

THE HURON-PERTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



1. EDUCATION

Appreciation to St. Anne's CSS Music Teacher, Josh Geddis - Superintendent of Education Dan Parr welcomed Josh Geddis to the meeting. Josh was successful in applying for, and securing, a \$10,000 Band Aid Grant from Musiccounts and the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences. The money will be used to supplement and support the rapidly-growing instrumental music program at St. Anne's.

Appreciation to St. Aloysius Teacher, Janis Antonio - Janis was one of eight committee members invited from across the province to partake in a working group on Financial Literacy. The role of the group was to clarify the definition of financial literacy and make recommendations to the Minister's Council about the knowledge and skills required to support the development of financial literacy among Ontario students. Superintendent of Education J. MacGregor thanked Janis for her intensive and highly professional work on the committee.

St. Anne's CS School's Work with "Free the Children" - St. Anne's has established a strong relationship with "Free the Children" foundation committed to eliminating child poverty in the third world. Because of this strong relationship, St. Anne's students and staff were recently invited to be the audience at a private taping the day after WE DAY, including Craig Kielburger's interviews with several world-renowned peace and justice advocates. Trustee Jim McDade introduced Principal Jodi Kuran and students Pam F., Cassidy B., Taylor V., and Jesse R. who described the impact of this day.

School Improvement Planning - During the months of September and October, school principals have worked with the Learning Coordinators and their School Improvement Teams to analyze school and classroom data about student learning and arrive at their school SMART goal(s). J. MacGregor introduced Principals Paula Nowak-Droog (Precious Blood) and Todd Chisholm (Our Lady of Mount Carmel) who made presentations.

Equity and Inclusive Education Draft Policy - Policy/Program Memorandum 119, entitled *Developing and Implementing Equity and Inclusive Education Policies in Ontario Schools*, require that all school boards adopt an Equity and Inclusive Education Policy, including Religious Accommodations.

The Board adopted Policy 3A:21, Equity and Inclusive Education, along with its Religious Education Guidelines.

2. MANAGEMENT

Ontario Regulation 357/06 - Superintendent of Business Gerry Thuss stated that under this regulation, the Board is required to set the Trustee Honoraria for the term of office beginning December 1, 2010.



The Board set the Trustee Honorariums for the period December 1, 2010 to November 30, 2011 as per regulation 357/06 for Trustee at \$7,832, Vice Chair at \$10,582 and Chair at \$13,332. This amount will be adjusted for the Public Sector Compensation Restraint to Public Services Act, 2010 for Trustee at \$7,453, Vice Chair at \$10,203 and Chair at \$12,953.

Audit Committee - The regulation mandating the creation of audit committees by all school boards has been enacted into law on September 9, 2010. The Board will be advertising in the local newspapers seeking two Catholic ratepayers with financial expertise and business knowledge to serve on its newly formed audit committee for a three-year term.

Bill 168 - G. Thuss provided information on Bill 168 - Occupational Health and Safety Amendment Act (Violence and Harassment in the Workplace), along with a development and implementation plan.

Request for Proposal (RFP) - A RFP regarding architectural services - additions and renovations to elementary schools Full Day Learning Program has been issued.

Jeanne Sauvé - G. Thuss stated that the tender for addition and renovations for Jeanne Sauvé School will be sent out shortly.

3. ITEMS FOR ACTION

The Board approved the Inaugural Board Meeting time of 4:00 p.m. on December 6th, 2010.

The Board approved the Strategy in Action Plan 2010-2013 entitled *Realizing our Capacity 2010 and Beyond*.

4. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Mass cards and condolences sent were noted.
- Trustee Bernard Murray acknowledged two students from Huron-Perth Catholic who were among the honourees at the 27th annual Father Patrick Fogarty Awards dinner on October 23rd. Ellen Tousaw (St. Anne's CSS) and Meghan Carlow (St. Michael CSS) were among the recipients of the Catholic Student Award, which recognizes young people who best exemplify the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations.
- Day for Future Catholic School Leaders - King's University College and Catholic School Boards have collaborated on a day for Catholic educators who are exploring leadership positions in Catholic education to be held on November 10, 2010, at King's University College.

5. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORTS

St. Anne's CSS – Rachel Askett reported on the Grade 8 tech day, upcoming Hallowe'en dance, Chris de Souza presentation, Me to We, Hallowe'en for Hunger, parent teacher interviews, Walk for Wellness, coffee house, upcoming Grade 8 parent information night, Band Aid grant, and bullying awareness day.

St. Michael CSS – Fiatsogbe Dzuali reported on the school play auditions, Habitat for Humanity New Orleans awareness trip, awards banquet, sports, Patrick Cook invitational, and the memorial and tree planting ceremony for former student Sarah Ulch.