

HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Regular Meeting of the Board

Tuesday, October 21, 2008 – 8:00 p.m.
Board Room, 802 Drury Lane,
Burlington, ON

Members present: A.A. LeMay, Chair
 A. Danko
 P. Houlahan
 A. Iantomasi
 J. Matters, Vice Chair
 R. Palmieri (Teleconference)
 B. Van de Vrande
 E. Viana
 Father D. Wilhelm

Student Trustees: N. Bourque
 P. Cockburn
 C. Restivo

Staff present: M. Pautler, Director of Education
 L. Clifford
 G. Corbacio
 J. Langill
 R. MacDonald
 F. Mazzetti
 P. McMahon
 J. O'Hara
 S. Rossini
 J. Rowles
 C. Tobin

Also present: L. Stocco, Communications Officer
 R. Brock, President, OECTA Elementary
 Helping Hands from Halton Catholic – The Haiti Project (Committee)

Recording Secretary: D. Ross

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair welcomed guests to the Board Meeting.

1.1 **Opening Prayer**

The meeting opened at 8:05 p.m. with a prayer led by Adriana Rerecich, Chaplaincy Leader, Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School. Trustees were asked to remember in the prayers: Vinko Kordez, father of Lenka Tucci, Secondary Teacher at Christ the King Catholic Secondary School, Georgetown who died on Wednesday, October 15, 2008; Joan LaPierre, mother of Rachele Warburton, Educational Assistant at Holy Rosary Catholic Elementary School, Milton who died on Thursday, October 16, 2008; George Florian Danis, father of Kathleen Semyroz, Custodian at Holy Rosary Catholic Elementary School, Milton who died on Wednesday, October 15, 2008; Douglas Blankstein, father of Brian Blankstein, Custodian at St. Gabriel Catholic Elementary School, Burlington, and father-in-law of Joanne Blankstein, Floater Custodian with Facility Management Services, Catholic Education Centre, Burlington, died on Friday, October 17, 2008; and James Slavin, father of Laurie Mitchell, computer Software Support, curriculum Services, Catholic Education Centre, who died on Monday, October 6, 2008.

1.2 **Motions Adopted in Camera**

J. Matters read the motions adopted in camera:

IC - # 155/08

Moved by: E. Viana
Seconded by: P. Houlahan

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board ratify the attached memorandum of Settlement between the Board and Halton OECTA Elementary Teachers to be effective September 1, 2008 and to expire August 31, 2012.

IC - # 156/08

Moved by: P. Houlahan
 Seconded by: Father D. Wilhelm

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board ratify the attached memorandum of Settlement between the Board and Halton OECTA Occasional Teachers to be effective September 1, 2008 and to expire August 31, 2012..

IC - # 157/08

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

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board receive as information the appointment Gregory Burns as Acting Curriculum Consultant effective October 14, 2008 and the employment status increase of Edna Soares effective October 8, 2008 and the resignation of Dominic Pullano effective October 24, 2008.

A.A. LeMay recognized and congratulated representatives of the OECTA Elementary and OECTA Occasional Teachers' Associations as well as members of the Board's negotiating teams.

J. Matters left the Board meeting at 8:08 p.m. to attend a Negotiations' meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Moved by: Father D. Wilhelm
 Seconded by: E. Viana

RESOLVED, that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Helping Hands from Halton Catholic – The Haiti Project

L. Clifford introduced B. Bégin and H. Kelly co-founders of Solidarity-Haiti which is a non-governmental organization, dedicated to supporting development projects in Haiti, including building of schools. He introduced Father G. Casseuse from Haiti as well as two teachers with the Halton Catholic District School Board, C. Connor and L. A. Burke.

L. Clifford provided background information that led to the foundation of the project. He explained that the project is an awareness raising and fundraising initiative in order to reach those in need. Trustees viewed a brief video depicting how students, staff and parents can benefit by coming together as a cohesive board to support less fortunate people. Through its Focus on Faith and Character Development initiatives, L. Clifford explained that the Board has the potential of bringing together forty-nine (49) schools to help people in Haiti.

C. Connor, teacher at St. Bernadette and L.A. Burke, teacher at Mother Teresa, explained how teachers, students and parents have benefitted from their involvement in this project, B. Bégin elaborated on the origin and expansion of Solidarity Haiti, H. Kelly addressed the work of the organization which focuses on long term development projects that can help transform the community as well as provide urgently humanitarian assistance needed in Haiti.

On behalf of the people from Haiti, Father Guy presented the Board with a canvas depicting life in his country, which will be framed.

L. Clifford informed trustees that he has received the support from the Catholic School Councils and the goal is that each school will raise \$1,000 during the 2008-2009 school year. In his concluding remarks, L. Clifford thanked all committee members involved in the project. He will report back to the Board in the fall of 2009.

