



## Kenora Catholic District School Board

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
March 24, 2009**

MEETING DATE:	<b>March 24, 2009</b>
LOCATION OF MEETING:	<b>Kenora Catholic District School Board</b>
SUBJECT OF MEETING:	<b>Regular Board Meeting</b>
TRANSCRIBER:	<b>Trina Henley</b>
TIME OF MEETING:	<b>8:00 p.m. – 9:10 p.m.</b>

### **ATTENDED BY:**

	INIT	ATTENDANCE	PERSON	TITLE
1.	FB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Frank Bastone	Trustee
2.	TG	<input type="checkbox"/>	Teresa Gallik	Trustee
3.	MF	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Favreau	Vice Chair
4.	PL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paul Landry	Trustee
5.	DM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Darryl Michaluk	Chair
6.	JK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Josie Kipling	Trustee
7.	LB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Leslie Breadner	Student Trustee
8.	PE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Phyllis Eikre	Director of Education
9.	TH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trina Henley	Executive Assistant to the Director of Education
10.	MD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Murray Delorme	Superintendent Instructional Services
11.	EB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Erica Bailey	Superintendent Administrative Services
12.	AP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Andrew Poirier	Manager Operational Services
13.	LD	<input type="checkbox"/>	Laurie Duggan	Manager of Human Resource Services

1. **OPENING PRAYER**

Sister Maria Ciccarelli opened the meeting by leading the group through a Lenten Prayer Service.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Mike Favreau and Teresa Gallik were absent with regret.

3. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Motion #17 Moved by Paul Landry

Seconded by Frank Bastone

*That the Board resolve into Committee of the Whole and the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions of Section 207 (2) of the Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.2.*

*Carried.*

4. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** - Nil



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### 5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #18 Moved by Paul Landry  
Seconded by Frank Bastone  
*That the agenda be approved.*

*Carried.*

### 6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Motion #19 Moved by Frank Bastone  
Seconded by Josie Kipling  
*That the minutes of the meeting of the Kenora Catholic District School Board of February 17, 2009 be approved as circulated.*

*Carried.*

### 7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### 8. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

#### 8.1 Literacy and Numeracy

Mary Cunningham, Curriculum Coordinator made a presentation to the trustees about a new generation of students: "21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners". Mary explained in today's schools teachers are preparing students for jobs that don't even exist yet. We need to be thinking of life in an entirely different way. Our students are living in a world where knowledge is turned over at a rate of every two years.

Right now in today's economy, our graduates will have between 10 and 14 jobs before they are the age of 38 years old and 1 in every 8 marriages will have met online.

How do we prepare our students for a different kind of world? Mary explained that we need kids to be collaborative, creative, problem solvers and help them to be able to take a situation and look at it in new and creative ways. Probably in ways we've never thought of ourselves. Our Kenora Catholic District School Board is doing some of this right now, not everywhere but in some areas and in some of our teaching habits.

Mary went on to explain some of the innovative and creative teaching techniques that are being implemented in our classrooms every single day. The Oral Language Project and Professional Learning Communities in all our schools are increasing our focus on literacy and numeracy. We are now able to use our EQAO data to really hone in and make lasting changes. When you have a small school board this kind of data is a very powerful tool to create lasting, positive changes. Another really powerful tool being used right now is the Critical Learning Pathway process where we bring a small group of teachers together and have laser sharp focus over a 6 week period on a cluster of expectations to see if we can make a positive impact on our students. We are seeing huge improvements for student learning and teachers feeling empowered. We are building strong literacy and numeracy skills for our students.

Mary explained that in the past 3 years our board has been working with NOEL and the work is very exciting. We've found that we are able to do a lot more than we ever thought we could and some of the things we thought to be true about our Aboriginal students just aren't so. Our situation is way better than we ever thought. Particularly in our oral language tests. We test a students' acquisition of knowledge and our Aboriginal students can score at the highest level. Early literacy is very exciting and the more efforts we put into the JK/SK, the more we are seeing the gaps closing.



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Mary explained that there are so many important teaching activities that are being implemented and improved. Mentoring, differentiated instruction, mathematics coaching, mathematics PLC's. There are lots of examples of training and capacity building in our classrooms as well, PD days, PLC's, discussion forums, reading buddies in different age groups, book clubs, coaching, observations and less formal professional dialogue. Mary went on to say that you would be amazed at the level of professional dialogue happening in our schools.

We can tell that we are making a difference because there are improvements in writing, critical literacy, more deep understanding of reading materials, more student talk and less teacher talk, assignments that are building in students being analytical and collaborative thinkers. There is a huge shift in our understanding of who the expert is – often times in technology it's our students that are the experts.

Leona McEwan from the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat Branch of the Ministry of Education was on hand at the meeting as well. She explained to the group that some of the work being done at the Kenora Catholic District School Board is so exciting that it just gives her goose bumps to talk about it. The face of education is changing and we have to make sure our kids are ready for it. They will be the agent for change. Leona commended the group on the great work. It's paying off ten fold.

