



Vision

Achieving Excellence in Catholic Education through
Learning, Leadership and Service

FROM THE Boardroom

At the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., the Trustees:

Heard:

- Presentation from Mr. Jason Becker, BDO Dunwoody LLP and Isabel Grace, Superintendent of Business and Finance regarding the audited Financial Statements that concluded August 31, 2014.

Approved:

- Audit Financial statements were adopted as presented by Mr. Jason Becker, BDO Dunwoody LLP and Isabel Grace, Superintendent of Business and Finance.
- Honorarium for Trustee members for the period of December 1, 2014 to November 30, 2015.
- The following people were approved as members of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the term of December 1, 2014 to November 30, 2018:
 - Catherine Butcher - VOICE
 - Laura Quibell - Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society
 - Clare Paterson - Northumberland Child Development Centre
- The payment of the 2014-2015 Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association membership fees in the amount of \$62,842.00.
- Authorization for those Trustees wanting to attend the Ontario Catholic School Trustee's Association 2015 Catholic Trustees' Professional Development Seminar that is being held on January 16 and January 17, 2015, in Mississauga and the Ministry of Education Trustees' Orientation Session on January 15, 2015.
- The new draft Policy 826 – Equity and Inclusive Education, was reviewed and approved as revised.

Acknowledged:

Link Crew Student Conference



On November 13, Grade 11 and 12 students from all six PVNCCDSB secondary schools travelled to Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School for a Link Crew Student Conference. PVNCCDSB students were joined by students from Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board and Trillium Lakelands District School Board. In total, over 200 students came to participate in interactive activities led by Micah Jacobson, co-founder of the Link program. Link Crew is a secondary school orientation and transition program that increases success for Grade 9 students. In PVNCCDSB, all secondary schools train Grades 11 and 12 students to be Link Crew Leaders who act as positive role models, motivators, student mentors, and teachers helping guide Grade 9 students to discover

what it takes to be successful during their secondary school transition. As a result of the Student Conference on Thursday, students re-energized and re-focused on their mission to positively impact the lives of the Grade 9 students in their schools.

St. Peter Hospitality Dual Credit Stewardship Initiative

St. Peter Catholic Secondary School Hospitality Dual Credit Stewardship initiative is dedicated to serving the community and has recently partnered with the YWCA Women's Crossroad Shelter. Each week students prepare one dinner, including a dessert for 36 residents. Their mantra continues to be "*Work for a cause, not for the applause*". St. Peter's hospitality dual credit remains dedicated to humbly serving those in need, within its school community and Peterborough community. There is no shortage of work in this area.

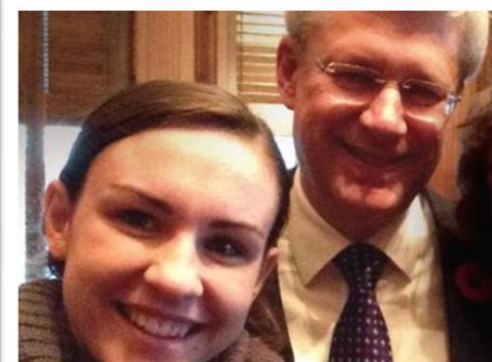


SHSM United Way Fundraiser at St Mary Catholic Secondary School, Cobourg

On November 6, Lead Teachers, Geoff Taylor (Hospitality SHSM) and Tanya Earle and Rose Conway (Arts and Culture SHSM) played an integral role in hosting a fundraising event to support the local United Way group. A silent auction was held where items were donated and bid on. While there, community members were entertained by Tanya and Rose and their students who put on a beautiful performance of vocal and instrumental music pieces. Geoff Taylor and his Hospitality SHSM students had demonstration tables for food preparations, cooked, baked and served delicious appetizers and desserts during the performance and the silent auction. The Construction SHSM students under the direction of Joel Kightley, built two Muskoka Chairs that were a popular item on the bidding floor. The Environment SHSM had representation in the form of plant life that was up for auction.



St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, Lindsay



Lacey Maxwell, a student from St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School in Lindsay was selected as one of 40 young people from across Canada to visit Ottawa on Tuesday, November 4 to learn about career opportunities from members of parliament. Lacey along with another visitor was invited to 24 Sussex Drive where she had direct access with Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Tuesday marked the second annual Youth in Office: Job Shadowing Day on Parliament Hill for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Big Brothers Big Sisters has pointed to research that has shown that mentoring has a positive impact on the life of a youth and can result in safer and stronger communities as a result.

Holy Family Catholic Elementary School, Bowmanville



Brooklyne Amyot, a Grade 5 student at Holy Family Catholic Elementary School in Bowmanville was chosen as a recipient of the James Bartleman Aboriginal Youth Creative Writing Award for a poem she wrote, titled *"The Métis Playground"*. This Award recognizes Aboriginal youth for their creative writing talent. Every year up to six Aboriginal students each receive an award of \$2,500, a framed certificate, and a trip for them and two guests to attend the awards ceremony, which was held this year in Toronto on November 6.

The award is named after the Honourable James Bartleman who was the 27th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, serving from 2002 – 2007. Mr. Bartleman was the first Aboriginal Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. The award was set up as a legacy to his efforts in promoting literacy among Aboriginal youth.

Future Meetings and Events:

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Inaugural Board Meeting	December 1, 2014		
Chairperson's Committee	December 8, 2014	4:15 p.m.	Director's Office
Regular Board Meeting	December 16, 2014	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Governance Committee	January 12, 2015	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Policy Development Committee	March 4, 2015	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom

OTHER COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Accessibility for All Committee	February 12, 2015	1:15 p.m.	Boardroom
Audit Committee	TBC	4:00 p.m.	Large Boardroom
Catholic Parent Engagement Committee	February 19, 2015	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom

Equity and Inclusive Education Advisory Committee	February 2, 2015	6:30 p.m.	Large Boardroom
Family Life & Religious Education Committee	March 23, 2015	6:30 p.m.	Large Boardroom
First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Advisory Committee	February 3, 2015	4:30 p.m.	
French as a Second Language Advisory Committee	April 21, 2015	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Mental Health and Wellbeing Advisory Group	February 3, 2015	4:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Special Education Advisory Committee	January 15, 2015	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
STSCO Governance Meeting	January 7, 2015	3:30 p.m.	STSCO Offices
Student Council Liaison Committee	December 16, 2014	4:00 p.m.	Seminar Room
CONFERENCES AND EVENTS (chronological order)			
Priests/Principals Meeting, St. Anne's Parish Hall	November 26, 2014	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	St. Anne's Parish Hall
System Learning Day – Catholic Education in a Digital World	November 28, 2014		
Centre of Success Completion Ceremony	January 15, 2015	1:00 p.m.	Durham College, Oshawa
Ministry of Education Trustee Orientation Session	January 15, 2015 (tentative)		
Ontario Catholic School Trustee' Association – Catholic Trustee's Professional Development Seminar	January 16-17, 2015		Mississauga
Catholic Education Week – “Exploring Paths of Joy”	May 3-8, 2015		
Ontario Catholic Youth Day, Province-Wide Mass	May 7, 2015		
Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association Annual General Meeting	June 11, 2015		St. John's, Newfoundland
Centre for Success Completion Ceremony	June 17, 2015	3:00 p.m.	Fleming College, Peterborough
Centre for Success Completion Ceremony	June 18, 2015	1:00 p.m.	Durham College, Oshawa

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