen, B. O’Connor and System Student Athletic Association (SSAA)

Dr. E. Van Roosmalen prefaced the presentation by explaining how the project came to fruition. The Our Kids Network brought together a range of youth to reflect and record on aspects of their life and important issues in their local community by taking pictures to capture their thoughts. The students, as part of the project, focused on three themes: Safe Schools, Healthy Schools and “And God saw that it was Good”. Trustees were informed that the exhibit of photographs taken by Halton youth as part of the project organized by the Our Kids Network, will be displayed at the Towne Square Gallery in Oakville from June 3 to June 8th with an official reception on Thursday, June 5, 2008 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. B. O’Connor introduced the participating students in attendance and explained what her portfolio involved. Trustees viewed a power point presentation illustrating key pictures and associated quotes which reflected the theme: And God Saw that it was Good.

L. Iantomasi and N. Fisher, students from Assumption Catholic Secondary School described the scope of the project as reflected in their participation and outcomes they looked to achieve.

On behalf of the Board, A.A. LeMay thanked Dr. E. Van Roosmalen, B. O’Connor and the students for their presentation.

4.2 Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Presentation

L. Koster, M. Sparling, P. Hourigan and J. Duijvestein, members of the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, presented the Director with a souvenir of the presentation made at the recent Catholic School Council of Chairs meeting in recognition of his accomplishments as a strong advocate for Catholic Education and for his inclusive leadership style. Members of the Committee congratulated L. Piovesan on his recent appointment as General Secretary of the Ontario Conference of Catholic Bishops and wished him all the best in his future endeavours.

The Director addressed the Committee and extended his appreciation for the recognition. He urged members of the Committee to continue their dedication and commitment to Catholic Education.

4.3 Presentation to Outgoing Student Trustees

On behalf of the Board, staff and students of the Halton Catholic District School Board, the Chair recognized the efforts, the contributions, the service and the input of Student Trustees, E. Gamble, T. Lobo and K. Medeiros during the 2007-2008 school year. She acknowledged their work with student senators as well as their involvement with the co-terminous Board in bringing all students together. The student trustees were presented with a token of the Board’s appreciation as well as a bursary award and a letter of commendation.

5. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**6.1 **Regular Board Meeting – May 20, 2008**

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| # 129/08 | Moved by: J. Matters Seconded by: E. Viana |
| RESOLVED , that the minutes of the May 20, 2008 Regular Board Meeting be approved. | |

Under Item 4.1, J. Matters asked that that the comment "...accept who they are..." be replaced with "...grow and develop as young people...".

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

7. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**7.1 **Summary of Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings**

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| # 130/08 | Moved by: E. Viana Seconded by: A. Iantomasi |
| RESOLVED , that the summary of outstanding items from previous meetings be received as information. CARRIED | |

8. **ACTION ITEMS**8.1 **2008 Facility Renewal Projects – Stage 3 802 Drury Lane Boiler & Window Replacement**

G. Corbacio spoke to the report to approve the replacement of the boiler at 802 Drury Lane as well as the west window of the stairwell. He indicated that the cost of \$135,000.00 would be funded from the Reserve for Working Funds.

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| # 131/08 | Moved by: J. Matters Seconded by: E. Viana |
| RESOLVED , that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the replacement of the boiler and the west stairwell window/wall section of the 802 Drury Lane building at the Catholic Education Centre, at an estimated cost of \$135,000; and that this facility renewal work to be funded from the Reserve for Working Funds. CARRIED | |

8.2 **Secondary Average Class Size**

As outlined in Regulation # 276-01 of the Education Act, J. O'Hara indicated that there is a requirement for the Board to pass a motion in order to increase the secondary class size from 21:1 to 22:1. The Board has passed a similar motion for the past several years and senior staff recommends that the motion be adopted to meet the obligation of the secondary collective agreement and to implement staffing of secondary schools in accordance with the approved staffing ratios. J. O'Hara explained that the resulting savings would go towards fulfilling the Board's obligations under the Secondary Teachers' collective agreement.

