



*Claire Lanois to the position of Elementary Vice Principal effective September 1, 2009.*

**IC – # 51/09**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the revision from the Acting Principal status of appointment of Emi Bakaic and appoint her as Elementary Principal effective September 1, 2009.

**IC - # 52/09**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Halton Catholic District School Board receive as information the re-appointments of Sylvianne Kohl and Donna Lynn Galloway and the appointment of Katharine Stevenson as Curriculum Consultants (Generalist) effective September 1, 2009 and the appointment of Catherine Serafim as Acting Curriculum Consultant Generalist effective April 1, 2009 and the retirement of Carmela Picchi effective June 30, 2009 and the resignations of Laura Alikakos, Maureen Bradley, Marika Ince, Chad Piovesan, Lysa Pringle and Joanne Wickware effective August 31, 2009.

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**# 59/09**

Moved by: E. Viana  
Seconded by: J. Matters

**RESOLVED**, that the agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

## 3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

## 5. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

## 4. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

## 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### 6.1 Regular Board Meeting – March 3, 2009

**# 60/09**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the March 3, 2009 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

## 7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### 7.1 Summary of Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings

M. Pautler, in response to a question regarding the status for the procedure for the *Selection of Appointment of Position of Administrative Responsibility*, indicated that staff recently completed interviews and the selection process for candidates to be placed in the pool. As part of the debrief flowing out of that process, staff have begun to discuss a review of the process with the intent of presenting amendments. Included with that will be the development of the revised administrative procedure that will come back to the Board as information.

When asked about the process being used to gather input from the Christ the King Catholic Secondary School community, M. Pautler elaborated that staff have begun the process of an internal review and referenced several sources used to gain input and clarification in terms of some of the questions that have emerged.

# 61/09

Moved by: J. Matters

Seconded by: E. Viana

**RESOLVED**, that the summary of outstanding items from previous meetings be received as information. **CARRIED**

## 8. ACTION ITEMS

### 8.1 Final Report and Recommendations of the St. Elizabeth Seton and St. Gabriel Catholic Elementary Schools – School Boundary Review Committee

G. Corbacio referenced the recommendations presented at the March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009 meeting. He indicated that there were no requests received from delegations nor were there e-mails, calls or letters received expressing concern. He informed trustees that a news release would be issued to the communities.

# 62/09

Moved by: J. Matters

Seconded by: A. Iantomasi

**RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the school attendance boundaries for St. Elizabeth Seton and St. Gabriel Catholic Elementary Schools as follows:

- The school attendance boundaries for St. Elizabeth Seton and St. Gabriel Catholic Elementary Schools be adjusted to coincide with the new Burlington Catholic secondary schools school attendance boundaries effective for the 2009/2010 school year; specifically, Attendance Zone I38, consisting of the area west of the Burlington/Oakville Municipal Boundary; south of Highway 407; east of Walkers' Line; and north of Dundas Street, be redirected from St. Gabriel Catholic Elementary School to St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Elementary School.
- Existing Grade 7 St. Gabriel Catholic Elementary School students who reside in Attendance Zone I38 be allowed to remain at St. Gabriel Catholic Elementary School for their 2009/2010 graduation school year, but transportation will not be provided if applicable.
- Existing JK to Grade 6 St. Gabriel Catholic Elementary School students who reside in Attendance Zone I38 be redirected to St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Elementary School effective for the 2009/2010 school year. The existing I38 students wishing to remain at St. Gabriel Catholic Elementary School will be "grandparented" to remain at St. Gabriel Catholic Elementary School without transportation being provided until the student graduates subject to the Board Cross Boundary Policy I - 4 ( C ).
- The Board provides transportation, based on the Board's Transportation Policy, to those students residing in Attendance Zone I38 and being redirected to St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Elementary School, effective for the 2009/2010 school year.

