

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. Patrick's (Kinkora), Jeanne Sauvé, St. Aloysius, St. Mary's, Goderich, and St. Michael CSS, Stratford.

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) - CPF is a parent-led volunteer organization that promotes French-second-language education and provides extra-curricular opportunities for children to learn and experience French outside of the classroom. CPF representative Dawn Duhamel congratulated the Board on their leadership role in this field for the past 25 years and presented a plaque to Chair of the Board Mike Miller and Director of Education Martha Dutrizac.

Strategy Development, Organization and Implementation...Realizing our Capacity - 2010-2013 - Director of Education Martha Dutrizac and Superintendents Dan Parr, JoAnn MacGregor and Gerry Thuss highlighted the Board Strategic Priorities of 2007-2010. As a Catholic system we have much to celebrate. The Director visited every school staff during March and April 2010 to share and celebrate those successes and invite feedback through a web survey. The senior administration reviewed feedback from the Director's visits and conversations with employees across the system. Presently, the system leadership teams are developing a strategy for implementation in 2010-2013.

2. PERSONNEL

Shona Gracey was appointed to the position of Principal effective September 1, 2010.

Retiring Staff

Nancy Cronin, Executive Assistant (Board Office)	effective September 30, 2010.
Kevin Kale, Manager of Business Services (Board Office)	effective August 31, 2010.
Betty Teichert, Educational Assistant (St. Anne's CSS)	effective June 30, 2010.
Donna Huitema, Teacher (St. Patrick's, Kinkora)	effective June 30, 2010.
Mary Lou Jordan, Teacher (St. Patrick's, Kinkora)	effective June 30, 2010.

3. EDUCATION

Catholic Student Leadership - The Catholic Student Leadership Forum, held in March, and the individual school presentations for students in grades six, seven and eight, during April and May were a huge success. J. MacGregor introduced Coordinators Lori Lynn Stapleton and Karen Tigani along with student leaders, I. Bertens, K. Nelson and E. McCarroll who gave an interactive presentation about the presentations that happened at each school.



3. EDUCATION (cont'd.)

Training and Support for School Secretaries - The accurate entry, storage, and retrieval of student information is critically important, for school-based purposes, for board-wide needs, and for provincial requirements. Superintendent Dan Parr introduced Sherry Poppe, Data Analyst, who made a presentation on her work with secretaries in order to support them in their role.

Level 2 Strategy for Improved Student Learning - The aim of the Level 2 Strategy is to work more precisely at individual schools with principals in order to support them as they monitor student learning. D. Parr and J. MacGregor presented an update on this strategy of students who are achieving below the provincial standard and on supporting teachers in their learning so that these students will gain at least one level in their achievement by the end of this school year.

4. MANAGEMENT

The Board approved the renewal of the Student Accident Insurance with Reliable Life for the 2010-11 school year.

Update regarding Transportation Policy Change - Transportation Policy 3F:3 - Transportation of Urban Pupils (Elementary) is changing effective September 1, 2010. The walking distance of 1.6 km is consistent to the Avon Maitland District School Board's policy regarding walking distances. The Board has sent out letters to those families affected by this policy change, to provide notification early enough to allow times to make the necessary arrangements for the school startup in 2010.

Update regarding Jeanne Sauvé Capital Project - Superintendent of Business Gerry Thuss has been working with Terry Marklevitz Architects Inc. on the timeframes and scope for the project. The current plan is to have tender documents ready for July with tendering in the month of August. The results of the tender are expected to be presented to the Board for approval at its August meeting.

Update regarding Grants for Student Needs - G. Thuss has held department meetings to discuss and review each budget request. He is currently completing revenue calculations which will be ready for the June 8th meeting with the trustees.

The Board awarded the contract for lighting upgrades to St. Boniface Catholic Elementary School to Pfaff Electric Limited at an amount of \$201,140 (H.S.T. included).

5. OTHER

Ali Van Straaten, representing the Down's Syndrome Association of Ontario, will be recognized as a voting member of the Board's Special Education Advisory Committee, effective June 1, 2010, to August 31, 2011.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Mass cards and condolences sent were noted.
- Cards of thanks received were noted.
- April Director's monthly newsletter was distributed.

7. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORTS

St. Anne's CSS – Ellen Tousaw reported on Catholic Education Week, Stuff That Bus, OSAID week, staff/student soccer game, student cabinet elections and retreat, sports, and skills Ontario competition.

St. Michael CSS - Ben Veldman reported on Stuff That Bus, Ottawa pro-life campaign, Dan Moynihan presentation, social justice retreat, writing contest, Godspell, Arts week and banquet, sports, student trustee elections, and OSAID week.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATE: Monday, June 21, 2010