



SUDBURY CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

Tuesday: 2008-05-20
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

ABSENT WITH REGRET: Jody Cameron, Matt Harris

OTHERS: Rossella Bagnato, Regan Corelli (ED-7:58pm), Denis Faucher (ED-7:58pm), Hugh Lee, Catherine McCullough, Roland Muzzatti

RECORDING SECRETARY: Pauline Yasko

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was amended by adding Presentation #1 - Faith Formation and Pedagogy, and the Presentation on 2008 Sudbury Historica Fair Winners was deferred to the next Board meeting.

MOVED BY Jack McDonald and **Seconded by** Estelle Scappatura

CARRIED

“THAT the agenda be approved as amended.”

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NOTICES OF MOTION

No notices of motion were brought forward.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Faith Formation and Pedagogy

Tony Chezzi and Laura Stirrett provided an overview of the program presented to new teachers and their mentors. The program provided an opportunity for the personnel to hear stories of faith, see how it is in their lives, encouraged participants to reflect on where they are in their faith journey and find ways to marry personal faith into the curriculum. The three main topics of interest for the sessions included Christ morality, the sacraments and liturgy. Mrs. Bagnato explained that funding had been received for the NTIP Program was used for curriculum, safety and faith formation. Faith formation is required in order to preserve our Catholic community.

The Chair thanked and congratulated the presenters as well as the new teachers and mentors for their dedication.

2. Welcome to Kindergarten Program

The group was informed that the Welcome to Kindergarten Program is one that is new to the Board through the Learning Partnership. The Learning Partnership has provided funding in the amount of \$150,000 for the implementation of the program. Mrs. Diana Salvatore, Principal and Mrs. Carmella Pitman, Vice-Principal at

Immaculate Conception School provided the following information about the program:

- the purpose of the program is to prepare kindergarten children for school
- parents are provided with resources to prepare their children for school - they are given a "bag of goodies" which includes magnetic alphabet letters, crayons, etc.)
- it was emphasized that parents are the children's first and best teachers
- at school the program was set up in four stations: the magnetic letters station, the draw, cut and glue station, the book of reading station and the washroom and snack area
- it was also noted that there are prayer corners in each class and religious symbols throughout the school.
- it is hoped that this excellent program can continue.

The Chair thanked the presenters for their presentation and their dedication to providing quality Catholic education to our new students and preparing kindergarten students for school.

DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Meeting held on May 6, 2008

MOVED BY Estelle Scappatura and **Seconded by** Jack McDonald

CARRIED

"THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Sudbury Catholic District School Board held on May 6, 2008 be approved as presented." **REG 08-54**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Watson Update

Further to questions raised at the last Board meeting related to specific data included in the Watson report, the Director explained that differences included where the data was taken from. The City of Greater Sudbury took information from migration data obtained in April and Watson had quoted figures from the Census Data for the period of June to June.

The Chair requested that the response from Watson & Associates be included in the minutes. The response from Cynthia Clark, Associate Director of Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. dated May 13, 2008 was:

"In response to our conversation earlier today we can provide the following comments in respect of the demographic and enrolment overview material found in Appendix "A" of our April 29th materials. We understand that portions of this material were made available to the Board of Trustees in public session earlier this week.

1. Net Migration - Our figures differ slightly from the City's but they are two distinct reporting periods. The City uses migration estimates based on taxation records and an April to April reporting period. Our firm's data is taken from the Stats Can inter-censal data reported June to June. The differences are as follows:
 - 1998/99 W&A (2,889) versus City's (2,923), a difference of 34
 - 1999/00 W&A (1,520) versus City's (1,558), a difference of 38
 - 2000/01 W&A (686) versus City's (738), a difference of 52
 - 2001/02 W&A (410) versus City's (501), a difference of 91
 - 2002/03 W&A (304) versus City's (359), a difference of 55
 - 2003/04 W&A (209) versus City's (314), a difference of 105
2. Our firm's Table 1-4 reports the total number of occupied dwelling units to be 64,940 (net of Census undercount) for the 2006 Census and 63,015 for the 2001 Census. These figures are consistent with the City's "Total Households 1971 - 2006" key stats (i.e. given the inherent rounding in Stats Can's methodological approach). The population for 0-3, 4-13 and 14-17 year olds is also consistent with the age breakdown that would derive the City's "Total Population 1971 - 2006", also reflected in the key stats. It is noted, however, that the City's population age breakdown differs from ours, in that their cohorts are 0-4, 5-9, 10-14 and 15-19, consistent with normal Stats Can reporting. Our Census custom tabulation provides us with single year of age data to enable us to better match school age population.

