

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 10, 2017

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Catholic Education Centre - Board Room

802 Drury Lane Burlington, Ontario

Members Present A. Danko A. Quinn

H. Karabela D. Rabenda P. Marai J. M. Rowe A. lantomasi S. Trites

Student Trustee – Ingrid Schwecht Student Trustee - Anamaria Barbul

Regrets: J. Michael

Staff Present P. Dawson, Director of Education

T. Overholt, Superintendent of Education, School Services A. Swinden, Administrator, Strategic Communications

C. McGillicuddy, Superintendent of Education, Student Success

Recording Secretary J. Neuman

1. Call to Order

1.1 Opening Prayer (H. Karabela)

The meeting began at 7:05 p.m. with a prayer led by H. Karabela

2. Approvals

2.1 Approval of Agenda

#75/17

Moved by: P. Marai Seconded by: J. M. Rowe That, the agenda be approved.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes

#76/17

Moved by: A. lantomasi Seconded by: H. Karbala

That, the minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on September 12, 2017 be approved, as

submitted.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

3. Action Items

3.1 II-34 Participation in Programs and Courses of Study in Catholic Religious Education (T. Overholt, A. Prkacin)

#77/17

Moved by: J. M. Rowe Seconded by: A. lantomasi

THAT, the Policy Committee recommends that Policy II-34 Participation in Programs and Courses of Study in Catholic Religious Education, along with amendments, be forwarded to the October 17, 2107 Regular Board Meeting for approval.

T. Overholt noted the changes in the policy, which include the addition of the Education Act Reg. 42 Section 13, and noted the process and clarification for secondary school student exemption from religion courses.

A Quinn arrived at 7:10 pm

Questions were asked and answered.

It was suggested to further define the Church's teaching that the policy should include: The Board is committed to cultivating the special characteristics of Catholic Education, to teach the Authentic Truths of the Faith, in line with the Magisterium of the Church, and in co-operation with the bishops in the exercise of their teaching office.

The amendment will be included when the policy is forwarded to the Regular Board Meeting for approval.

The Chair called for a vote. Recommendation #77/17 UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

3.2 V-12 Blessing and Official Opening of a New School (T. Overholt, P. Dawson) #78/17

Moved by: P. Marai Seconded by: S. Trites

THAT, the Policy Committee recommends that Policy V-12 Blessing and Official Opening of a New School., be forwarded, along with amendments, to the October 17, 2017 Regular Board Meeting for approval.

T. Overholt noted the changes to the policy have been made to be consistent with current practice, which includes the addition of the option of Ground Breaking Ceremonies. The committee persons were noted along with the reimbursement to the school.

Questions regarding reimbursement were asked and answered.

The policy will be amended further to the wording for Ground Breaking Ceremonies and will be changed to include the word "may", to be forwarded to the upcoming Regular Board Meeting.

Further questions regarding the Ground Breaking Ceremony were asked and answered.

The Chair called for a vote. Recommendation #78/17 UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

3.3 V-13 Blessing and Rededication of a Major Addition to a School (T. Overholt, P. Dawson) #79/17

Moved by: S. Trites

Seconded by: J. M. Rowe

THAT, the Policy Committee recommends that Policy V-13 Blessing and Rededication of a Major Addition to a School, be forwarded, along with amendments, to the October 17, 2017 Regular Board Meeting for approval.

T. Overholt noted the changes to the policy have been made to be consistent with current practice; which includes the addition of Appendix A and the reimbursement amount to the school.

Questions regarding reimbursement were asked and answered.

#80/17

Moved by: H. Karabela Seconded by: A. lantomasi

THAT, the wording of the final bullet of Policy V-13 Blessing and Rededication of a Major Addition to a School should be included in Policy V-12 Blessing and Official Opening of a New School.

The Chair called for a vote. Motion #80/17 UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

The Chair returned to the main motion and called for a vote. Recommendation #79/17 UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

4. Discussion Items

There were no discussion items.

5. Information Items

- 5.1 VI-09(A) Religious Education Course Reimbursement (T. Overholt, L. Naar)
- 5.2 VI-09(B) Religious Education Masters Reimbursement (T. Overholt, L. Naar)
- 5.3 VI-72 Election Audit Compliance Committee (T. Overholt, P. Dawson)

Changes to the procedures were noted and shared with Trustees.

Questions were asked and answered.

5.4 Upcoming Agenda Items (2017 11 28) (T. Overholt)

- 5.4.1 Policy I-44 Strategic Planning Policy (R. Negoi, P. Dawson, T. Overholt)
- 5.4.2 Policy II-06 Lunch Supervision (T. Overholt)
- 5.4.3 RESCIND Policy II-21 Cross Panel Sharing of Student Information (T. Overholt, C. McGillicuddy, B. Browne)
- 5.4.4 Policy III-03 Teacher Performance Appraisal (T. Overholt, J. O'Hara)
- 5.4.5 Policy V-05 School Accidents-Safety (T. Overholt)
- T. Overholt shared the upcoming agenda items.

A Quinn inquired about the process in place at Halton Catholic District School Board for Secondary Student Volunteer hours required for graduation due to recent media releases.

5.5 II-09 Opening and Closing Exercises (T. Overholt, J. O'Hara)

#81/17

Moved by: J. M. Rowe Seconded by: A. lantomasi

That Policy II-09 Opening and Closing Exercises be an action item.

Discussion followed. It was suggested that the meeting move to In Camera.

The Chair returned to the motion.

#82/17

Moved by: A Quinn

Seconded by: H. Karabela

That the item be postponed until the next policy meeting, November 28, 2017 and to send the proposed amendment to the bargaining units.

The Chair indicated that it would require a unanimous decision for the Policy to become an Action item.

#83/17

Moved by: P. Marai

Seconded by: A. lantomasi

That the Policy Committee Meeting go In Camera.

The Chair called for a vote. Motion #83/17 UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

The meeting moved back to regular session at approximately 8:25 pm.

Motion #81/17 was withdrawn during the In Camera session.

Motion #82/17 was lost.

The Chair advised that Policy II-09 Opening and Closing Exercises will be added to the agenda for the October 17, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, as an action item.

6. Miscellaneous Information

There was no miscellaneous information.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8. In Camera

An In Camera session was held for Information Item 5.5 above.

9. New Business

There was no new business.

10. Motion to Excuse Absent Committee Members

#85/17

Moved by: A. lantomasi **Seconded by:** P. Marai

That Trustee J. Michael be excused.

The Chair called for a vote. Motion #85/17 UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

11. Motion to Adjourn/ Closing Prayer (P. Marai)

#86/17

Moved by: P. Marai Seconded by: J. M. Rowe That the meeting adjourn.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

P. Marai closed the meeting with prayer at 8:37 pm.