

Subject to Approval

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Date:	February 16, 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 J. Michael, Chair of the Board	A. Quinn D. Rabenda J.M. Rowe S. Trites
Member Excused	P. Marai	
Student Trustees	J. Brown C. Kemeni	M. Zapata
Staff Present	B. Browne C. Cipriano G. Corbacio P. Dawson, Secretary of the Board P. McMahon C. McGillicuddy	L. Naar J. O'Hara T. Overholt T. Pinelli A. Prkacin
Also Present	E. DiBattista, Director, Oud Kids Network R. Negoï, Senior Administrator Financial Services, Business Services S. Paquette, Chair of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee (SESC) S. Saevil, Aboriginal Liaison Officer A. Swinden, Administrator, Strategic Communications Services F. Thibeault, Administrator, Planning Services K. Yanchus, Reporter	

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.

2. Approval of the Agenda

#56/16

Moved by: H. Karabela

Seconded by: J.M. Rowe

RESOLVED, that the agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4. Presentations

4.1 Our Kids Network (E. DiBattista)

P. Dawson introduced and welcomed E. DiBattista, Executive Director, Our Kids Network (OKN), an organization who has a long history with the Board, and a model network, not only in the province of Ontario but nationally with partner agencies and services.

H. DiBattista gave a brief historical overview regarding the establishment of OKN, beginning in 1996 and elaborated on its evolvement. She provided information on this wide partnership of organizations serving children and youth, the collective work being done among the partners and the work they are doing throughout Halton to ensure that children, youth and families have the best supports available to them, so children can thrive and become the best adult they can be. She identified the protocol partners who provide financial support, infrastructure, guidance and human resources and outlined the 7 key conditions of well-being known as “Halton 7”, strategies and products.

Ms. DiBattista also commented on the role of the community hubs in Acton, Aldershot and Milton that have been in place in 2004. These hubs were established to respond to the needs of individual communities and have evolved into vibrant resources. She also highlighted some of the ongoing projects involving protocol partners. A copy the last annual report was provided to trustees.

The Chair of the Board thanked E. DiBattista for her presentation.

4.2 First Nations, Metis and Inuit Education (A. Prkacin) (Presentation and Report)

S. Saevil, Aboriginal Liaison Officer and member of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee (SESC) introduced S. Paquette, Chair of the SESC and acknowledged some of the members in the audience. She indicated that her portfolio is a collaborative approach with both the Catholic and Public school boards.

S. Paquette, brought greetings using different first nation's languages of the people and thanked S. Saevil for her community work. To improve future relationships of Canada, he urged trustees to review the documentation prepared and support the recommendations being put forward.

S. Saevil drew trustees' attention to some of the documents contained within the report: First Nations Métis and Inuit Education Charter of Commitment adopted by OCSTA and the memo encouraging every Catholic school board to adopt the charter; the statement from the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in response to the Summary Report and Calls to Action by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission; and key recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to action. She noted that boards are being asked to correspond with the Ministry of Education to write appropriate curriculum and to build capacity. S. Paquette encouraged the Board to invite traditional knowledge keepers and elders in their schools.

When asked if staff were considering proceeding prior to obtaining direction from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, A. Prkacin indicated that she would follow-up with the Bishop's Office and report back. S. Paquette noted that this would be an opportunity for the Board to be a leader on an issue of national importance. With respect to developing a curriculum with a local flavor, S. Saevil noted that correspondence to the Ministry will be encouraging them to prepare curriculum that is reflective of Ontario.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Approval of Minutes**6.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 2, 2016**

#57/16

Moved by: A. Iantomasi

Seconded by: H. Karabela

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the February 2, 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**8.1 Suspend Section 4.1.6 of Board By-Laws - March 22, 2016 Special Board Meeting**

Director of Education, P. Dawson, informed trustees that Section 4.1.6 of the Board's By-laws would need to be suspended in order to give sufficient notice to the public and hold a Special Board Meeting on March 22, 2016.

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Moved by: J.M. Rowe

Seconded by: A. Iantomasi

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board suspend Section 4.1.6 of the Board-By-Laws (The Board, except for emergency, shall not meet during Holy Week.) and hold a Special Board Meeting on March 22, 2016.

In response to comments and questions, the Director acknowledged the importance of Holy Week, but explained that this was the only option available in order to meet the timelines of the Modified Pupil Accommodation Review Process. She noted that the report presented will be a Staff Report and that there will be no other items added to the agenda. F. Thibeault also addressed the implications of extending the process, moving the final approval into the first week of May, which far exceeds the Ministry deadline. He also outlined a number of strategies that have been put in place to generate awareness regarding the upcoming meetings.