3. The number of occupied dwelling units for the City of Sudbury in 1996 is the City's of Sudbury's total, but it should have been the Region of Sudbury total for this Census period only. The figure should reflect 63,270 not the 38,535 that was reported in our table. The 1996 population is correct. However, we note that the City's key stats indicates that the total households should be '63,720', not 63,270. Perhaps there is a transposition error in the City's table. In any case, the 1996 total occupied households was not used in determining the Board's projected enrolment.
4. If there is any other information that is in question, we would be pleased to review same.
5. Finally, we have extracted the change in household age cohort make-up form the 1996, 2001 and 2006 Census periods and for Greater Sudbury. We note that between 1996 and 2006, there was a loss of 6,800 1 to 18 year olds (decrease of 19.4%), while there was an increase of 11,125 persons 50 and older (an increase of 25.4%). The latter population category (50+) experiences a negligible birth rate. As well there has been a decline in elementary school age children per household at 0.318 in 2001 versus 0.284 in 2006. Alternatively there has been a modest increase in 14 to 17 year olds, from 0.132 in 2001 to 0.136 in 2006. These trends are consistent with what we have reported to Board staff.

Should you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me."

BUSINESS

1. Tender T07/08-02 Roofing Replacement at Various Schools

It was noted that Trustees had previously awarded other sections of this tender.

MOVED BY Jack McDonald and **Seconded by** Estelle Scappatura

CARRIED

"THAT the Sudbury Catholic District School Board approves the awarding of a contract to Douro Roofing (Serafin Beites and Jose Chasqueira, Owners) for roof repairs to Area 3B at Bishop Alexander Carter Secondary School, in the amount of \$112,000 (one Hundred and Twelve Thousand Dollars)."

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REPORTS

1. Chairperson's Award Recipient

The Director of Education informed that the recipient of the Chairperson's Award, Sharon Oliver (Principal at St. Paul School), will be honoured at the 25 Year/Retirement Gathering on May 22, 2008.

2. Update from the Director of Education - Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving (OSAID) Chain of Life

The Director explained that the Board's secondary school students had displayed their leadership skills in their participation in the Chain of Life and that this is a community minded venture as the busing was provided for students at no cost by the City of Greater Sudbury.

Sudbury Soils Study

The group was informed that a synopsis for each of our schools is forthcoming. Mr. Faucher advised that in 2003 or 2004, the four boards were brought together and soil studies of schools conducted.

One Trustee requested that all Trustees should receive notification of events of such magnitude.

Evening with Betty Boulton

The Director advised that Dr. Betty Boulton is a keynote speaker from Victoria, B.C. who is a renowned expert researcher on how to engage parents. Application was made for funding and had been received specifically for this event. A draw for three smart boards was made at the event. In order to qualify for the draw, attendance by full teams for each school was required. The Director thanked Gina Tullio for her efforts and hard work in the arrangements for the evening.

3. Elementary / Secondary April 2008 Enrolment

Mr. Muzzatti will investigate and report on the 11 transfers from St. Charles College as well as the grade levels.

4. Priority Setting Process

The Director informed that through consultation with principals, vice-principals, staff and Trustees priorities were developed. Board priorities are required in order to help guide in the budget process and the future of the Board. Senior administration is currently reviewing: staff roles and responsibilities, changes such as integrating multi-grade children into the regular program with assistants/support, changes to instrumental music, expanding native studies into all secondary school through the leadership of Dawn Wemigwans. She is working on cultural awareness sessions and the self-identification program.

The Chair indicated the Board will look forward to receiving a report on the Native Studies Program.

INQUIRIES

- *Scholarship*: Trustee Peroni informed the group that the Student Trustee, T.J. Pugliese had received a prestigious and distinguished scholarship and mentioned that Trustees were proud of all that he had accomplished. Mr. Puliese advised that he had been awarded the National Dean's Entrance Scholarship to Laurentian University which provides him with \$5500 for four years, his own seat in class and special access to the library.

CLOSED SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BOARD

MOVED BY Estelle Scappatura and **Seconded by** Jack McDonald **CARRIED**

"THAT we move into Committee of the Whole at 7:55 p.m. REG 08-56

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

MOVED BY Jack McDonald and **Seconded by** Estelle Scappatura **CARRIED**

"THAT we concur with the motions presented from the Committee of the Whole Board REG 08-57

as follows:

CWB 08-24 minutes of May 6, 2008

CWB 08-25 receipt of report."

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY Estelle Scappatura and **Seconded by** Paula Peroni **CARRIED**

"THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:44 p.m." REG 08-58

Chairperson

Secretary