

From the

BOARDROOM



A Bulletin from the Director of Education



Peterborough Victoria
Northumberland and Clarington
Catholic District School Board

At the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 7:30 p.m., the Trustees:

Heard:

- Mary Hegarty, Applied Behaviour Analysis Facilitator, Special Education Services, and Violet Neheli, Principal, St. Francis of Assisi School, Newcastle, re Fitness Friends. Violet introduced the program as an ideal way for students of all abilities to get active-together. The program promotes active, healthy opportunities, increases awareness of inclusive sport/recreational activities, and develops peer networks. Mary described how the program is initiated in schools and related some personal stories from students and parents regarding the benefits of the 'Fitness Friends' program.
- Dale Godin, Superintendent of Schools; Nancy Sharpe, Manager of Communications and Freedom of Information/Protection of Privacy; and Dan Durst, Teacher; Justin Beaudoin, Grade 12 Student, Holy Cross Secondary School, Peterborough, re Secondary School Video Essay on Tolerance. Dale Godin spoke about the Ontario Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy that was launched in April 2009 to help educators across the province better identify and remove discriminatory biases and systemic barriers to student achievement. Nancy Sharpe explained the development of the 'Tolerance Project' and the partnership with Fleming College-Applied Marketing students. She introduced Holy Cross teacher Dan Durst who identified the process for the development of the video essay and introduced Justin Beaudoin, a grade 12 student at Holy Cross, who created the production. Justin presented the 16 minute video that interprets and demonstrates student insight into the term 'tolerance'.
- Nancy McCarthy, Former Principal, and Brian Desbiens, Former President of Sir Sandford Fleming College, re Student Support Leadership Initiative. Brian outlined the Student Support Leadership Initiative of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Child and Youth Services. Nancy explained that school boards and community agencies have been asked to work together to establish or enhance local partnerships in geographic clusters to better meet the needs of children, youth, and their families through collaborate planning, coordination of services, and referrals. The Board was asked for their input on this initiative.

Approved:

- The proposed Holy Trinity Secondary School, Courtice, trip to Italy from March 11 to 19, 2010.
- That the Board approve Honoraria for Board Members as outlined in the report contained in the agenda for the period December 1, 2009 to November 30, 2010.
- That the Board Chairperson and Vice-chairperson be authorized to attend the 2010 Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Seminar for Chairs, Vice-chairs, and Directors of Education being held on January 15 and 16, 2010 in Toronto.
- That the Board approve the payment of the 2009-2010 Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association membership fees in the amount of \$60,963.00
- That the Board approve the payment of \$917.09 for membership in the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA-AÉCO) for 2009-2010.
- Recommendations from the Human Resources Committee:
 - that the hiring of the following probationary teachers effective the dates as listed below be approved, and that the offers be conditional upon the Board's receipt of current (2009) certification from the Ontario College of Teachers or Letters of Permission approved by the Ontario Ministry of Education.

NAME	HIRE DATE	SCHOOLS/WORK LOCATION(S)
MUNICIPALITY of CLARINGTON		
Carole Hendriks	09/21/2009	St. Joseph Elementary, Bowmanville
NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY		
Maureen Kawzenuk	09/29/2009	St. Mary Elementary, Campbellford
Kevin Read	09/23/2009	St. Joseph Elementary, Cobourg
PETERBOROUGH CITY & COUNTY		
Sarah Chapman	09/18/2009	St. Paul Elementary, Peterborough <u>and</u> St. Joseph Elementary, Douro
Derek Hennessey	09/23/2009	Msgr. O'Donoghue Elementary, Peterborough
Maureen Kawzenuk	09/29/2009	St. Paul Elementary, Norwood
Caitlin O'Toole	09/24/2009	St. Paul Elementary, Peterborough
Amy Van Will	09/17/2009	St. Paul Elementary, Norwood

Accepted:

- With regret, the resignation of James Brown, Finance Officer, Education Centre, Peterborough, effective October 30, 2009.
- With regret, the resignation of Richard Seggie, Law/Canadian &/World Issues/Philosophy Teacher, St. Mary's Secondary School, Peterborough, effective January 31, 2010.

Highlights of System Achievements:

- The following highlights of system achievements:

St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School - Peterborough

Congratulations to Chris Burgess, a grade 3 student at St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School in Peterborough, for winning the 'Be Heard Anti-Bullying Coalition' poster contest organized by the Canadian Red Cross. The contest was launched to get school children to portray what a bully-free environment looked like. Chris's poster will be distributed in the community to raise awareness of the coalition and its goal. Good job Chris.

