

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Date:	January 5, 2016	
Time:	7:30 pm	
Location:	Catholic Education Centre - Board Room 802 Drury Lane Burlington, Ontario	
Members Present	A. Danko A. Iantomasi, Vice Chair of the Board H. Karabela P. Marai	J. Michael, Chair of the Board A. Quinn D. Rabenda J.M. Rowe
Member Excused	S. Trites	
Student Trustees	J. Brown	M. Zapata
Student Trustee Excused	C. Kemeni	
Staff Present	C. Cipriano G. Corbacio P. Dawson, Secretary of the Board P. McMahon	C. McGillicuddy L. Naar T. Overholt T. Pinelli A. Prkacin
Also Present	R. Merrick, Administrator, Operations and Maintenance, Facility Management R. Negoj, Senior Administrator Financial Services, Business Services A. Swinden, Administrator, Strategic Communications Services F. Thibeault, Administrator, Planning Services	

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order.

1.1 Opening Prayer: J. Brown

The meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. with a prayer led by J. Brown.

1.2 Motions Adopted In-Camera

There were no motions adopted in-camera.

**2. Approval of the Agenda
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Moved by: A. Quinn

Seconded by: A. Iantomasi

RESOLVED, that the agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4. Presentations

There were no presentations

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Approval of Minutes**6.1 Regular Board Meeting of December 15, 2015**

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Moved by: A. Quinn

Seconded by: D. Rabenda

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the December 15, 2016 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

7. Business Arising from Previous Meetings**7.1 Summary of Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings**

The Summary of Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings was received as information.

8. Action Items**9. Staff Reports****9.1 Georgetown Elementary Schools Boundary Review Final Report and Recommendation (T. Overholt and G. Corbacio)**

T. Overholt welcomed and introduced members present of the Georgetown Elementary School Boundary Review Advisory Committee. He also thanked the Committee for their work as well as staff who have been instrumental in the process. T. Overholt briefly highlighted the criteria used by the Committee to establish the options. F. Thibeault presented the Final Report of the Georgetown Elementary Schools Boundary Review process and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, identified the school attendance boundary options developed and evaluated through the community consultation process, shared the community comments and feedback received and presented the recommendation of the Georgetown Elementary Schools Boundary Review Advisory Committee.

T. Overholt reviewed the proposed Advisory Committee's final recommendation which is to implement modified Option 3, with the associated considerations. He indicated that staff supports the proposed recommendation.

With respect to next steps, the community has been informed of the delegation process and the recommendation will be presented to trustees for approval at the January 19th Board meeting.

J.M. Rowe thanked T. Overholt and the committee for their work. When asked if consideration could be given to bussing grand-parented students, T. Overholt commented on the implications and addressed the application process through the Empty Seat Policy. He also commented on the sustainability of the French Immersion program and pointed out that students, under that program, are currently bussed.

9.2 2015 School Consolidation Capital Projects Proposals (P. McMahon and G. Corbacio)

P. McMahon referenced Ministry Memo 2015:B16, Request for School Capital Consolidation Projects and New Construction of Child Care”, released on December 16, 2015 asking school boards to submit consolidation projects that need to be completed by the 2019-2020 school year. He indicated that the Business Cases for selected projects must be submitted to the Ministry no later than February 29, 2016 and a final Board decision on the Pupil Accommodation Review processes, must occur by March 28, 2016. In order to meet the timelines, the Board will need to implement the modified pupil accommodation review process. Referencing the Policy approved by the Board, F. Thibeault briefly described what the process entails.

F. Thibeault informed trustees that the background reports representing the different review areas will be presented to trustees at the January 19th Board Meeting for approval and to undertake the modified consolidation and closure process. F. Thibeault discussed the four capital project proposals by review area that will be initiated through the modified process. He provided a rationale for proceeding with the modified process rather than the regular process, and assured trustees that the processes and submissions would be in full compliance with the Board Policy and Ministry requirements.

Discussion that followed focused on a number of issues: child care proposals in growth areas, the probability of receiving funding for all projects; the benefits to the community of initiating the process (better programming, better options for parents, opportunities for extracurricular, centralizing services, financial benefits); the rationale for proceeding with the modified process and for submitting all projects; community consultation process and planning; impact on existing boundary reviews; consequences of declining enrolment; incentives provided by the Ministry to eliminate excess space; and timing for approvals and implementation.

