

THE HURON-PERTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



1. PRESENTATIONS

Virtual Gallery of Hope - A Celebration of Student Artwork - Student artwork continues to be displayed on the Board website to celebrate our Board theme, *Catholic Education: Rejoicing in Hope*. Superintendent of Education JoAnn MacGregor welcomed student artists from St. Ambrose and St. Joseph's, Stratford; St. Patrick's, Dublin; St. Mary's, Listowel, St. Anne's CSS, Clinton, and St. Michael CSS, Stratford.

2. PERSONNEL

Retiring Staff

Loretta Ayotte, I.T. Coordinator	effective June 29, 2010
Lynda Allin, Educational Assistant	effective May 12, 2010
Henny Morrissey, Educational Assistant	effective June 29, 2010
Marta Kaszowski, Teacher	effective June 29, 2010
Lorraine Regier, Custodian	effective May 29, 2010
Jane McKeever, Custodian	effective March 31, 2010

3. EDUCATION

Kindergarten – Grade 1 Collaborative Inquiry Project at Jeanne Sauvé - This project is sponsored by the Ministry of Education to engage teams in collaborative inquiry about teacher and student learning. J. MacGregor introduced Gaylene Hagarty, Coordinator of Literacy; Karyn Bruneel, Principal at Jeanne Sauvé; and, Wendy Rawes, Gr. 1 teacher at Jeanne Sauvé who made a presentation.

Youth Re:Action4Inclusion - Recently, Pam Robson, Special Education Department Head and two students from St. Michael attended the second annual Action4Inclusion Youth Leadership Camp at the YMCA Camp in Schomberg, ON. J. MacGregor introduced Maureen Sabin, Coordinator of Special Education, and Pam Robson, Special Education Department Head, who made a presentation along with the students from St. Michael who attended the leadership camp. St. Michael students are enlisting the support of the Student Council and the Social Justice Club to assist with the implementation of an Inclusion Awareness Week at St. Michael.

Student Success Provincial Indicators - Since the Student Success Initiative began in Spring 2003, data has been gathered to track our progress on the provincially-set indicators of success in Ontario's secondary schools. Superintendent of Education Dan Parr reported on the most recent progress at St. Anne's and St. Michael Catholic Secondary Schools.

The Board approved that Shelly Fleming representing Autism Ontario be appointed to the Board's SEAC committee effective April 26, 2010 until August 31, 2011, and that Carolyn Simons be appointed as an Ad Hoc member to the SEAC effective April 26, 2010 until August 31, 2011.



4. MANAGEMENT

The Board approved the credit facility with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce dated April 16, 2010.

The Board approved the firm of Marklevitz Architects Inc. as the Jeanne Sauvé Catholic Elementary School project architects at a rate of 9.5%.

Grants for Student Needs (GSN) - Superintendent of Business Gerry Thuss indicated that the Board has received preliminary allocations under the Grants for Student Needs for the 2010-2011 school year. G. Thuss provided a summary of the changes to the grants for the current year.

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Huron-Perth Catholic Trustees' Leadership Award winners were distributed. Workshop and Mass for the recipients will be on Thursday, May 13.
- *Focus Groups* - Director of Education Martha Dutrizac reported on two focus groups which will be taking place on May 10 to seek input on how to better enhance Board communication. Our goal is to receive feedback from our stakeholders on our present communication practices and to determine where to make improvements. The first group will consist of Board employees with the second group comprised of elementary and secondary parents and two trustees.
- *Catholic Education Team* – Chair Mike Miller reported that the Catholic Education Team is continuing to work on the Action template. Final results will be presented to the Board when the information is finalized.
- Mass cards and condolences sent were noted.
- Cards of thanks received were noted.
- March Director's Monthly report was distributed.

6. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORTS

St. Michael CSS - Ben Veldman reported on Earth Day Liturgy, Youth Mass, Catholic Student Leadership Forum, Inclusion Week and motivational speaker Andy Thibodeau, high school students visiting elementary schools re Dominican Republic poverty awareness trip, mid term report cards, Gr. 12 math contest, Skills Canada contest, writing contest, St. Michael concert band, Godspell, Matt Wakem receiving provincial volunteer award, and sports.

St. Anne's CSS – Ellen Tousaw reported on Holy Thursday prayer service and Easter Mass, Gr. 11 retreat, civics day fundraiser for Epilepsy and Mental Health society, Envirothon competition, Skills Canada competition, mid term reports, Gr. 10 literacy test, Catholic Student Leadership presentations, Coffee House, sports, and the annual Road Hockey tournament.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES: Tuesday, May 25, 2010 & Monday, June 21, 2010