



Wellington Catholic
District School Board

We Have Faith in Education

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 16, 2012 - 7:30 p.m. - Wellington County Council Chambers

Attendance

Trustees: N.E. Anderson, J.D. Coffey, S.J. DalBo, E. DiGravio, V.F. Dupuis, M.L. Gazzola, C. Hudecki, S.P. Redmond

Regrets: F. Olaer

Administration: L. Clifford, P. Dawson, D. Drone, D. Duszczyszyn, T. McLennan, G. Tessaro, D. Upadhyaya, R. Walton

Recording Secretary: D. Karkut

A. *CALL TO ORDER*

1. The opening prayer was led by S.J. DalBo.
2. The attendance was recorded.

3. **Announcement of Additional Items**

4. **Adoption of Agenda**

M.L. Gazzola noted one additional item – D.2.5 – OCSTA Seminar Report

**Moved by S.P. Redmond – V.F. Dupuis that the Agenda, with the additional item, be adopted.
Carried.**

5. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

6. **Confirmation of Minutes**

6.1 **Moved by V.F. Dupuis – J.D. Coffey** that the minutes of the Inaugural meeting of December 5, 2011 be approved. **Carried.**

6.2 **Moved by N.E. Anderson – S.J. DalBo** that the minutes of the meeting of December 5, 2011 be approved. **Carried.**

7. Chair's Inaugural Address – M.L. Gazzola delivered his Inaugural Address.

Good Evening.

I stand here tonight with great humility and with sincere pride as The Chair of The Wellington Catholic District School Board. I owe my fellow trustees a huge debt of thanks for allowing me to once again carry that title. It is a position that I cherish and value and I pledge do my very best to maintain the trust that has been placed in me.

To continue to build a vibrant Catholic community committed to the celebration of each individual by fostering a love of learning, through quality educational experiences, enabling all to respond in a Christian way to the challenges of life.

The foundation of Catholic education is witnessing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Catholic trustees are the stewards and guardians of Catholic Education in the province of Ontario; an educational system that has been around for about 170 years and has consistently educated and graduated Catholic students into all walks of life, and has done so with Catholic values being first and foremost. It is a tradition that we, as the current Board of Trustees, must continue to protect and promote. As Catholic Trustees we must ensure that Catholicity and faith formation are addressed across all subjects and disciplines so that students may realize that all learning speaks to the integration of faith and life and the integration of faith and culture.

This question is often asked in our province - why should we have more than one publicly funded education system? The proponents of this question are heard to say that there really is no difference. Above and beyond our Constitutional right to exist, there is a clear difference. There is a true value in Catholic Education that does not exist elsewhere. It has always been the mandate of Catholic schools to bring Gospel values to all that we do including initiatives related to student success, professional learning communities and all professional development. No matter what the educational initiative, we are challenged to integrate a distinctive Catholic approach and motivation. Quoting from "A Call To Service", a guide for Catholic Trustees, "*The perspective of life which Catholic education provides to its graduates is of benefit not only to them, their families and their church, but to the common good of all citizens.*"

Wellington Catholic is a respected board provincially. It is also a Board that is looked to for leadership, despite our rather small size. Our senior administrative team is second to none in this province and its members are often called upon to show that leadership within various provincial organizations, such as ECCODE, the Council of Catholic Ontario Director's of Education, and OCSBOA, The Ontario Catholic School Business Officials' Association.

Our faculty, staff, support staff and volunteers are dedicated and committed to providing all of our students with a Catholic Education that prepares them for any challenge they may face in their lives. Our students' successes are due in large part to the efforts of everyone working for Wellington Catholic.

Our students are without a doubt our most valuable asset. They are all unique and precious gifts of God. The reason we are all in the position we are is because of our students. They come to school to learn, to play and to prepare for what may lie ahead in their future. It is our mission to prepare them for that future. Each one of those students has the right to receive a quality Catholic Education. If some of these words sound familiar to you, they should. I have quoted our vision and some of our governing values. These words guide us. These words lead us, and these are the words we should be making our decisions by. Decisions, major or minor, should always be made with the best interests of our students in mind. We should always be asking ourselves - what implication does this have on our students?

