

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Date: April 5, 2016
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Corpus Christi Catholic Secondary School
5150 Upper Middle Road
Burlington, ON

Members Present	J. Michael, Chair of the Board A. Iantomasi, Vice Chair of the Board H. Karabela P. Marai	A. Quinn D. Rabenda J.M. Rowe S. Trites
Member Excused	A. Danko	
Student Trustees	J. Brown	M. Zapata
Student Excused	C. Kemeni	
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 A. Bartucci, Strategic Communications Officer
 R. Nego, Senior Administrator, Financial Services
 A. Swinden, Swinden, Administrator, Strategic Communications Services
 F. Thibeault, Administrator, Planning Services
 B.K. Yanchus, Reporter
 Delegations (as listed in the minutes)

Recording Secretary D. Ross

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/Information Received In-Camera

CUPE 2888 (Custodial/Maintenance Staff) Local Tentative Memorandum of Settlement (J. O'Hara)

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board ratify the attached Memorandum of Settlement between the Board and CUPE Local 2888 (Custodial/Maintenance) to be effective September 1, 2014 and to expire August 31, 2017

CUPE 3166 (Clerical/Technical Staff) Local Tentative Memorandum of Settlement (J. O'Hara)**Moved by:** A. Quinn**Seconded by:** S. Trites

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board ratify the attached Memorandum of Settlement between the Board and CUPE Local 3166 (Clerical/Technical) to be effective September 1, 2014 and to expire August 31, 2017.

Notice of Retirement (P. Dawson)

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board accept, with regret, the retirement of Paul McMahon, Superintendent of Business Services and Treasurer, effective July 15, 2016.

Retirements

Judith Ashley, Mary Atkinson, Sonia Bien, Victoria Hogan, Dwight Jonker, Debra Kirkpatrick, Sabina McPhee, Linda Molinaro, Richard Naciuk and Mary Ellen Petrarca effective June 30, 2016.

School Administrative Appointments effective September 1, 2016

Jeff Crowell and Viviana Varano and appointed as Elementary Principals, Gino Giacalone and Mark Witter appointed as Acting Elementary Principals and Angie Barden and Sandra Miller appointed as Elementary Vice Principals.

2. Approval of the Agenda**#82/16****Moved by:** S. Trites**Seconded by:** R. Rabenda

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**5.1 S. Bean, C. Suter and M. Sparrock - South Oakville PAR**

The delegation addressed the Board on behalf of the St. Dominic School Council and voiced their support for the proposed Modified Pupil Accommodation Review Process for South Central Oakville. They commented on several elements of the proposal that would benefit the St. Dominic community: 21st Century learning environment; natural lighting; dedicated science, music and art rooms; natural outdoor play area; double gym; improved parking and traffic flow; new school and childcare facility.

5.2 T. VanHeukelom, M. Needham and C. Needham - Southwest Burlington PAR

This delegation spoke against the Southwest Burlington proposal on the basis that the St. John site is too small, there is lack of parking space, concerns regarding the bus loop, maximum capacity of the school, lack of proposed improvements, and lack of limited outdoor play space. In their concluding remarks, the delegation indicated that the current Burlington Southwest proposal is not adequately researched and is not in the best interests of St. John/St. Paul students, local residents and community.

5.3 L. Chan, C. Nicholson and C. Reddick - South Oakville PAR

The St. Joseph parent delegation spoke in support of the South Oakville proposal for the following reasons: modernized school facility; quality of educational experience and enhanced school community through consolidation. In their concluding remarks, they commented on the transitioning plan and urged the Board to include financial experts, parents and administrators on the committee and sub committees as well as develop an in-depth communication plan.

For clarification purposes, the delegation confirmed that Mass at St. Joseph is sometimes offered in the gym or students are bussed to the Church.

5.4 D. Aguirre, Southwest Burlington PAR

Mr. Aguirre expressed several concerns regarding the lack of information provided for the Burlington Southwest transition plan, specifically the proposed short timelines; confusion created by having two sites in one location; placement of portables impacting play area; lack of modifications made to the initial accommodation plan based on community feedback; safety concerns with using portables; safety concerns during recess and safety concerns during drop-off and pick up. He also commented on the impact to the community during the transition phase, specifically St. John's parish; sports team; clubs; extracurricular activities; uniforms and the commute to the school.

5.5 K. Priestner, Southeast Burlington PAR

K. Priestner, a St. Raphael parent, identified issues that will arise with the amalgamation of three schools into one school. The issues raised were based on research that supports smaller schools for all stakeholders, environmental and health costs of portable classrooms, bussing, impact on extracurricular activity involvement, impact on the community and real estate values. She urged the Board to vote against the current proposal and to consider a better solution that works for the parish and the community.