### 9. **POLICY GOVERNANCE:**

#### 9.1 Approval of Minutes

Motion #20 Moved by Paul Landry  
Seconded by Frank Bastone  
*That the report of the Policy Governance Committee meeting of Tuesday March 3, 2009, be approved as circulated.*

*Carried.*

#### 9.2 **Policy**

#### 9.3 **Personnel**

##### 9.3.1 Retirement of Cathy Sweeney

Motion #21 Moved by Frank Bastone  
Seconded by Josie Kipling  
*That the Board accept the resignation of Cathy Sweeney for the purpose of retirement effective June 26, 2009 with regret*

*Carried.*

#### 9.4 **Property**

##### 9.4.1 Sale of Vacant Lots #1

Motion #22 Moved by Paul Landry  
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*That the Board approve the sale of the vacant lot at 203 First Street North to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Thunder Bay in the amount of \$10, 500. Subject to Ministry of Education*



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*approval. Legal description: East 60 ft. Lot 61, Block 3, Plan 3, Kenora, subject to 15 ft. easement over south end of site.*

*PIN: 42163-0147. Transaction to be completed on April 9, 2009.*

*Carried.*

### 9.4.2 School Taxes

Erica Bailey explained that in the past, the Keewatin Patricia District School Board collected taxes for the Kenora Catholic District School Board for unorganized areas.

The Ministry of Revenue has changed this process and now collects for the unorganized areas. This requires us to enact a bylaw to allow that to happen. The Ministry of Revenue has dictated this bylaw to allow them to collect the taxes and send us the funds directly.

Motion #23 Moved by Paul Landry  
Seconded by Frank Bastone  
*Whereas subsection 257.7(1) of the Education Act (the "Act") requires the Board to levy the tax rates prescribed under section 257.12 of the Act;  
And Whereas Ontario Regulation 400/98 prescribes the tax rates under subsection 257.12(1) of the Act;  
Now Therefore the Board enacts as follows:*

*The rates set out in Regulation 400/98 for 2009 are hereby levied in localities within the area of jurisdiction of the Board on the property indicated in section 257.7 of the Act.*

*Carried.*

### 9.4.3 Pope John Paul II Daycare Center Progress Update

Andrew Poirier identified that the renovation of the Daycare Center is still on target for substantial completion for March 20<sup>th</sup> with the exception of the front entrance ramp at the front of the Annex. The building itself is completed inside. Flooring is going in as well as a few items in the kitchen. Site meetings continue to happen on a regular basis.

Andrew Poirier explained that a call for expression of interests was completed at the later part of January. As of today we have received 2 submissions that were reviewed at the Executive Council Meeting this morning. Further research is being completed on both packages. The Executive Council team will make a recommendation to the Trustees at the April Regular Board Meeting.

September 1<sup>st</sup> is the targeted startup date for the successful provider.

### 9.4.4 Multi Skills Center Progress Update

Andrew Poirier acknowledged the involvement Murray Delorme has had in working on the Multi-Skills Training Center of Excellence and in their partnership on this project. Andrew explained that the project is moving along the way we want it to.

The substantial completion date is a moving target in and around April 10<sup>th</sup> to have some of the equipment installed.



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Murray has worked very well with Paul White and the shop teachers to ensure that programming is not going to be interrupted. The goal is to have the two instructional classrooms completed on or before May 13<sup>th</sup>. We believe that our students will be utilizing all aspects of the building after May 13<sup>th</sup>.

9.5 **Finance**

9.6 **Program**

9.6.1 — SEAC Report

Due to Vice Chair Mike Favreau being absent there was no SEAC Report at this meeting.

9.7 **Negotiations**

9.8 **Other**

10. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Motion #24 Moved by Frank Bastone  
Seconded by Josie Kipling  
*That the Board accept the report of the Committee of the Whole and all recommendations contained therein.*

*Carried.*

11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

13. **INFORMATION**

13.1 Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Leslie Breadner explained to the group that the students have returned from March break and are all well rested, if not eager to start classes, though spirits are still high from victories in the athletics department.

In February St. Thomas Aquinas High School hosted Norwossa Basketball and Volleyball taking Gold in all categories. Senior boys' basketball and girls' volleyball both went to OFSAA and the boys brought home silver. Amy Matthews took OFSSA gold for cross country skiing. The Boys' Hockey Team won Norwossa Gold with a one nothing win over Sioux Lookout.

Badminton and Soccer Season starts next week and curling is coming to a close.



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The literacy test is looming in the near future for Grade ten students. This grade must deal with the stress of an exam on top of classes. The test will take place in early April.

The Art Department also has a very busy month. Art Club volunteers are working hard to construct a backdrop for the Kenora Skating Club's Annual show, this year with a Walt Disney theme.

### 13.2 Catholicity Conference Report

Director of Education, Phyllis Eikre led the group through a PowerPoint presentation of the recent Catholicity Professional Activity Day hosted on February 23, 2009.

Phyllis explained to the group that there was a very ambitious planning committee for this event. The speakers we were able to secure were in a class of their own and traveled the world speaking. The event was a huge success and truly an inspiring event.

Phyllis provided a special thank you to our champion leader Sister Maria Ciccarelli, Religious Education Coordinator who championed the organizing of this event and brought all of our staff together.

Next year the school board will be hosting Catholicity day on October 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be an equally amazing day as it was this year.

Phyllis advised everyone that the Kenora Catholic District School Board System Retreat is scheduled on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Andy lake Camp.

## 14. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

OCSTA Conference May 7-9, 2009 - Toronto

CCSTA Conference June 4-6, 2009 –Victoria, British Columbia

### **POLICY GOVERNANCE MEETINGS:**

Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

### **REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:**

Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

SEAC Committee Meeting – Friday, March 27 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at St. Louis School

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS**

St. Louis School – Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

École Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoy's School – Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

St. Thomas Aquinas High School – Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Pope John Paul II School – Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.



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### 15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #25 Moved by Paul Landry  
Seconded by Josie Kipling  
*That the meeting adjourn at 9:10 p.m.*

*Carried.*

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Chairman

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Secretary