Ladies and Gentlemen, as we move forward in 2012, let us work together, as a Board, as a system, and as a community of Catholic people, to protect Catholic education, to promote our Gospel values that form the center of our educational system, and to provide our students the opportunities they deserve - the opportunity to succeed, the opportunity to be the best they can be, the opportunity to grow in their faith, and the opportunity to become another of the many success stories that Catholic Education throughout Ontario has produced in its 170 years of existence.

Catholic education is a shared responsibility of home, school, church and community. We will face adversity. We will face challenges and we will have those who believe we should simply be amalgamated into one publicly funded provincial education system. That will not happen and it is our responsibility to ensure that it doesn't.

In closing, I would be remiss if I did not thank everyone associated with The Wellington Catholic District School Board for their commitment to our students and to our system. I thank them for

their work and their continued effort to improve and for being the very best that they can be. Our people are our system, and all our successes come about because of our people. Keep doing what you are doing. Continue to care about our students, and Wellington Catholic will always be the best system in Ontario.

Thank you the opportunity to address you tonight. With God's blessings and graces we will become stronger collectively and individually.

B. *DELEGATIONS/SUBMISSIONS/EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS*

1. VIP Presentations were made to Vania Anaab-Bisi, Mary Phelan Catholic School; Jaime DeJonge, St. Michael Catholic School and Rachel Munro, St. Patrick Catholic School.

M.L. Gazzola thanked the recipients and their families for their efforts.

C. *ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL REPORTS*

1. Field Trips were noted.
2. Student Trustee Report – E. DiGravio, C. Hudecki and F. Olaer each provided a summary from their respective schools, highlighting the activities at each site.
3. Catholicity Council Update – N.E. Anderson noted that the Catholicity Council had not yet met in January.
4. Director's Report – Mr. Drone noted the following:
 - Senior Administration will contact the City of Guelph with regards to the changes in bus schedules and impact on BM students
 - Reminder to parents that our high schools are open to students of all faiths
 - Employer Appreciation Breakfast was held on January 11 for employers who have Co-op students in their workplace
 - "Sacred Ground Campaign" is underway at the Ignatius Jesuit Centre. This is a fundraiser for the Retreat House on the property. More information will be shared in the near future.
 - The Italian Credit Program continues this summer.
 - Spiritual Development Day takes place on April 23 at the River Run Centre. Sister Helen Prejean will be the guest speaker
 - There was an increase in the Board's United Way Campaign of 4% beyond last year's fundraising

Trustees agreed to take a 5 minute break at this time.

D. *UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES*

1. Action Items from In-Camera Meetings

Moved by S.P. Redmond – V.F. Dupuis that the Board approve actions taken In-Camera.
Carried.

2. Committee Reports

2.1 *Policy and Program Committee* – December 19/11
V.F. Dupuis reported on the meeting of Policy and Program Committee.

Moved by V.F. Dupuis – S.J. DalBo that the Board receive the report of Policy and Program Committee and the following recommendation:

that the Wellington Catholic District School Board approves OCSTA as the representative of Catholic boards for the upcoming 2012 Provincial Discussion Table negotiations. **Carried.**

2.2 *Corporate Services Committee* – December 12/11
S.P. Redmond reported on the meeting of the Corporate Services Committee.

Moved by S.P. Redmond – N.E. Anderson that the Board receive the report of Corporate Services Committee. **Carried.**

2.3 *SEAC* – December 14/11
V.F. Dupuis reported on the meeting of SEAC.

Moved by V.F. Dupuis – S.P. Redmond that the Board receive the report of SEAC. **Carried.**

2.4 *Catholic Parent Involvement Committee* – December 14/11
S.J. DalBo reported on the meeting of the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee.

Moved by S.J. DalBo – J.D. Coffey that the Board receive the report of the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee. **Carried.**

2.5 OCSTA Seminar Report – M.L. Gazzola referred to the Professional Development Seminar that took place in Toronto for all Catholic trustees. All trustees agreed that the modules offered were excellent. The sessions were well organized and well received by all participants.

Module 15 will be available at a cost of approximately \$1,000 and will not be mandatory for trustee certification.