The Chair called for a vote:

In Favour	Opposed
Danko, A.	Quinn, A.
Iantomasi, A.	
Karabela, H.	
Michael, J.	
Rabenda, D.	
Rowe, J.M.	
Trites, S.	
Kemeni, C. - non binding	

Browne, J. - non binding	
Zapata, M. - non binding	

The motion **CARRIED**.

8.2 2016-2017 School Year Calendar (C. McGillicuddy)

C. McGillicuddy addressed the report presented at the February 16th Board Meeting and the proposed recommendation.

#59/16

Moved by: J.M. Rowe

Seconded by: A. Iantomasi

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the 2016-2017 School Year Calendar as presented.

P. Dawson informed trustees that over the next few months, staff will be presenting snapshots of the work being undertaken by our schools in the area of math.

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

8.3 Amendment to Policy II-07 The School Day (Daily Sessions) - Elementary and Secondary (C. Cipriano)

C. Cipriano presented the motion.

#60/16

Moved by: A. Quinn

Seconded by: A. Iantomasi

RESOLVED, that the that the Halton Catholic District School Board accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and approve Policy II-07 The School Day (Daily Sessions) – Elementary and Secondary, as amended. **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

8.4 Rescind Policy II-22 Secondary School Day (C. Cipriano)

#61/16

Moved by: H. Karabela

Seconded by: D. Rabenda

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and rescind Policy II-22 Secondary School Day. **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

8.5 Amendment to Policy II-42 Medical Conditions (C. Cipriano)

#62/16

Moved by: D. Rabenda

Seconded by: S. Trites

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and approve Policy II-42 Medical Conditions as amended. **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

8.6 School Consolidation Capital Project Submission (P. McMahon & G. Corbacio)

P. McMahon presented the list and priority ranking of capital projects for the 2015 Ministry request for School Consolidation Capital (SCC) Priorities Business Cases. Included is also a resolution to re-organize priorities 2 to 5 in the event that new information identified in the development of the business cases warrants alteration.

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Moved by: H. Karabela

Seconded by: J.M. Rowe

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the priority ranking of the Capital Priorities Business Cases for 2015 as follows:

RANKING 2015 CAPITAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- 1 North Georgetown Community School (2017-18 Opening)
- 2 Burlington Southwest QEW School (2017-18 Opening)
- 3 Burlington Southeast QEW School (2017-18 Opening)
- 4 Oakville South Central School (2017-18 Opening)
- 5 St. Dominic School Partial Rebuild (2018-19 Opening)

RESOLVED, that the Board authorize staff to submit the Board's 2015 School Closure Capital Priorities Business Cases Submission to the Ministry of Education for funding consideration on February 29, 2016; and

RESOLVED, that the Board authorize staff to re-organize priorities 2-5 in the event that new information identified in the development of the business cases warrants altering the approved.

In response to questions, G. Corbacio explained why the St. Mark Catholic Elementary School proposal to remove the eleven classroom Relocatable Building Section would be better suited for Phase II of the Board's school consolidation strategic plan. P. McMahon also pointed out that the Board must submit its business case by February 29th and approval of the ranking and the projects is at the discretion of the Ministry.

F. Thibeault, in response to the prioritization of the projects, explained the rationale and the immediate need for school consolidation capital. The proposed ranking order was intended to be respectful of the one presented at the January 5th meeting. The order of priority is at the trustees' discretion and is open for discussion.

A. Quinn proposed an amendment to the ranking and asked that # 4 and # 5 be moved to # 2 and # 3 priority. There were no seconder to the proposed amendment.

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

9. Staff Reports**9.1 First Nations, Metis and Inuit Education (A. Prkacin) (Presentation and Report)**

The report was presented under item 4.2.

9.2 North Oakville Preserve Catholic Elementary School Boundary Review (C. Cipriano)

C. Cipriano recognized J. Lucian, member of the Advisory Committee in attendance at the meeting. He presented the final report of the North Oakville Preserve Catholic Elementary School Boundary Review Process and the Recommendations of the Advisory School Boundary Review Committee. The School Boundary Review unanimously approved the proposed recommendation that will be presented at the March 1, 2016 Board Meeting.

C. Cipriano commented on the composition of the committee, the number of stakeholders in attendance at the Parent Community Consultation and the feedback submitted online. He indicated that there has been no requests received from delegations at this point in time.