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| # 132/08 | Moved by: A. Iantomasi Seconded by: P. Houlahan |
| RESOLVED , that the Halton Catholic District School Board provide for the 2008-2009 school year, an adjustment for the legislated secondary school average class size of 21:1 by one (1) so that the average class size will not exceed 22:1 until August 31, 2009. CARRIED | |

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Moved by: R. Palmieri

Seconded by: E. Viana

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board use the resulting savings of approximately 20 full time equivalent teachers (cost approximately \$1,250,012) for assignment duties which will result in changes in teacher workload in accordance with the Halton OECTA Secondary Unit Collective Agreement. **CARRIED**

8.3 HPV Vaccination – Notice of Motion from the May 20th 2008 Board Meeting

J. Matters presented the following motion:

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Moved by: J. Matters

Seconded by: A. Danko

Resolved that the Halton Catholic District School Board, effective September 2008, not provide its facilities for the administration of the HPV Vaccination Program;

Be it further resolved that, the Halton Catholic District School Board increase its efforts to empower students to embrace and live out the faith and moral teachings of the Catholic Church as they relate to human sexuality, with a report to the board on such efforts by November, 2008.

A. Iantomasi questioned how this motion might impact the motion previously adopted in September 2007. The Chair, in response, acknowledged that a new motion could be presented since the action on the previous motion had already taken place.

A number of trustees spoke against the motion on the basis that a decision was made last October based on the best information available at the time and that there is nothing substantive that would change the basis or the integrity of the decision. Father D. Wilhelm further noted that second guessing decisions previously adopted are not in the best interest of the Board. Having reviewed the minutes and other related documents from the Ministry and from the Bishop's office, A. Iantomasi addressed the rights of parents and explained that there is no significant difference between this program and other immunization programs such as Hepatitis B. Furthermore, the Board, as a publicly funded system, should offer its facilities to administer the vaccine.

The Director, in response to questions provided information regarding the participation rate of grade 8 students in November 2007. B. Van de Vrande spoke in support of the motion noting that only 35% of the students availed themselves of the vaccine.

J. Matters provided several arguments in favour of the motion and commented that the Board is sending a double message to students by approving the administration of the vaccine on site. While the Board teaches the faith and moral teachings of the Catholic Church which are quite clear on abstinence before marriage, it is contradictory for the Board to offer a vaccine to protect students against a disease that can only be contracted through sexual activity. Speaking on the second part of the motion, J. Matters commented that the Board should increase its efforts in assisting students with the information and empowerment they need to truly and fully embrace the life affirming, healthy lifestyle choices that the Catholic Church proposes. She reiterated that the Board is not taking away the right of parents to choose but merely being consistent with who we are as a Catholic Education institution.

The Chair passed the gavel to the Vice Chair in order to speak to the issue.

As a point of clarification, A.A. LeMay disagreed with J. Matters' rationale and reaffirmed that the Board is not offering the vaccine, but merely offering space in a publicly funded location. Referencing the Bishop's letter, she indicated that it should be a parental choice rather than the decision of the Board.

A. Danko reiterated that not providing the space to administer the vaccine does not prevent nor deny a person's right to obtain the vaccine.

Several trustees spoke in support of the 2nd part of the motion and on that basis suggested that the motion be split into two. The mover and seconder of the motion agreed to split the motion.

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| # 135/08 | <i>Moved by: J. Matters</i> <i>Seconded by: A. Danko</i> |
| Resolved that the Halton Catholic District School Board, effective September 2008, not provide its facilities for the administration of the HPV Vaccination Program. CARRIED | |

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In response to a clarifying question from the Director in terms of disseminating information to parents regarding the various clinics, J. Matters acknowledged that the information, similar to what was sent to parents in November 2008, as well as the Bishops' letter as guidance to parents, would be sent through the schools.

9. STAFF REPORTS

9.1 2008-2009 Budget Estimates – Draft # 2

P. McMahon presented the second draft of the 2008-2009 budget estimates which incorporates the suggestions made by trustees at the May 28th working session. He referenced the changes from the first draft. The projected shortfall before including any of the new initiatives is \$331,832.00. P. McMahon noted that senior staff will be reviewing their expenditures to make cuts in areas that will have the least impact on students.