J. Matters and the Chair of the Board thanked the Committee for their work, time and effort.

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

### 8.2 Final report and Recommendations of the Holy Rosary, Milton # 4, Our Lady of Victory and St. Peter Catholic Elementary Schools – School Boundary Review Committee

G. Corbacio drew trustees' attention to the recommendation and highlighted a few revisions made subsequent to the March 3, 2009 Board meeting. He acknowledged that there were no requests made by delegations nor were there e-mails, calls or letters received expressing concern. G. Corbacio indicated that a news release would be forwarded to the community.

# 63/09

Moved by: E. Viana

Seconded by: A. Danko

**RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the school attendance boundaries for Milton #4 and St. Peter Catholic Elementary Schools as follows:

- The new Milton #4 Catholic Elementary School boundary shall consist of Attendance Zone V40 located south of Derry Road, north of Louis St. Laurent Boulevard, west of Thompson Road and east of Regional Road 25; as well as Attendance Zone V42 consisting of the area south of the Derry Road, north of Louis St. Laurent Boulevard, west of First Line and east of Tremaine Road; and a portion of Attendance Zone V43 located north of Derry Road, east of Tremaine Road; south of Main Street, and west of registered plan of subdivision 20M-1017 and south of registered plan of subdivision 20M-1041 and south of the remnant portion of draft plan of subdivision 24T-05005 and west of the rail line, effective for the 2009/2010 school year.
- The new St. Peter Catholic Elementary School boundary shall consist of Attendance Zone P53 located south of Steeles Avenue, west of Thompson Road, north of Main Street; and east of Regional Road 25; as well as Attendance Zone V36 located east of Thompson Road; west of James Snow Parkway Drive, north of Main Street; south of Highway 401; as well as attendance Zone V38 located south of Main Street, north of the Canadian Pacific Railway, west of James Snow Parkway, and east of Thompson Road; as well as the rural attendance zones V31 and V37; effective for the 2009/2010 school year.
- The Holy Rosary Catholic Elementary School boundary shall consist of Attendance Zones P48, P49, P55, Q48, O52, and the north east portion of Attendance Zone V43 that includes registered plan of subdivision 20M-1017 and registered plan of subdivision 20M-1041 and the remnant portion of draft plan of subdivision 24T-05005; as well as the rural attendance zones of H42, I70, L74, O50, O72, Q74, effective for the 2009/2010 school year.
- That, the Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School boundary shall consist of Attendance Zones P42, P45, P46, P50, P51, V41; as well as the rural attendance zones of J38, K40, P35 and P37, effective for the 2009/2010 school year.
- The existing registered Grade 7 students at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School students who reside in attendance areas V40 and V42 may remain at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School for their 2009/2010 graduation school year, but transportation will not be provided if applicable.
- The existing registered JK to Grade 6 students (as of March 24, 2009) at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School who reside in attendance areas V42 and who wish to remain at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School will be “grandparented” to remain at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School without transportation being provided until the student graduates subject to the Board Cross Boundary Policy I - 4 (C). Parents must apply for cross boundary status no later than April 15, 2009.
- The existing registered Grade 7 students at Holy Rosary Catholic Elementary School students who reside in Attendance Zone V38 and being redirected to the new St. Peter Catholic Elementary School; as well as the portion of Attendance Zone V43 being redirected to the new Milton #4 Catholic Elementary School, may remain at Holy Rosary Catholic Elementary School for their 2009/2010 graduation school year, but transportation will not be provided if applicable.
- The existing registered JK to Grade 6 students (as of March 24, 2009) at Holy Rosary Catholic Elementary School who reside in the portion of Attendance Zone V43 being redirected to the new Milton #4 Catholic Elementary School and who wish to remain at Holy Rosary Catholic Elementary School will be “grandparented” to remain at Holy Rosary Catholic Elementary School without transportation being provided until the student graduates subject to the Board Cross Boundary Policy I - 4 (C). Parents must apply for cross boundary status no later than April 15, 2009.
- The Board provide transportation to those eligible students, based on the Board’s Transportation Policy, effective for the 2009/2010 school year.

The Chair thanked members of the Committee for their hard work.