Based on previous funding requests to the Ministry, a trustee suggested that it might be in the Board’s best interest to only submit the first priority. Staff explained the potential financial benefit of submitting all projects. R. Negoj and P. McMahon also supported putting forward the projects in order to take advantage of the projected \$750 million earmarked for this initiative. Trustees were informed that the priority ranking could be re-assessed in the next round of submissions and additional projects could be submitted through the regular process.

9.3 Secondary Economics Textbook Selection (A. Prkacin)

A. Prkacin elaborated on the Board’s purchasing process for ordering appropriate classroom resources to support the sustaining quality curriculum changes. A recommendation to purchase the material will be presented at the January 19, 2016 Board Meeting.

In response to questions, A. Prkacin commented on the number of resources purchased and noted that it is based on the current Semester 1 registration. There was some discussion regarding the on-line version. J. Brown indicated that most students prefer access to both, the textbook and digital versions. A. Prkacin also expanded on the accessibility to digital versions for students and teachers.

10. Information Items**10.1 Student Trustee Update (M. Zapata)**

M. Zapata gave a brief update.

10.2 School Educational Field Trips (T. Pinelli)

The list of trips was provided as information.

10.3 Learning Environment Enhancement Program (LEEP) (G. Corbacio)

G. Corbacio informed trustees that the Learning Environment Enhancement Program (LEEP), is the next generation comprehensive school renewal plan to improve school facility conditions throughout the Board in order to provide a learning environment that supports the educational needs of students and staff. The LEEP takes into consideration the Board's strategic plan system priorities, school consolidation and closure process, board partnership opportunities and facility renewal needs. He briefly commented on some of the projects that have been identified as school renewal opportunities, the proposed implementation schedule and the budget and funding sources. The proposed program will evolve over a period of 5 to 10 years. A Staff Report with additional information regarding LEEP will be brought to trustees in February 2016.

In response to questions, G. Corbacio commented on how LEEP is a fair and equitable program to ensure all schools benefit from the same programs, and includes a consultation process with school principals and stakeholders. He also addressed the secondary schools artificial turf fields and the need to provide the same opportunities to all schools.

In term of next steps, staff indicated that Staff Reports and Action Reports will be prepared and presented to trustees for approval throughout the program implementation. G. Corbacio acknowledged that the projects will not have an impact on the operating budget, since the majority of the funds will be coming from the Ministry of Education through capital projects or through the disposition of properties.

Other items:**School Year Calendar:**

Trustee Rabenda questioned whether a modified calendar was being considered for the 2016-2017 school year since the template published by the Ministry suggests a very early release for the Christmas vacation (December 16th to January 2nd). She also suggested that consultation be done in conjunction with the co-terminous board and neighbouring GTA boards. C. McGillicuddy acknowledged that he has been in conversation with the public board regarding a modified proposal but that a formal memo from the Ministry has not yet been received. He briefly reviewed the process involved to obtain approval from the Ministry for a modified calendar. Further details will be provided upon receipt from the Ministry.

Committees of the Board:

An updated list of membership on the various committees of the Board was provided as information. The Chair indicated that an alternate was required for the CPIC Committee. She also noted that all trustees are invited to attend the Audit Committee meetings as observers. Referencing the Education Act, Trustee Quinn questioned the term of a Trustee on the Audit Committee and asked for clarification.

11. Miscellaneous Information

11.1 SEAC Minutes - November 23, 2015

The minutes were received.

12. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

13. Open Question Period

There was no open question period.

14. In Camera

There was no follow-up In-Camera session.

15. Resolution re Absentees

The Chair indicated that both, C. Kemeni and S. Trites, were absent because of illness.

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Moved by: A. Iantomasi

Seconded by: H. Karabela

RESOLVED, that Trustee S. Trites and Student Trustee C. Kemeni be excused from the meeting.

CARRIED

16. Adjournment and Closing Prayer: J.M. Rowe

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Moved by: A. Quinn

Seconded by: J.M. Rowe

RESOLVED, that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m. with a prayer led by J.M. Rowe.

Secretary of the Board

Chair