



Hi Everybody!

I really do appreciate the support that so many are offering through this Board of Trustees distraction. I'd like to get back to what we all want to be doing, which is educating and supporting our students, and helping them become the best human beings that they can become.

We dealt with this issue in the past, and it's very disappointing that it has come up again....in 2025!

A few updates!

1) The Chair of the Board, Robert Sikora, who did not attend the last board meeting has resigned as Chair. He will continue on as Trustee but give up the role. The Trustees must elect a new Chair, but until that happens on April 14, Linda Cuff, the current Vice-Chair will assume the role of "Acting Chair."

2) I sent a rather stern letter to all of the Trustees last week. If you'd like to see that letter, [CLICK HERE](#). I wouldn't encourage anyone to send a similar message, as you could find yourself facing discipline for insubordination. My position allows me a little more leeway in the area of criticizing the school board.

3) As promised, we have a petition that you can now complete to let Trustees know how you feel. Unfortunately, it is not "editable." When you "sign" the petition with your name and PERSONAL EMAIL address, an email is sent to all of the trustees. Your home address will not appear in the message to trustees. The "reply-to" address is the email address of the person who signed the petition. **Please do not use your Board email address.** Once you sign the petition, a thank you email is generated and sent to your email address. The "reply-to" address for that email is [office@waterloocatholicteachers.ca](mailto:office@waterloocatholicteachers.ca) and is signed as coming from Waterloo Catholic Teachers.

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign the petition now.

4) April 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting

- Board Meeting at the board office begins at 6 pm
  - A couple of St Benedict folks will be delegating and would love your accompaniment & support
  - Election of a new Chair of the School Board
    - Linda Cuff is currently Acting Chair until a new Chair is elected
- The hope would be to fill the boardroom with folks supporting 2SLGBTQIA+, BLM, First Nations, and other equity-deserving students and staff, wearing visible support
  - If you can make it, AMAZING!
  - Room for 80-150 people IN the meeting
  - Remember - No signs or placards are allowed

5) April 28<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting

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- Meeting at the board office begins a 6pm
- The vote for/against Conrad Stanley's motion TAKES PLACE AT THIS MEETING
- Fr Toby will be delegating
- There will be a BIG MEDIA PRESENCE on this day and we would like to have a big presence as well
- The hope would be to fill the boardroom, the parking lot, and the sidewalks around the board office with folks supporting 2SLGBTQIA+, BLM, First Nations, and other equity-deserving students and staff, wearing visible support (like we did last Monday....only bigger!)
  - If you can make it, AMAZING!
  - Arrive by 4 pm if you hope to make it into the meeting
  - Arrive later if you want to be part of the crowd
- This day is the FEDERAL ELECTION!
  - We suggest that you plan to vote early so you can make both possible
- We will provide more information about the 28th in the coming weeks - but put it in your calendar now....right underneath VOTE!

Have a lovely evening....travel safe!

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