A.A. LeMay thanked the presenters.

5. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**6.1 **Regular Board Meeting – October 7, 2008**

# 162/08	<i>Moved by: E. Viana</i> <i>Seconded by: P. Houlahan</i>
RESOLVED , that the minutes of the October 7, 2008 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. CARRIED	

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

When asked about the status of the Catholic Education Centre Accommodation Committee, B. Van de Vrande indicated that he is meeting with the Director on October 22nd to review the submissions and decide on the next steps, which he anticipates will be a meeting.

# 163/08	<i>Moved by: A. Iantomasi</i> <i>Seconded by: E. Viana</i>
RESOLVED , that the summary of outstanding items from previous meetings be received as information. CARRIED	

8. **ACTION ITEMS**

There were no action items.

9. **STAFF REPORTS**

There were no staff reports.

10. **INFORMATION**10.1 **Update from Student Trustees**

N. Bourque reported that the student trustees are planning a Joint Student Senate meeting with the Halton Public Board to begin organizing the spring Halton Youth Leadership Symposium.

# 164/08	<i>Moved by: E. Viana</i> <i>Seconded by: A. Iantomasi</i>
RESOLVED , that the information items 10.1 to 10.11 be received.	

10.2 **Region of Halton 2008 Emergency Management Exercise**10.3 **Mentoring Program for Principals and Vice Principals**

When asked about the funding allocated to this initiative, J. Rowles explained that the Board received approximately \$20,000 from the Ministry. Additional funding is obtained based on the number of participants registering for the sessions. The money is allocated to workshops, release time for speakers and materials. J. Rowles clarified that the Ministry defines "New" Principals and Vice Principals as those in their first and second year of service.

10.4 **The C.H.A.N.G.E. (Change Happens at Non-traditional Group Environment) Program for Secondary Students**

In response to questions, F. Mazzetti indicated that there is one full time teacher allocated to the program which is fully funded by the Ministry. She acknowledged that the program has been successful and has met the needs of students who are unable to be successful in a regular school setting. The program allows these students to increase the number of credits, change their attitudes and behavior and assist them in being reintegrated into the regular school setting.

10.5 **Policy II-28 Drug Education, Alcohol, Tobacco & Drug Abuse in Schools**10.6 **Schools Identified as OFIP (Ontario Focused Intervention Partnership) in the Halton Catholic District School Board for the 2008-2009 School Year**

L. Clifford addressed the report and assured trustees that staff will be working diligently with the schools identified as OFIP 2 and 3.

10.7 **Educational Field Trips**10.8 **The Education Commission of the OCCB - Character Development and the Virtuous Life: A Position Paper**

R. Palmieri questioned the amount of the Ministry's funding allocation for the Character Development initiative. L. Clifford explained that the Board is anticipating approximately \$20,000 based on the funding received in 2007. The majority of the funds received last year was applied to the Focus on Faith initiative and he acknowledged that a portion of this year's allocation will be allocated to the Solidarity Haiti project.

Referencing the Bishop's position paper, R. Palmieri asked if there was a means to measure the Board's success or assess how the Board's initiatives are aligning with the Bishop's vision. She suggested that the matter be brought back for further discussion at a future Board meeting. A. Danko reiterated the need to widely disseminate and promote the document within the Board, to principals, teachers, parents and students. B. Van de Vrande further reiterated the need to respond to the document as an organization and as a trustee. M. Pautler acknowledged that staff would respond to the various comments and questions by bringing forth a report at a future Board meeting.

10.9 **Letters to St. Ignatius of Loyola and Mother Teresa Catholic Schools**10.10 **Letter to Most Reverend Anthony F. Tonnos, DD**10.11 **Recipients of the Father Patrick Fogarty Award**

Trustees wishing to attend the Father Patrick Fogarty Award on October 25th, the Halton Pro Life Annual Respect Life Fundraising Dinner on Friday, November 14th, the Halton Food for Thought Gala on November 15th and/or the International Languages Conference at Corpus Christi Catholic Secondary School on November 1, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. were asked to contact D. Ross.

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*Moved by: E. Viana**Seconded by: A. Iantomasi**RESOLVED, that the information items 10.1 to 10.11 be received.***CARRIED**11. **CORRESPONDENCE**11.1 **City of Burlington: Assumption High School/Cumberland Park Proposal Update**

On another matter, the Chair confirmed that the letter regarding Morgentaler's appointment to the Order of Canada had been sent to the Governor General.

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

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*Moved by: E. Viana**Seconded by: A. Iantomasi**RESOLVED, that the meeting adjourn.***CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m. with a closing prayer led by C. Tobin.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

APPROVED:

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Secretary of the Board

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Chair