5.6 O. Hoover, Southeast Burlington PAR

Mr. Hoover commented that the proposed options presented, indicating that it would lead parents to move their children from the Catholic system to the Public system. He commented in the implications of the tax funding and the Board's ability to operate schools. This would also, in his opinion, force the School Board to close/amalgamate additional schools.

For clarification purposes, P. McMahon, Superintendent of Business Services and Treasurer explained that funding changed in 1998 and is now determined by enrolment. The Board collects tax dollars from the four municipalities as well as commercial property taxes and the remaining balance comes from the Ministry.

5.7 T. Luther, A. Ricci and L. Guschin - Southeast Burlington PAR

This delegation, representing 20 + families, asked trustees to consider the health and safety impacts (traffic volumes; collision data; traffic related air pollution; noise pollution; travel and infrastructure) on the proposed Ascension site and suggested that there be a health and safety impact studies as well as safe travel to school assessments conducted prior to approving the plan. In their concluding remarks, it was suggested that the Board consider the St. Patrick site rather than the Ascension site for the construction of the new school.

5.8 I. Vala, South Oakville PAR

In her appeal to the Board, I. Vala indicated that she is not in opposition to the proposal, in principle, but suggested that the Board make it safer for neighbourhood children who walk and bike to school by using the south walkway and to make provision for likely inaccuracies in the projection numbers by building a more adequately sized new south Oakville school.

5.9 R. Devito, Southeast Burlington PAR

As former member of the St. Raphael School Council and current member of the Assumption School Council, Mr. Devito spoke against the proposal and offered an alternate proposed solution which would consist of replacing the existing St. Raphael school with 700 pupil place elementary school on the existing site and include an 88 place Child Care Centre. The plan would also involve closing both St. Paul and Ascension and redirecting students to the newly constructed St. Raphael. His plan consisted of a proposed three-school model approach (renovated St. Raphael, renovated St. Patrick and keeping St. John).

5.10 B. Mercer, Southeast Burlington PAR

Mr. Mercer addressed the Modified Pupil Accommodation Review, specifically its timelines and general process; the Board Policy changes made in relation to the MPAR process; communications both before and during the MPAR involving the Ministry of Education, HCDSB staff and trustees and the broader community; as well as the degree of integration of community feedback within the final staff report. He suggested taking time to work collaboratively with each community to arrive at the solution that best fits everyone's needs. He urged trustees to vote against the proposal and direct staff to take the next year to fully engage and involve the local community to review and modify the proposal using alternative solutions presented in both the Burlington Southeast and Southwest MPR processes.

5.11 G. Vono, T. Vono and B. Neild Southwest Burlington PAR

Speaking on behalf of the St. Paul community, this delegation addressed the benefits of smaller schools compared to larger schools, the benefits of greenspace on student achievement as well as the physical and psychological impact on students and the community. In their concluding remarks, the delegation opposed uprooting the children and closing the schools. They asked the Board to create conditions that support the spiritual, intellectual, physical and emotional well-being of all students.

5.12 M. Lourenco, Southwest Burlington PAR

Representing the neighbouring residents of St. John school, M. Lourenco presented information with respect to the negative impact of the proposal on the surrounding community and neighbours. She addressed the fact that the implications and the details of the MPAR were not properly shared with residents, leaving them out of the consultation process. Some of the concerns stated included: inadequate parking and drop off area; use of the street to deal with the overflow of traffic; lack of engagement of the neighbouring residents; challenges for wheelchair accessible public transportation; concerns with access for emergency vehicles, as well as safety risks by routing the traffic and buses onto Courtland. She urged the Board to vote against the proposal.

5.13 M. Rudkin, Southwest Burlington PAR

M. Rudkin commented on the section related to the online petition. He commented on the challenges regarding the input options on the MPAR and explained why a petition was established. The intent of the petition was to allow people to have a voice, confirm their opposition and suggest alternatives. M. Rudkin reviewed the responses and identified the common themes to the comments: move to public schools; loss of a Catholic community; families moved into a specific catchment area; and children getting lost in a super school.

5.14 P. Temoche, Southwest Burlington PAR

Mr. Temoche, St. Paul parent council member, addressed the potential negative impact of busing children. He commented on the length of bus rides; alarming obesity rates in children; financial implications; and environmental impact. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to share his concerns and his views.

5.15 V. Tortis and Fr. Wagner, Southeast and Southwest PARs

On behalf of the St. Raphael Parish Pastoral Council, V. Tortis, Father F. Wagner and Father F. Salasir explained why the two proposals will have a negative impact on St. Raphael parish as both elementary schools connected to the parish would be removed. The proposal has the potential of dividing the community; disrupting the parish collaboration, destroying the relationship between the home, school and parish; impacting joint activities; leading to busing complications; creating problems when it comes to Sacramental preparations and more importantly, the loss of the holistic Catholic education of our parish children. They urged trustees to vote against both the Southeast and Southwest proposals in an effort to maintain the home, school and parish partnership and asked staff to present a solution that would allow at least one Catholic school integrally connected to St. Raphael.