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

### 8.3 Bus Transportation – Georgetown South (South of Hungry Hollow Ravine): Notice of Motion from the March 3, 2009 Board Meeting

A. Danko presented a motion and a rationale in support of providing bus transportation for Christ the King Catholic Secondary School students residing in Georgetown South (south of Hungry Hollow Ravine) and explained that the motion is intended to give peace of mind to parents for September 2009 and allow the Board to review the exception on an annual term.

**# 64/09**

Moved by: A. Danko

Seconded by: R. Palmieri

**RESOLVED**, that bus transportation for Christ the King Catholic Secondary School students residing in Georgetown South (south of Hungry Hollow Ravine) be provided for the 2009-2010 school year as a policy exception; and

that parents are to be advised that transportation is being provided as a policy exception.

A. Danko responded to questions and elaborated on his rationale for keeping it as a policy exception.

P. McMahon indicated that there are currently no policy exceptions and noted that the proposed motion does not meet one of the three criteria listed in the Transportation Policy, specifically: distance from home to the designated school; traffic or safety hazards; and who for physical, emotional, developmental reasons require transportation.

A number of trustees supported A. Iantomasi's request to postpone the motion until the April 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting in light of motion # 47/09 requesting staff to prepare a report that considers the input of the Christ the King Catholic Secondary School community and examines options with respect to transportation exceptions and related matters.

**# 65/09**

Moved by: A. Iantomasi

Seconded by: E. Viana

**RESOLVED**, that motion #51/09 be postponed until the April 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

R. Palmieri requested a recorded vote:

In Favour	Against
Matters, Joanne	Danko, Anthony
LeMay, Alice Anne	Palmieri, Rosanna
Viana, Ed	
Houlahan, Pauline	
Iantomasi, Arlene	

Student trustees exercised their right to vote. It is a non-binding vote

In Favour	Against
Restivo, Chloe	Cockburn, Philip
Bourque, Neil	

The postponement motion **CARRIED**.

### 8.4 Proposed Revisions to Board Operating Policy I-26: Student Trustees on the Halton Catholic District School Board

F. Mazzetti provided a rationale for the proposed changes to the policy and procedure and explained that the previous process was not in compliance with the Education Act whereby student trustees were elected by the Board rather than by a student body. F. Mazzetti indicated

that she would be attending the Student Senate Meeting on March 31<sup>st</sup> at Loyola Catholic Secondary School to describe the changes, review the process and make student senators aware of their responsibilities. The election will take place on April 28<sup>th</sup>. F. Mazzetti reviewed the proposed revisions to the policy.

**# 66/09**

*Moved by: A. Iantomasi*

*Seconded by: J. Matters*

**RESOLVED**, that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the revisions to Board Policy I-26 Student Trustees on the Halton Catholic District School Board.

In response to questions, F. Mazzetti elaborated on the selection and nomination process at the school level and the election process at the student senate level. She listed the information that must accompany the application and also explained how the role of student trustees is promoted to students. F. Mazzetti noted that the principal's endorsement and support is imperative and that he/she is responsible for verifying the student's credentials, academic qualifications and pastoral references.

J. Matters asked that the policy be revised to include specific requirements of Catholic faith and that they be aligned with the procedure.

C. Restivo, N. Bourque and P. Cockburn provided input regarding the proposed changes. They indicated that F. Mazzetti assured them that the process and the role would be properly communicated to the potential candidates and that the seriousness of the position would be impressed upon them. The student trustees informed the Board that they would be making a presentation to high school students and to student senators regarding the role of student trustees. As part of one of the requirements, C. Restivo suggested that the potential candidates attend a Board meeting prior to the election.

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

#### 8.5 Education Development Charge Policies on Application of Operating Surpluses and Alternative Accommodation Arrangements

In accordance with the Education Act and its regulations, P. McMahon explained that the Board must revise and update the EDC By-Law every five years. He referenced documents that were circulated prior the meeting: a report from Watson and Associates identifying timelines and a sample of the notice that will be published in the local newspapers on March 27<sup>th</sup>. He provided a rationale for both motions.

