



**SUDBURY CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Catholic Education Centre, Board Room  
165A D'Youville Street, Sudbury**

**Tuesday: 2008-04-15  
Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

George Middleton opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**TRUSTEES:** Barry MacDonald, Jack McDonald, George Middleton, Paula Peroni, Estelle Scappatura

**STUDENT TRUSTEES:** T.J. Pugliese (ED-8:03pm)

**ABSENT:** Jody Cameron, Matt Harris

**OTHERS:** Rossella Bagnato, Regan Corelli (ED-8:03pm), Denis Faucher (ED-8:03pm), Hugh Lee, Roland Muzzatti, Gerry Robillard (ED-8:03pm)

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Pauline Yasko

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOVED BY** Jack McDonald and **Seconded by** Barry MacDonald

**CARRIED**

**“THAT the agenda be approved as presented.”**

**REG 08-38**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

No notices of motion were brought forward.

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**1. The Incredible Years**

Mrs. Bagnato informed Trustees that the Board had submitted a proposal for programs related to promote positive student behaviour and was awarded funding for the program.. Four employees including Lucie Cullen, Diana Salvador, Kim Taylor-Horeck and Alice Desormeaux had attended a training session in Seattle and will be conducting future training sessions. Kim Taylor-Horeck and Alice Desormeaux proceeded to describe the Incredible Years Program proven to be effective in reducing child aggression, behaviour problems and increasing social competence at school. The program goal is to create mentors and group leaders to help educational staff develop better classroom management skills. The group was introduced to Dina, Wally and Molly (puppets) who assist with child development and behaviour therapy. Trustees were invited to attend future training sessions and will be provided with the schedule.

The Chairperson thanked the presenters for their dedication and efforts in ensuring the success of the program.

**DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations present.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**1. Meeting held on April 1, 2008**

**MOVED BY** Jack McDonald and **Seconded by** Barry MacDonald **CARRIED**  
**“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Sudbury Catholic District School Board held on April 1, 2008 be approved as presented.”** **REG 08-39**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**1. Report Card Inquiry**

The Chair advised that the report on the effects of homework on students will be forthcoming.

Mr. Robillard reported that IMS is working on providing remote access to report card inputting (from home) and the goal is to provide access by September 2008 for secondary schools and for the first reporting period in the 2008-2009 school year for the elementary panel. Some training will be required but should have a minimal impact on the staff.

**BUSINESS**

**1. Tender T07/08-03 St. Francis School (Office) Renovations**

Mr. Lee advised that the new office will enhance student safety by improving visibility of the entrance and visitors.

**MOVED BY** Barry MacDonald and **Seconded by** Jack McDonald **CARRIED**  
**“THAT the Sudbury Catholic District School Board awards Tender T07/08-03 St. Francis School Renovations, to Prosperi Plastering (William Prospero, Owner) as per the attached copy of the Tender Evaluation and Opening Reports.”** **REG 08-40**

**REPORTS**

**1. September 2008 JK Registrations**

Mr. Muzzatti provided an overview of the report presented. He explained that students from St. David School can choose to attend either St. Charles College or St. Benedict.

Mr. Muzzatti's summary for St. James included: 22 students will attend St. Benedicts Catholic SS, one will go to Loellen Secondary, four will proceed to Lockerby Secondary, eight to Lively High, one to Sudbury Secondary, five remain unsure and two are moving out of the area. He indicated that parents in Naughton and Whitefish find that St. Benedict Catholic SS is too far and therefore students choose to attend Lively Secondary which has a strong Native Studies Program and a Native Council.

Mr. Muzzatti advised that the current registrations are 100 less than projected but that historically the projected figures have been correct. He will encourage principals to promote the Board's schools.

**2. Catholic Education Week Schedule of Events (April 28 - May 2, 2008)**

Mr. Corelli reported that the Board had purchased 100 commercials for the promotion of Catholic Education Week events.

**3. Partnership with Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury (LDAS)**

Mrs. Bagnato informed that the LDAS received funding and has been in Sudbury for approximately three years. One of the LDAS's presentations to the Board was "If I Learn Differently, Teach Me Differently". This partnership has had a positive impact on the Board.

**INQUIRIES**

- *Newspaper Article Re Business Practices of R.J. McCarthy Ltd.:* The consensus of Trustees was that a letter signed by the Chair and Director be sent to the company requesting their response on the allegations of their use of "sweat shops" as well as the quality of service and treatment to customers in the Sudbury store.

Mrs. Bagnato will investigate and inform the Board on when the practice changed to obtaining uniforms strictly from R.J. McCarthy Ltd.

Mr. Lee will look into whether the Board has an agreement (written or other) with R.J. McCarthy Ltd. to be the sole supplier of school uniforms for this Board.

- *Effect of Homework on Students:* The Chair indicated that the Director will be reporting on the homework issue. It was mentioned that teachers are professionals and are capable of making decisions on the need and quantity of homework.
- It was agreed that Committee of the Whole Meetings would only occur when the agenda included business/report items.

**CLOSED SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BOARD**

**MOVED BY** Jack McDonald and **Seconded by** Barry MacDonald **CARRIED**

**"THAT we move into Committee of the Whole at 8:02 p.m. REG 08-41**

**REPORT OF THE CLOSED SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BOARD**

**MOVED BY** Barry MacDonald and **Seconded by** Jack McDonald **CARRIED**

**"THAT we concur with the motions presented from the Committee of the Whole Board as follows: REG 08-42**  
**CWB 08-18 minutes of April 1, 2008."**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED BY** Barry MacDonald and **Seconded by** Jack McDonald **CARRIED**

**"THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:09 p.m. REG 08-43**

Chairperson

Secretary