For clarification purposes, Father Wagner indicated that there are approximately 40 to 60 elementary aged students attending Mass regularly at St. Raphael Church. Attendance is even more prominent if there is an event involving the parish and the school community.

5.16 P. Sharman, Southeast Burlington PAR

Councillor P. Sharman, Ward 5, City of Burlington and Halton Region addressed the Southeast proposal and urged the Board to listen to the community parent stakeholders with thorough and empathetic consideration. He asked the Board to: select the right location, taking into consideration the safety, health and location near a church; not rush the decision; endorse an in-depth public engagement process; advocate the interests of the community; ensure that staff and trustees have all the data and facts such as traffic volumes, risk of accidents, air quality and impact on student health. He assured the Board that the City of Burlington will consider how to make land available to locate a combined school in the best location possible and that he would engage his colleagues to ensure the work is done officially.

5.17 M. Meed-Ward, Southwest Burlington PAR

City/Regional Councillor M. Meed Ward, representing Ward 2- Southwest Burlington, presented information regarding growth projections for consideration in the Board's decision making process. She shared information on population estimates, the City's plan for growth, the City's Strategic Plan to attract new families and its emphasis on walkable neighbourhood. She also addressed the Board's prediction on school enrolments. In her concluding remarks, M. Meed-Ward noted that relying on the proposed projections to close schools would not be wise and suggested undertaking a boundary review noting

that the modified accommodation process eliminated the option for a more complete process.

#83/16

Moved by: A. Quinn

Seconded by: A. Iantomasi

RESOLVED, that student trustees M. Zapata and J. Brown be excused. **CARRIED**

J. Brown excused himself from the meeting.

5.18 H. Krajewski, Southwest Burlington PAR

A retired teacher from HCDSB, H. Krajewski expressed concern with amalgamating the St. John and St. Paul communities. She repeated the claim that there will be more opportunity for students to participate in extracurricular activities; addressed the importance of keeping the communal connection between the St. Paul community and St. Raphael Church; commented on the increased walking distance for students; as well as the concerns in terms of reducing the retention rates at the secondary panel.

#84/16

Moved by: P. Marai

Seconded by: A. Quinn

RESOLVED, that the meeting continue beyond 10:00 p.m. **CARRIED**

5.19 N. Popovacki, Southeast Burlington PAR

N. Popovacki commented on increasing student enrolment and urged the Board to consider revising the programming and the structure of the programming offered in the proposed schools slotted for closure/amalgamation. In an effort to increase enrolment, he suggested offering programs such as French Immersion; Advanced Placement Mathematics, and/or Advanced Placement Science. He also suggested a re-structuring of the St. Paul/St. Raphael student body that would allow both school communities to remain open; suggested amending the Policy on Admission as per P. Marai's proposed amendment as well as marketing the system to increase enrolment. He asked the Board to start the process over again.

5.20 G. Anaka, Southwest Burlington PAR

G. Anaka's presentation focused on the process used by the Board to gather information and feedback from the community in relation to the MPAR. He expanded on the process and timelines; communication between the HCDSB and the Burlington Southwest community (schools parishes, parents and community). G. Anaka also elaborated on why the process did not work within the timelines and why the project should cease until a proper review is completed.

5.21 J. Hood, South Oakville PAR

#85/16

Moved by: P. Marai

Seconded by: A. Quinn

RESOLVED, that the meeting continue beyond 10:30 p.m. **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

J. Hood commented that closing the St. James will have an impact on low income families. She presented several arguments in support of keeping St. James school open

to maintain the school connection with the Church and community and listed several reasons why St. Joseph would not be the ideal location for them. She questioned whether the Board had considered disadvantaged neighbourhoods in their studies as well as the impact of bussing these students to St. Joseph noting that the loss of security and community can be invaluable and irreplaceable. J. Hood also commented on the potential impact of losing students to the public system.

5.22 K. McCauley, Southwest Burlington PAR

K. McCauley presented alternatives to the Southwest Burlington proposal: offer French Immersion to South Burlington; merge St. Paul and St. Raphael; locate new land for St. Paul and St. Raphael; encourage community partnerships to fill empty classrooms; amend the Admissions Policy; provide new specialty programs and/or maintain status quo. In his concluding remarks, he asked trustees to reject the proposal.