**# 67/09**

*Moved by: Ed Viana*

*Seconded by: P. Houlihan*

**RESOLVED**, that the Halton Catholic District School Board hereby approves the statement that there is not an operating surplus available in the non-classroom portion of the budget that can be applied to reduce growth-related net education land costs; and

That, the Board approves the statement that there have been no opportunities to implement alternative accommodation arrangements.

**CARRIED**

### 9. STAFF REPORTS

#### 9.1 Proposed 2009 Good Places to Learn & Facility Renewal Projects

G. Corbacio presented staff's proposed 2009 Good Places to Learn and Facility Renewal projects for completion in 2009, totaling \$1.35 million, that will be funded from the Facility Renewal Reserve. He indicated that the approved facility renewal projects not completed from 2008, at a cost of \$1.19 million, will also be completed in 2009, resulting in a Facility Renewal Reserve balance of \$14.86 million as of August 31<sup>st</sup> 2009. G. Corbacio indicated that this amount would increase by \$3.0 million in September 2009 upon receipt of the 2009/2010 GSN grants. The recommendation to proceed with the projects will be brought forth for approval at the April 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**9.2 Proposed Secondary Schools Track & Field Facility Renewal Projects**

G. Corbacio presented the financial plan and estimated cost to replace the track and field facilities at Bishop Reding, Notre Dame and St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Secondary Schools with new rubberized surface running tracks and all weather artificial turf surface multi-use sports fields with sports field lighting, estimated at a cost of \$1.7 million to \$1.9 million per site. He indicated that the report will be brought back as an Action Item at the April 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Construction is anticipated to begin by late April, weather permitting.

G. Corbacio addressed a number of concerns raised by trustees:

- The field lighting will require approval from the municipalities.
- In terms of the safety concerns regarding the artificial surface, staff did do due diligence for the Corpus Christi Catholic Secondary School Project and is comfortable that all safety requirements have been met.
- The existing fields will be out of use for the period May to August 2009 inclusive, and alternative locations for the spring programs will be secured. G. Corbacio anticipates that the fields will be ready for the start of school this September.
- When asked if the cost and expense were justified given the economic situation and curriculum needs, G. Corbacio explained that the Facility Renewal Reserve funds can only be used for facility renewal type initiatives. Funds from this funding envelope cannot be accessed for other school budget needs and monies from this funding envelope cannot be transferred to other envelopes of the budget. He provided several arguments in support of the fact that this project is an enhancement to the existing building program that benefits the schools and the community.

P. McMahon indicated that the proposed track and field renewal projects are the kind of infrastructure initiative that would assist the current economic situation in our community.

M. Pautler echoed G. Corbacio's comments that the residual amount that is represented as the expenditure is supported by a business case that in essence, states that there is a benefit on this investment realized through rental fees and the cost avoidance inherent in the field that doesn't require the same level of maintenance. The model supports strong curriculum and programming.

**9.3 National Catholic Education Association – Assessment of Catechesis Religious Education (NCEA-ACRE)**

R. MacDonald addressed a number of concerns regarding the NCEA ACRE Assessment Instrument, specifically the time involvement on the part of staff, the components of the test, the cost implications, the scope and sequence; and the fact that the test would have to be adapted to a number of factors, including culture and region.

R. MacDonald briefly reviewed a number of proposed options that would ensure that the current assessment practices in religion are enhanced. The intent would be to have strategies in place for pilot for September 2010.

A. Danko reiterated the importance of testing Religious knowledge and commented on various statements and observations contained in the report. He noted that, in his opinion, the information contained in the report provides a strong case to proceed. A. Danko indicated that NCEA would work with its clients to localize the test to the Board's specific needs and that the test could be piloted in a number of schools prior to year end.

