



From the

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A Bulletin from the Director of Education



Peterborough Victoria
Northumberland and Clarington
Catholic District School Board

**At the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.,
the Trustees:**

Heard:

- A presentation from Christine Dunn, Board Chairperson, re the Stations of the Cross. Christine presented Father Luis Lapinid and Father Craig Cruikshank with a set of the Stations of the Cross for the new chapel at the rectory at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains. This gift is in recognition of the celebration of the Year for Priests and in appreciation for the outstanding support of the priests in the diocese.

- A presentation from Ms. Yvette McCartney, OECTA Representative/Teacher, St. Mary's Secondary School, Cobourg; Wendy Skan, CUPE Representative/Educational Assistant, Holy Trinity Secondary School, Courtice; and Joe Kennedy, Principals/Vice-principals' Association Representative/Vice-principal, St. Mary's Secondary School, Cobourg, re Catholic Leadership Development Series. Staff shared participant data for the last four years. The program for 2009/2010 was presented and trustees were thanked for supporting the program and invited to attend the sessions.

- A presentation from Peter Crane, Religious Education and Family Life Consultant, re Grade 10 Civics Course Module - Stewards of the Gift. Peter gave the background for the development of the curriculum, outlined the design features, content, and identified the implementation plans. Trustees reviewed one module and discussed the content.

- A presentation from Greg Reeves, Superintendent of Schools and Learning Support Services, re 2009 Summer School. Greg highlighted the statistics for Summer School 2009 identifying enrolment and number of credits attempted and achieved at each Summer School location.

- A presentation from Ron McNamara, Superintendent of Schools/Human Resource Services re enrolment and staffing statistics. The Board has 9,418 elementary students and 5,518 secondary students, totalling 14,928 students. Of the 24 teachers declared redundant in June, 2009, 23 have been recalled to permanent positions. Fifteen (15) teachers have retired and/or resigned and 11 new teachers have been hired. All educational assistants declared redundant in June, 2009 have been recalled to assignments.

- A presentation from Ron McNamara, Superintendent of Schools and Human Resource Services; Greg Reeves, Superintendent of Schools and Learning Support Services; Sandra Connolly, MISA Lead and Consultant, re EQAO Results. Sandra reviewed the results and highlighted the success and areas for needed improvement. She compared the Board results with the provincial results. Our results were good news for the Board.
- A presentation from Nancy Sharpe, Manager of Communications and Freedom of Information/Protection of Privacy, re H1N1 Preparedness. Nancy gave an update on the Board's preparedness for a potential pandemic. Board involvement with local Public Health Units, Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Education were presented and next steps for plan implementation were highlighted.
- A presentation from John Mackle, Director of Education, re School Graduations (Brochure/Secondary Awards). John distributed a handout indicating that 1,207 students graduated in June 2009. Three hundred and thirty-three (333) students received bursaries, 33 received medals, 26 received certificates, and 15 received gifts. The top two students in each secondary school and their marks were presented on the handout.

Approved:

- The proposed Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School, Peterborough, trip to Honduras, from April 15-25, 2010.
- The School Level Identification, Placement and Review Committees for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Recommendations from the Governance Committee.
 - that trustees wishing to do so be authorized to attend the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Fall Regional Meeting being held on October 6, 2009 in Nepean.
 - that administration review Policy 204/Administrative Procedure AP-FIN-204, Purchasing, and Policy 208/Administrative Procedure AP-FIN-208, Reimbursement for Expenditures Incurred on Board Business, for compliance with Memorandum 2008: B8, Trustee Expenditure Guideline,
and,
 - that any necessary revisions be drafted and reviewed with the Policy Development Committee.
- That the Board send the parents or guardians of our secondary school students who are to receive the Father Patrick Fogarty Award and the Board Chairperson, or her designate, to the Catholic Education Foundation of Ontario Father Patrick Fogarty 26th Annual Awards Dinner on October 24, 2009 in Toronto.
- Recommendations from the Human Resources Committee:
 - that the Board approve the hiring of the following probationary teachers effective the dates as listed below, 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
MUNICIPALITY of CLARINGTON		
Shannon Herlihey	September 1, 2009	St. Elizabeth Elementary, Bowmanville
Derek Love	September 1, 2009	Holy Trinity Secondary, Courtice
Danielle Sinacori	September 1, 2009	Good Shepherd Elementary, Courtice
NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY		
Emily Brown	September 1, 2009	St. Mary's Secondary, Cobourg
Joel Kightley	September 1, 2009	St. Mary's Secondary, Cobourg
PETERBOROUGH CITY & COUNTY		
Jennifer Bates	September 9, 2009	St. Anne Elementary, Peterborough
Andrena Finn	September 1, 2009	St. Peter's Secondary Peterborough