Missed modules will be available online or at regional meetings that are being planned. More information will be coming in the near future.

3. *Operations Report*

3.1 Board 2012 Borrowing ByLaw – D. Duszczyszyn referred to the Board's Borrowing ByLaw.

**THE WELLINGTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
2012 BORROWING BYLAW**

That in accordance with Board policy, the Board authorized that two of the following: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Director of Education-Secretary, Superintendent of Corporate Affairs /Treasurer, Assistant Superintendent of Corporate Services/Associate Treasurer are hereby authorized to borrow on behalf of the Wellington Catholic District School Board (the "Corporation") from time to time by way of promissory note or Banker's Acceptance; in accordance with The Education Act, 2009 Section 243 (1,2,3,5,6,7,9).

That any two of the following: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Director of Education-Secretary, Superintendent of Corporate Affairs & Treasurer, Assistant Superintendent of Corporate Services/Associate Treasurer is/are hereby authorized to sign, make or draw on behalf of the Corporation and to furnish to the financial institution from time to time promissory notes or Banker's Acceptances sealed with the corporate Seal for the sum or sums so borrowed with the interest or any other charges at such rate as the financial institution may from time to time determine.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution of the Wellington Catholic District School Board of Guelph, Ontario duly passed at a meeting of the Board of the said Corporation duly held on the 22nd day of August, at Guelph, Ontario signed by its proper Officers as required by law and that said Resolution is in full force and effect.

Moved by S.P. Redmond – S.J. DalBo that the Board approve the 2012 Borrowing ByLaw.
Carried.

- 3.2 Corporate Trading Resolution 2012 - D. Duszczyszyn referred to the Corporate Trading Resolution.

**THE WELLINGTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
CORPORATE TRADING RESOLUTION 2012**

RESOLVED: That two of the following: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Director of Education-Secretary, Superintendent of Corporate Affairs / Treasurer, Assistant Superintendent of Corporate Services / Associate Treasurer are hereby authorized to buy/sell on behalf of The Wellington Catholic District School Board (the “Corporation”) Government of Canada Treasury Bills for the Trust’s account and the Corporation hereby ratifies and confirms all that may be done by virtue of this authorization;

AND THAT the above listed actions carried out on behalf of the Trust shall be valid and binding on the Corporation;

AND THAT this authorization shall remain in full force and effect until written notice of revocation thereof shall have been filed by the Secretary of the Corporation with the Branch where the account is maintained with a copy to the head office of the Branch.

Moved by S.J. DalBo – V.F. Dupuis that the Board approve the Corporate Trading Resolution for 2012. **Carried.**

4. *Program Report*
- 4.1 L. Clifford referred to the Special Olympics Annual Report that highlights the Wellington Catholic District School Board with specific reference to the 10th anniversary of the Special Olympics Track and Field Meet that is held at St. James.
- 4.2 P. Dawson – referred to the Program Update and noted:
Primary/Junior Additional Qualifications Course in Mathematics
Skills Canada – 6 teams will represent Wellington Catholic at this year’s competition
Turnitin plagiarism prevention tool – will be presented to trustees at Policy and Program Meeting in January
Speak Up Projects in many of our schools have been approved by the Ministry

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Notice of Motion - none

F. INFORMATION AND REPORTS

1. **WCDSB Correspondence**
For Information
- 1.1 Mass cards and condolences sent were noted.
1.2 Cards of thanks received were noted.

G. QUESTION PERIOD

1. Trustee Appreciation
- M.L. Gazzola – offered congratulations to Cardinal elect Thomas Collins on his recent appointment.
S.J. DalBo – offered congratulations to St. John School Community re their success in the AVIVA competition. A letter will be sent on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

H. *FUTURE BUSINESS*

Future meetings were noted.

January 23 – Elementary PD Day

January 26, 27, 30, 31, February 1 – Secondary Exams

February 2 & 3 – Secondary PD Days

February 6 – Semester 2 begins

I. *ADJOURNMENT*

Moved by S.J. DalBo – S.P. Redmond that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m. . **Carried.**

Marino L. Gazzola
Chairperson

Don Drone
Director of Education and Secretary