R. MacDonald, in response to questions, questioned the validity of the results and provided information regarding the role of the Catholic Curriculum Consortium (CCC), a group of seventeen (17) Catholic boards, that collaborate and contribute to the support of the projects and routinely contributes the expertise of their staff. He indicated that the cost of assembling a writing team is approximately \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Trustee P. Houlahan suggested that the results might have more validity if the test was administered to grades 7 and 8. R. Palmieri suggested that questions that don't apply be removed from the test or that teachers teach the answer to the questions. She also questioned whether or not the essential material was being delivered from the comprehensive curriculum by the teachers to the students before they proceed to the related activities. In response R. MacDonald noted that the Religion curriculum is given and approved by the Ontario Catholic Conference of Bishops.

The Chair indicated that the matter would come back as an Action Item.

## 10. INFORMATION

### 10.1 Update from Student Trustees

N. Bourque reported that the student trustees will be doing a presentation to the schools regarding the upcoming election. In regards to the Halton Youth Leadership Symposium, he confirmed that the speakers have been selected. The event will take place on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at Gary Allan District School.

### 10.2 Approved Educational Field Trips

In response to a question, M. Tessari explained that an Ecco Liturgy focuses on giving Thanksgiving to God for nature and recognizes the gift of nature given to us by God. It is a way of participating in an outdoor activity by recognizing our stewardship of creation.

### 10.3 Budget Report for September 1, 2008 to February 28, 2009

### 10.4 Capital Projects Report as at February 28, 2009

### 10.5 Aboriginal Education Initiatives

J. Guzzo, at the request of the Chair, provided information regarding Aboriginal Education initiatives. These initiatives are intended to increase opportunities for the success of aboriginal students, to ensure that they reach their full potential and to enhance the equity and education to support the community.

### 10.6 Construction Reports: Milton # 4 Catholic Elementary School Construction Project and the New St. Peter Catholic elementary School Replacement School Construction Project

# 68/09

Moved by: E. Viana

Seconded by: A. Iantomasi

**RESOLVED**, that Items 10.1 to 10.6 be received as information.

**CARRIED**

## 11. CORRESPONDENCE

### 11.1 Minister K. Wynne – Grants for Student Needs (GSN)

### 11.2 Response to A. Lusterio re: Delegation of February 3, 2009

P. Houlahan expressed concern regarding the content of the letter. In response, J. Langill acknowledged that because of confidentiality surrounding the incident, the response must be clinical in nature. M. Pautler confirmed that staff has responded to the emotional and personal concerns raised by A. Lusterio. He identified the various and considerable amount of involvement by staff in working with A. Lusterio to resolve the issue and respond on a human level.

J. Langill referenced specific comments contained in the letter that addresses the Catholic values of the Board.

M. Tessari commented on the matter and elaborated on A. Lusterio's active involvement with the School Council to further address bullying.

When asked about Minister Wynne's bill before the Ontario Legislature about reporting bullying incidents by teachers, J. Langill identified various requirements of the Board's policy on Progressive Discipline and Safety in Schools.

### 11.3 Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association – ESL/ESD Grant

### 11.4 Minister K. Wynne, School Year Calendar

<b># 69/09</b>	<i>Moved by: E. Viana</i> <i>Seconded by: A. Iantomasi</i>
<b>RESOLVED</b> , that correspondence Item 11.1 to 11.4 be received.	<b>CARRIED</b>

12. **OPEN QUESTION PERIOD**  
There was no question period.

13. **IN CAMERA**  
There was no in-camera session.

14. **RESOLUTION re ABSENTEES**  
The Chair indicated that Trustee Wilhelm was unable to attend due to a business commitment and that Trustee Van de Vrande was on holidays.

<b># 70/09</b>	<i>Moved by: J. Matters</i> <i>Seconded by: E. Viana</i>
<b>RESOLVED</b> , that Father D. Wilhelm and B. Van de Vrande be excused.	<b>CARRIED</b>

15. **ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER**

<b># 71/09</b>	<i>Moved by: A. Iantomasi</i> <i>Seconded by: E. Viana</i>
<b>RESOLVED</b> , that the meeting adjourn.	<b>CARRIED</b>

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m. with a closing prayer led by A. Iantomasi.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

APPROVED:

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Secretary of the Board

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Chair