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THE HURON-PERTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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Tuesday, May 24, 2011
BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



1. PERSONNEL

Resignation

Linda McKay, teacher at Sacred Heart in Wingham, effective June 30, 2011

2. PRESENTATIONS

"Celebrating the Spirit" Virtual Gallery: A Celebration of Student Artwork – Student artwork has been displayed on the Board website to celebrate our Board theme, Catholic Education: Celebrating the Spirit. Superintendent of Education JoAnn MacGregor made a presentation.

Special Thanks – J. MacGregor introduced Carolyn Carter, SEAC Chair. Carolyn has been a member of the Board's Special Education Advisory Committee for many years. She will attend and chair her last SEAC meeting in June 2011. J. MacGregor presented Carolyn with flowers and thanked her for her many years of dedication, service and commitment to the Board's SEAC committee.

3. EDUCATION

School Improvement Planning - Secondary principals have worked with coordinators and their department heads and school improvement teams to analyze school, grade, and class data about student learning and arrive at their school-wide and departmental SMART goal(s). Collaboratively developed strategies and actions to address the gaps in student achievement are part of departmental and school-wide PLC's. Superintendent of Education Dan Parr introduced St. Michael principal Tim Doherty and St. Anne's principal Jodi Kuran, who made presentations.

Nurturing Our Catholic Culture - Our Catholic Culture is based on the collective belief and understanding of our Mission that we all have more potential to be realized. Nurturing and supporting Our Catholic Culture for all students and all staff in the Board and the persistent and strategic hard work as a Catholic community to achieve the outcomes for all students is cause for constant celebration. J. MacGregor and Learning Coordinators Karen Tigani and Lori Lynn Stapleton made a presentation.

Board Graduation Rates - The June 2010 provincial graduation rate was 81%. This represents a two percent increase over the previous year, and just four percentage points below the provincial goal of an 85% graduation rate. The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board's graduation rate in June 2009 was 97% and in June of 2010 was 99%.

Revised Policy 3D:14 School Nutrition and Revised Policy 3D:7 Safe School Committee - The Ministry of Education requires all school boards to develop and implement a School Nutrition Policy that fosters healthy eating throughout the Board. Through the adoption of Revised Policy 3D:14 and Policy 3D:7, the Board will work collaboratively with principals, staff, school councils, parents, and volunteers to ensure that this policy is implemented as outlined and that the spirit of the policy influences their decisions and actions.



4. MANAGEMENT

Student Accident Insurance - The Board approved the renewal with Reliable Life for school year 2011-12.

Ventilation Upgrades ~ St. Ambrose - The Board approved upgrades to the ventilation system at St. Ambrose Catholic Elementary School awarded to Stratford Metal Products Ltd, in the amount of \$203,838.44, HST included.

Lighting Upgrades ~ St. Michael - The Board approved upgrades to the lighting system at St. Michael Catholic Secondary School awarded to Elligsen Electric Ltd., in the amount of \$67,461.00, HST included.

Lighting Upgrades ~ St. Anne's - The Board approved upgrades to the lighting system at St. Anne's Catholic Secondary School awarded to Elligsen Electric Ltd., in the amount of \$69,495.00, HST included.

Consumable Supplies - The Board approved the 2011 - 2012 consumable art and office supplies contract awarded to MicroAge Basics.

Update regarding St. Mary's, Goderich Full-Day Kindergarten Project. - Superintendent of Business Gerry Thuss stated that the Board has been working with The Ventin Group Architects on the timeframe and scope of the project. Soil testing is occurring at the school and drawings will be completed by the end of the month. The Ventin Group will be tendering the project and applying for the permit at the same time. The results of the tender will be presented to the Board for approval at its June meeting.

Ministry of Education Draft Fundraising Guideline - G. Thuss stated that the draft Fundraising Guideline for Ontario schools is currently available for consultation on the Ministry of Education website at the following link:
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/fundraisingGuideline.pdf>

Following the consultation period, a final Fundraising Guideline will be released in the fall of 2011.

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- ICE Symposium – May 15 & 16 in Toronto - Director of Education Martha Dutrizac provided feedback on the recent ICE Symposium in Toronto

6. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORTS

St. Michael CSS – Flatsogbe Dzuali absent.

St. Anne's CSS – Rachel Askett reported on Stuff That Bus, Think Fast, social justice students visiting elementary schools, Me to We visit to Toronto, Spencer West motivational speaker, sports, Banding Together instrumental music event, Carpe Diem at King's College, Special High Skills Major highlights, and student cabinet elections.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATE: Monday, June 20, 2011