■ Recommendations from the Policy Development Committee:

- that revised Policy 401 and Administrative Procedure AP-HS-401, Administration of Medication Procedures or Health Support Services, and Emergency Response, be approved.
- that draft revised Policy 406 and Administrative Procedure AP-HS-406, Accessibility and Barrier Free, be posted for consultation as amended.
- that Policy 810 and Administrative Procedure AP-S-810, Out-of-School Activities, be approved as revised.
- that Policy 105, School Sites - Operating Budget Surplus, be approved.
- that Policy 106 and Administrative Procedure AP-FAC-106, Alternative Arrangements for School Facilities, be approved.
- that Policy 107, Subdivision and Residential Plan Review, be approved.
- that Policy 108 and Administrative Procedure AP-FAC-108, School Site Selection, be approved.

Deferred to the October 27, 2009 Board Meeting:

- that revised Policy 407 and Administrative Procedure AP-HS-407, Staff Safety with Students with Special Needs, be approved as revised.
- that Policy 804 and Administrative Procedure AP-S-804, Physical Intervention with Students, be approved.

Accepted:

- With regret, the resignation of Parimeeta Shah, Teacher, effective June 24, 2009.

- With regret, the resignation of Lucie Levêque, French Immersion Teacher, St. Dominic Catholic Elementary School, Lindsay, effective August 31, 2009.

Highlights of System Achievements:

- The following highlights of system achievements:

St. Mary's Catholic Elementary School - Campellford

Congratulations to the students and staff at St. Mary's Elementary School in Campbellford for receiving the first ever Mary Cook Inclusive Education Award from the Community Living Association of Campbellford and Brighton (CLCB). The award recognizes "an individual or organization who demonstrates strong leadership in Inclusive Education and partnership with students, parents, educators and the community".

The award recognizes an individual or group who has supported human rights and equality "by promoting and advocating for inclusive education for all, including people with intellectual disabilities".

"St. Mary's was chosen because of the leadership it has shown in this area in providing "very positive and supportive approaches at all levels which promote inclusion and respect for all," said Nancy Brown, Executive Director for the organization. She noted that students with intellectual disabilities who attend St. Mary's are encouraged "to be actively involved in all academic and extracurricular activities on a regular basis."

The Community Living Association of Campbellford and Brighton introduced the new award in memory of one of their founding members, Mary Cook.

Mary Cook had a vision for inclusive education for people with intellectual disabilities. In the late 50's if a child had an intellectual disability, the opportunity for obtaining services was extremely limited in the Campbellford area. She challenged this gap and in January 1960, as a result of her efforts, the President of the Ontario Association for Community Living held a public meeting at the Parish Hall in Campbellford. The response was overwhelming with 58 interested people attending the meeting. In April of 1960, the Community Living of Campbellford/Brighton Association was formed with their first project; the opening of the first school for intellectually disabled children in Northumberland County. Eleven children from ages 7-16 attended and in January of 1968, the Ministry of Education assumed responsibility for the school's operation.

"Our agency has had many opportunities to work closely with St. Mary's Elementary School, over the last few years," states Ms. Brown. "This school has always provided very positive and supportive approaches at all levels which promote inclusion and respect for all. We have been very impressed with St. Mary's vision and attitude towards the importance of inclusive education. As a result of St. Mary's ongoing support and dedication, the community has become not only one of the most inclusive communities in Ontario, but we also have some of the highest statistics of people within our community being informed of the needs of people with intellectual disabilities. This has proven to be very effective when advocating for change and opportunities for the people we support, making St. Mary's the successful winner of the 1st Mary Cook Inclusive Education Award."

PVNC Catholic Education Centre – Computer Services

Students and teachers at our Catholic schools now have access to the global grid of advanced research and education networks, with new connections to the Ontario Research and Innovation Optical Network (ORION), thanks to the work of Superintendent of Schools, Greg Reeves, and Sean Heuchert, Manager of Information Technology.

ORION currently connects approximately 960,000 elementary and secondary school students across the province. By connecting, schools can enjoy enhanced quality videoconferencing when participating in the many distance learning programs offered by Canada's leading cultural and educational organizations, such as the Virtual Researcher on Call (VROC) program, the Royal Ontario Museum, the Canadian Museum of Nature, and the Canadian Space Agency.

“We are very excited about connecting our students to the ORION super fast global network,” states Sean Heuchert, Manager of Information Technology. “This resource puts our students at the cutting edge and gives them access to learning opportunities never before possible. Our school board is the 22nd Ontario school board to connect to ORION.”