6. Approval of Minutes

6.1 Special Meeting of the Board - March 10, 2016

#86/16

Moved by: P. Marai

Seconded by S. Trites

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the March 10, 2016 Special Meeting of the Board be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

6.2 Special Meeting of the Board - March 22, 2016

#87/16

Moved by: A. Iantomasi

Seconded by: S. Trites

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the March 22, 2016 Special Meeting of the Board 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 Board Response to the Delegations (J. Michael)

The Chair indicated that the proposed matters would be considered at the April 19th Board Meeting (Corpus Christi).

9. Staff Reports

9.1 Naming of the North Oakville Preserve Catholic Elementary School (C. Cipriano)

C. Cipriano provided trustees with an update on the process for naming the new North Oakville Preserve Catholic Elementary school. Stakeholders in the school community were asked to vote on their first choice and submit suggestions. The majority voted in favour of St. Gregory the Great; followed by St. Therese of Lisieux and in third position, St. Kateri Tekatwitha. Trustees, at the April 19th Board Meeting, will consider the recommended names. Once selected, the three names in order of priority, will be forwarded to Bishop Douglas Crosby for approval. In response to a question, C. Cipriano indicated that the Policy, as written, does not preclude trustees to change the prioritization.

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

M. Zapata provided an update regarding the Bullying Prevention Gala taking place on April 5th. Student senators are being encouraged to participate in the Education Week initiatives. She provided information under the pillars of Believing, Achieving and Belonging: students raised \$3000.00 for Development and Peace; hosted meditation prayers in the chapels, Grade 12 mentors planning a grade 8 orientation day; various athletic banquets and club banquets were held at various schools; Jean Vanier's Leadership class is planning relay for life in June; and schools have been selling school gear to promote inclusivity and involvement in the school.

10.2 Educational Field Trips (C. Cipriano)

H. Karabela requested that future reports provide consistent messaging regarding attendance to services on Saturday evenings.

10.3 Budget Report for September 1, 2015 to February 29, 2016 (P. McMahon)

P. McMahon addressed the Budget Report. R. Negoï commented on the revised budget deficit of approximately \$1 million. She provided information regarding the costs associated with the unionized groups and non-union employee groups, as well as how the costs related to the centrally negotiated terms were included. R. Negoï also provided information regarding enrolments (actuals compared to original estimates) and the impact on the Board's forecasted estimates.

10.4 Capital Projects Report as at February 29, 2016 (P. McMahon)

The Consolidated Capital Projects Report is submitted quarterly to trustees. The report includes information regarding the Education Development Charge site costs and a template on each of the active capital projects.

10.5 Release of the 2016-2017 Grants for Student Needs (GSN) (P. McMahon)

P. McMahon addressed the report that contains information released by the Ministry of Education related to the GSN and the 2016-2017 Education Funding. Trustees were reminded that the projections do not take into account expenses for the year; do not reflect the Education Finance Information System (EFIS) forms that are used to calculate all aspects of the grants specific to our Board; as well, enrolment projections for 2016-2017 which drive the majority of our grants are subject to change, as new information becomes available in the upcoming months. R. Negoï provided a preliminary review of the GSNs when assessing the \$4.3 million increase, suggested that corresponding expenses must be considered, specifically those as a result of the changes in collective agreements and staffing. It is expected that the increase in expenses will exceed the projected revenue increase, once all data is entered in the Ministry's EFIS forms.

10.6 2016-17 Budget Estimates Update (P. McMahon)

P. McMahon provided an update on the 2016-2017 budget estimates process and referenced the program enhancements and new initiatives identified in the report. Staff will provide an updated report at the May 3rd Regular Board Meeting which will include more information on the salary and benefits budget, the transportation budget and an overview of the Trustee feedback from the budget strategy session.

10.7 Construction Report (G. Corbacio)

G. Corbacio provided an update regarding the construction of the new North Oakville Preserve Catholic Elementary School Construction Project and confirmed that the schedule is on target.

11. Miscellaneous Information**11.1 CPIC Minutes - February 1, 2016****11.2 Policy Committee Minutes - February 9, 2016**

In response to a question, C. Cipriano explained that the minutes are presented after they are approved by the Policy Committee. The attached minutes were approved at the March 29th Policy Committee meeting.

11.3 SEAC Minutes - February 22, 2016

The minutes were provided as information.

12. Correspondence**12.1 Comments on the PAR Forums after Tuesday, March 22nd****12.1.1 Burlington Southwest****12.1.2 North Georgetown**

The Correspondence was provided as information.

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

#88/16

Moved by: P. Marai

Seconded by: A. Iantomasi

RESOLVED, that Trustee Danko and Student Trustee Kemeni be excused from the meeting.

CARRIED

16. Adjournment and Closing Prayer: A. Quinn

#89/16

Moved by: A. Quinn

Seconded by: S. Trites

RESOLVED, that the meeting adjourn at 11:11 p.m.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:11 p.m. with a prayer led by A. Quinn.

Secretary of the Board

Chair