In response to a question, staff acknowledged that the Ministry of Education should in the near future be confirming the MISA funding for 2008-2009.

9.2 Ministry of Education Mentoring Coaching Pilot for Principals and Vice Principals

J. Rowles shared information regarding the Ministry of Education's Mentoring Coaching Pilot Program for new Principals and Vice Principals. The pilot program involved 62 participants, made up of 31 mentees and 31 mentors. J. Rowles described the scope of the pilot program and listed the activities in which the mentees participated. At this time, the Ministry of Education has not indicated whether funding will be provided for next year's program but it is the intention of the Board's Implementation Team to continue with the Mentoring Coaching program for Principals and Vice Principals for 2008-2009 school year.

In response to a question, J. Rowles indicated that the funding from the Ministry has enabled the Board to invite recognized speakers for the workshops. In the past, most of the workshops were covered by internal speakers. The funding also allows the coverage of supply teachers to release the teacher in charge in the absence of the principal and vice principal.

9.3 Report on the State of the System Survey Results

Dr. E. Van Roosmalen presented the results of the Board-mandated survey which was undertaken, as recommended by the Director to the Internal Audit Committee and approved by the Board in December 2007. She provided background information, elaborated on the nature of the survey, the methodology, and briefly addressed the participant's profile. The results are based on five central themes: Leadership and Accountability, Work Environment, Organizational Integrity and Efficiency, Professional Growth and Development and Communication. E. Van Roosmalen reviewed the content of the report and highlighted areas

which have demonstrated significant progress since the implementation of the eighteen (18) Board-approved resolutions emanating from the Systemic Audit Report in March 2002 and highlighted areas that require continued improvements. She referenced the recommendations outlined on the final page of the report.

In response to questions regarding some of the results, E. Van Roosmalen indicated that the Board needs to develop communication strategies and present a unified common vision which must be shared with all stakeholders.

Discussion followed in terms of the proposed recommendations. The general consensus was that some recommendations required additional follow-up before being presented to the Board as action items while others were self-explanatory and could come forward as action items at the June 17th Board meeting. The Chair of the Committee, R. Palmieri, will determine which recommendation(s) can be presented.

9.4 **Progress Report on Gifted Education Range of Placements Implementation Plan**

G. Mahoney briefly addressed the report and took the opportunity to offer congratulations to the In-School Special Education Resource Teacher Staff who along with the vigorous efforts of ABC ensured that parents received all pertinent details regarding the Parent Information meeting, which was extremely well attended.

B. Van de Vrande also thanked staff, SEAC members and ABC for making the initiative and the meeting a success.

L. Piovesan referenced the report which outlines what will be implemented next September with respect to the range of placement for gifted students.

In response to a question, G. Mahoney clarified that the IEPs don't have to be produced until the 30th day of a new school year but that the IPRC details have to be received by the Special Education Department by June 23rd.

10. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

10.1 **Student Senate Update**

K. Medeiros indicated that the transitional meeting of student senators will take place on June 10, 2008. She also reported on the students' participation at the OSTA-AECO general meeting. K. Medeiros reported and congratulated the three new student trustees who were elected to positions on the English Catholic Board Council.

10.2 **Approved School Educational Trips**

10.3 **Notice of Motion: R. Palmieri**

R. Palmieri will submit her Notice of Motion to D. Ross by Tuesday, June 10, 2008.

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Moved by: E. Viana

Seconded by: A. Iantomasi

RESOLVED, that items 10.1 to 10.3 be received as information.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

11.1 **Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board.**

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Moved by: Father D. Wilhelm

Seconded by: E. Viana

RESOLVED, that Correspondence Item 11.1 be received as information.

CARRIED

- 12. **OPEN QUESTION PERIOD**
- 13. **IN CAMERA**
- 14. **RESOLUTION re ABSENTEES**
- 15. **ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER**

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| # 139/08 | <i>Moved by: B. Van de Vrande</i> |
| | <i>Seconded by: Father D. Wilhelm</i> |
| RESOLVED, that the meeting adjourn. | CARRIED |

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m. with a closing prayer led P. Houlahan.

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Secretary of the Board

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Chair