



ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

*Lighting the Way ~ Rejoicing in Our Journey*

## ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT BOARD ADVISORY COUNCIL

### MINUTES

Monday, May 16, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Boardroom, Catholic Education Centre  
420 Creek Street, Wallaceburg

#### **Board Advisory Council Members Present:**

Michelle Jardin – Christ the King Catholic School  
Christine Canniff - Georges P. Vanier Catholic School  
Jen DeBruyne - Good Shepherd Catholic School  
Tracey Jardine - Sacred Heart Catholic School, Port Lambton  
Marian Dunn & Jane Spanton - Sacred Heart Catholic School, Sarnia  
Renata Palmateer - St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim  
Diane McCahill – St. Anne Catholic School, Sarnia  
Colleen Fraleigh - St. Elizabeth Catholic School  
Janet Buston - St. Joseph Catholic School, Tilbury  
Deb Hoch & Kelly Guztler - St. Michael Catholic School, Bright's Grove  
Heather Heyboer & Key Heyboer - St. Michael Catholic School, Ridgetown  
Jennifer Chalmers – St. Philip Catholic School  
Anne Marie Ryan - St. Ursula Catholic School  
Tracey Perks-Whitson - St. Patrick Catholic High School  
Christine Canniff - Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School

#### **Regrets:**

Jeannie VandEnden - regrets

#### **Absent:**

Tammy Simrak - Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School  
- Holy Family Catholic School  
Janice DeVlugt – Holy Rosary Catholic School  
Sandra Kameka - Holy Trinity Catholic School  
Karen Blain - Monsignor Uyen Catholic School  
Rhonda Jubenville-Stallaert - Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School  
- St. Agnes Catholic School  
Janice Morrision - St. John Fisher Catholic School  
- St. Joseph Catholic School, Chatham  
Michael Vandeveene - St. Joseph Catholic School, Corunna  
- St. Matthew Catholic School  
Cathie Vanek & Wendy Vercauteren - St. Michael Catholic School, Turnerville  
Dana Stevens - St. Peter Canisius Catholic School  
- St. Vincent Catholic School  
Renee Kongas and Kelly Guzik - St. Christopher Catholic Secondary School

#### **Trustees and Administration Present:**

Carol Bryden	Amy Janssens
Anita Labadie	Luana Sfalcin
Paul Wubben	Christine Lambert
Jim McKenzie	Adrien Gagnier

**Chair:** Paul Wubben, Director of Education

**Recorder:** Cathy Calvert, Administrative Assistant

1. **Director of Education opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.**
  - The Agenda for the evening was explained.
2. **Opening Prayer** - **Paul Wubben, Director of Education**
  - Mr. Wubben opened the meeting with prayer
3. **Information/Discussion Items**
  - a) **Budget** - **Jim McKenzie, Associate Director**
    - Mr. McKenzie did an overview of the budget both the revenues and expenditures
    - the necessity of the cuts was outlined
    - the general areas where money would be saved was outlined
  - b) **Audit Committee** - **Jim McKenzie, Associate Director**
    - its purpose and make up were reviewed
    - the context of the committee relative to the outside auditors and the regional auditors was explained
    - a brief discussion about risk management took place
  - c) **Update on St. Christopher and St. Patrick** - **Paul Wubben, Director of Education**
    - the hope is that funding will be forthcoming in the late spring or early fall – the business case will put us in good stead with the Ministry
    - it was noted that even in this best case scenario the 2013 date would not be possible
    - there were questions and discussion around the issue of the Sarnia Secondary schools losing enrolment
    - it was noted that the subject has been discussed, the magnet program has expanded, the schools will be staffed together
    - issue re: sports have come to the attention of the Director and discussions are ongoing with LKDSB
  - d) **FACE Breakfast** - **Paul Wubben, Director of Education**
    - three MPPs, the Mayor of C-K, and two C-K councillors were present – it was noted that all Mayors and Wardens had been invited
    - students from the three secondary schools did presentations outlining the contribution that Catholic education had made in our communities
  - e) **ICE** - **Paul Wubben, Director of Education**
    - Catholic Education partners were together for two days
    - the subject of the discussion was the past, present and the next 25 years of Catholic Education
  - f) **Memorializing Students** - **Paul Wubben, Director of Education**
    - reviewed the document – is slated to go into the Compassionate Care Manual

**g) Suicide Symposium**

**- Paul Wubben, Director of Education**

- reviewed and noted the action items included
- the attendance of the Directors and Chairs at an upcoming symposium on children and youth mental health
- the Directors of Education meeting with the CEO of the Kids Help Phone
- an application to purchase and train grade four teachers in the Friends for Life program – it has a high success rate in reducing anxiety in children
- the planned implementation of the Grade seven and eight suicide curricula
- the discussion with Hamilton Wentworth Catholic re their secondary school program
- the mental health newsletter to go out in September and the subsequent newsletter inserts
- the possibility of a SCCDSB-LKDSB mental health forum(s) in the spring of 2012

**h) Wireless**

**- Paul Wubben, Director of Education**

- discussed the board plan to put wireless in place in our schools
- the question as to whether there were concerns re children's health was asked
- there were concerns expressed regarding unfettered access
- the discussion concluded with the understanding that while some risks existed that did not outweigh the need for the board to provide a wireless infrastructure for student and staff usage

**4. The meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.**

**Schedule of Meetings for Next Year: TBD**