10. Information Items**10.1 Student Trustees Update**

J. Brown indicated that the students will be attending the upcoming OSTA-AECO Conference in Ottawa from February 18th to February 21st. The students provided an update on the pillars of achieving, believing and belonging: activities pertaining to Black History Month; Catholic Week initiatives involving student senators; delivery of valentine cards; Ash Wednesday's ceremonies; food drives and focuses on Lenten promises by helping others and giving to the community; scholarship opportunities and awards; and activities to promote school spirit.

10.2 School Educational Field Trips (T. Overholt)

The report was provided as information.

10.3 Parent Survey (P. Dawson)

P. Dawson, as a follow up to the motion brought forward by P. Marai at the October 6th 2015 Board Meeting, proposing an electronic survey of HCDSB families, presented the feedback received from parents on the quality of programming at their schools. The survey, administered from December 16, 2015 to January 8, 2016, asked if parents had considered leaving the Catholic school and if so, why. She thanked the Research Department for their assistance.

Trustee Quinn thanked staff for the presentation and asked how, going forward, trustees would respond to the results knowing that 20% of current parents had considered moving boards. Addressing the percentage, P. Dawson clarified that it was 20% of 11.8% and that she would consult with the Research Department in terms of how significant were the results. P. Dawson also acknowledged that trustees and senior staff would consider the results during the budget process.

The survey will be administered at the end of the school year and then yearly, thereafter.

10.4 International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement - January 6th-9th, 2016, Glasgow, Scotland Conference (B. Browne)

Dr. B. Browne shared information regarding his attendance at the International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement (ICSEI) to promote research and enhance the quality and equity of education for students around the world. He identified key learning and emerging themes at the conference and was honoured to share the work of the

Halton Catholic District School Board. Dr. Browne noted participation provided the opportunity to highlight our gift of Catholic funded education to an international audience.

In response to questions, Dr. B. Browne acknowledged that Mental Health is gaining international recognition and the systems that do well are the ones that have a high commitment to equity, mental health and wellness. Time is better spent on creating conditions where children want to be and want to learn, in combination with literacy and numeracy work.

Staff also explained how professional learning gained at these conferences is shared with staff, throughout the system, either through social media, leadership workshops, and weekly senior staff meetings.

10.5 North Oakville Preserve Construction Report (G. Corbacio)

G. Corbacio addressed the Construction Report. The project is currently on budget.

11. Miscellaneous Information

11.1 CPIC Minutes - January 11, 2016

11.2 Policy Committee Minutes - January 12, 2016

11.3 OCSTA Resolutions:13-15 – Ontario Regional 274/12 – Hiring Practices and Support for Boards to Address High Rates of Absenteeism

12. Correspondence

12.1 Elementary and Secondary Principals' and Vice Principals' Association - Oath of Citizenship

12.2 J. Moher - Oath of Citizenship

The Chair indicated that the letters are in reaction to the amendment to Policy requiring that schools daily recite the Oath of Citizenship.

D. Rabenda addressed Governance Policy 1, specifically the fact that amendments to Policy don't require stakeholder input. In an effort to improve the opportunity for stakeholders input, she suggested that the Policy be revisited at an upcoming Policy Committee Meeting and that any proposed amendment to a Policy that is pertinent to the Education Act would be considered significant and should require input. C. Cipriano acknowledged that Governance Policy 1 will be on the March 29th Policy Committee agenda for review and that language is being crafted to address the issues raised by Trustee Rabenda.

13. Open Question Period

There were no questions.

14. In Camera

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Moved by: J.M. Rowe

Seconded by: H. Karabela

RESOLVED, that the meeting move in-camera.

CARRIED

The meeting moved in-camera at 9:20 p.m. and returned to regular session at 9:30 p.m.

Acting Department Head Mathematics – Assumption Catholic Secondary School

Guy Fricano appointed as Acting Department Head Mathematics effective February 8, 2016 to June 30, 2016.

Hiring

Michelle Styka hired as a probationary teacher effective February 8, 2016

Retirements

Sharon Brown and Tom Durran effective June 30, 2016.

15. Resolution re Absentees**#65/16****Moved by:** A. Iantomasi**Seconded by:** J.M. Rowe**RESOLVED**, that Trustee P. Marai be excused from the meeting.**CARRIED****16. Adjournment and Closing Prayer: A. Iantomasi**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. with a prayer led by A. Iantomasi

#66/16**Moved by:** S. Trites**Seconded by:** H. Karabela**RESOLVED**, that the meeting adjourn at 9:30 p.m.**CARRIED**

Secretary of the Board

Chair