PVNC Catholic Education Centre – Communication Services

Congratulations to the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board – Communication Services for winning six Bravo Awards from the Canadian Association of Communicators in Education (CACE). The national organization recognizes projects that demonstrate excellence in research, planning, execution and evaluation.

Awards of Distinction were presented to the Board for the following projects:

- Intensive French DVD/CD
- Pathways to Success 16 X 16 Video and Micro Scripts
- OYAP Bulletin
- IPRC Rehab Training Tool for Principals
- Tolerance – Learn Teach Share
- Pandemic H1N1 Flu Plan and Communication Plan

The BRAVO! Awards Program showcases Canada's best work in the field of educational communications and provides the opportunity to be recognized by fellow members and colleagues for outstanding work.

Judging of the Bravo! awards is done by a panel of public relations/communications practitioners outside of the field of education. Judges scored each submission and evaluated the entry based on the information supplied in the entry package, including all supporting documentation provided. Winners were determined by consultation of the results from three judges.

Communications Department staff members Jenny Leahy, Administrative Assistant, Andrea Bradley, Secretary and Graphic Designer, and Nancy Sharpe, Manager of Communications and Freedom of Information/Protection of Privacy, were presented with the awards at the Annual CACE Conference held October 4th to 6th in Montreal, Quebec.

St. Teresa Catholic Elementary School - Peterborough

Students and staff in St. Teresa Catholic Elementary School in Peterborough were selected to take part in the kick-off for International Walk to School Day held on Wednesday, October 6, 2009. Caped, guitar-toting Cool Captain Climate, along with members of the Peterborough Pete's Hockey Club, joined hundreds of St. Teresa students to mark the special day organized by the Active and Safe Routes to School Committee. Way to keep active, St. Teresa.

Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School, Cobourg

Congratulations to Notre Dame students Dustan Rawley, Vanessa Lalonde, Evan Parsons-Rightmyer, Matteo Oliva, Jonathan Roussy, Hannah Bryant, Ryan Bates, Sarah Wilhelm, and Brennan March for receiving honours from the Cobourg Legion Branch 133 for being the Most Improved Students in the School. Principal Cathy Dykeman joined representatives from the Legion and parents, friends, and grandparents at the recent awards ceremony. Well done students and keep up the good work.

Future Meetings and Events:

MEETINGS			
Board Meetings	Tues. Nov. 24, 2009	7:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Chairperson's Committee	Mon. Nov. 16, 2009	3:30 p.m.	Director's Office
Governance Committee	Mon. Nov. 9, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Human Resources Committee	Tues. Nov. 17, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Meeting Room 'A'
Policy Development Committee	Tues. Nov. 3, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
COMMITTEE MEETINGS			
Pathways Steering Committee	Wed. Oct. 28, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Eco Steering Committee	Thurs. Oct. 29, 2009	2:00 p.m.	Trent Eco Centre
Aboriginal Education Steering Committee	Tues. Nov. 3, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Meeting Room 'A'
Communications, Freedom of Information/Protection of Privacy and Records Management Ad-hoc Committee	Wed. Nov. 11, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Boardroom
Special Education Advisory Committee	Thurs. Nov. 19, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Pope John Paul II, Lindsay

District Catholic School Council (Parent Involvement Committee)	Wed. Nov. 25, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Family Life & Religious Education Committee	Mon. Jan. 18, 2010	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Safe Schools Action Team Committee	Wed. Jan. 20, 2010	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Numeracy Steering Committee	Mon. Feb. 1, 2010	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
French as a Second Language Advisory Committee	Mon. Mar. 1, 2010	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Literacy Steering Committee	Mon. Mar. 29, 2010	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Accessibility for All Committee	To be determined		
Student Council Liaison Committee	To be determined		
Fair Trade Purchasing for Student Clothing Ad-hoc Committee	To be determined		
Joint Diocesan/Board Sacrament Committee	To be determined		
Information Technology Planning Committee	To be determined		
OTHER MEETINGS, CONFERENCES AND EVENTS			
Joint CYS-EDU Autism Town Hall	Wed. Oct. 28, 2009	6:45 p.m.	Holy Family, Bowmanville
Annual Board Retirement Dinner	Fri. Oct. 30, 2009	5:30 p.m.	Rock Haven Motel and Convention Centre
Trustee School Visit	Thurs. Dec. 3, 2009	9:00 a.m.	Holy Family, Bowmanville

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