The Ontario Research and Innovation Optical Network (ORION), a not-for-profit organization, is Ontario's ultra high-speed research and education network. It connects all of Ontario's universities, most colleges, several medical and other public research facilities and a growing number of school boards to one another, as well as to CANARIE, Canada's advanced network organization, and to the global grid of research and education networks. Stretching 5,800 kilometres over 21 communities throughout Ontario, ORION connects over 1.3 million Ontario researchers, scientists, students, teachers, and staff to critical infrastructure for research, education, and innovation.

“We welcome PVNCCDSB to ORION and look forward to seeing more students access the rich educational resources available over the network,” added Phil Baker, ORION President and CEO. “With each board, we move closer to our goal of providing all of Ontario's K-12 students with access to ORION and the advanced resources and capabilities it enables.”

St. Peter's Secondary School - Peterborough

Students and staff in the St. Peter's Secondary Culinary Program worked extremely hard preparing for the 2009-2010 Peterborough and District United Way Kick Off breakfast. A week prior to the event, top of the line food products and supplies were delivered to the state of the art industrial kitchen at St. Peter's Secondary School. Under the direction of their culinary teacher, Chef Catherine Austrich, junior and senior culinary students baked scrumptious quiche and pastries, and carved delightful fruit and vegetable creations for the September 17 breakfast event. Industrious cooking and baking went on every day leading up to the 5:00 a.m. start at the Evinrude Centre. The breakfast served 450 people, raising money for the United Way Peterborough Campaign.

“Catering an event of this magnitude is an immense authentic culinary learning and teaching activity,” states Catherine Austrich, Curriculum Chair of Family Studies/Hospitality Programs. “Most importantly, St Peter's Culinary Program is serving the community and this kick off breakfast promises to be the best yet, without a doubt!”

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This year, the Battle of the Books was once again a huge success with 23 elementary schools participating in the event. 280 team members and over 400 students read as an extracurricular activity. The five regional battles were won by Good Shepherd Catholic Elementary School, Courtice, St. Dominic Catholic Elementary School, Lindsay, St. Michael Catholic Elementary School, Cobourg, and St. Paul, Monsignor O'Donoghue, and St. Teresa Catholic Elementary Schools, Peterborough, in the wild card spot.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Elementary School - Newcastle

St. Francis of Assisi blessed a new crucifix at their yearend outdoor liturgy in June. The school received the cross from the St. Stephen's Secondary School Construction Technology class taught by Chad deLaplante.

Staff and students at St. Francis of Assisi look forward to using the beautiful cross to begin school liturgies and prayer services for years to come.

“The craftsmanship and wood design are exemplary and the cross has been receiving a warm reception and positive accolades from guests and members of the school alike,” says Mark Collins, Vice Principal. “Sincere thanks and notes of appreciation go out to the students in Mr. Chad deLaplante's class who constructed the cross.”

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Elementary School - Newcastle

Students and staff from St. Francis of Assisi recently participated in “Bowl for Kids.” The students collected pledges and they went bowling for an afternoon at Liberty Bowl. Teacher/co-ordinator, Liz Punshon says that the money raised through this event helps to fund the programs offered by Big Brothers and Sisters of Clarington. For the fourth year in a row St. Francis of Assisi was the top fundraiser in Clarington, raising \$4,187. Great job to all involved.

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Congratulations to the following Provincial winners in the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association Young Authors Writing Contest:

- Donnie MacIntyre, Grade 3-4 French Short Story, St. Joseph's, Bowmanville
- Alexandra Van Mil, Grade 1-2 French Poem, St. Joseph's, Bowmanville
- Zoey Smith, JK-SK Nonfiction Report in French, St. Joseph's, Bowmanville
- Emily McCarthy Grade 7-8 Play in English, Good Shepherd, Courtice
- LèShaun Bernett, Grade 3-4 Poem in French, St. Joseph's, Bowmanville
- Vanessa Kraus, Grade 7-8 Nonfiction French Category, AND the Grade 7-8 Poem English, St. Catherine, Peterborough
- Rosalie Byrnes, Grade 9-10 Poem for French, St. Mary's, Cobourg
- Marie-Eve Pomerleau, Grade 9-10 Short Story in French, St. Mary's, Cobourg

Provincial winners received a plaque and their entry was published in a commemorative book produced by OECTA.

St. Catherine Catholic Elementary School - Peterborough

Megan Piché, a student in teacher Adam White's class, was awarded a provincial award by the Knights of Columbus for winning at the provincial level in the Knights of Columbus substance abuse poster contest. Initially entered in the St. Alphonsus Parish Knights of Columbus contest back in January, Megan won locally and proceeded to the provincial level. Her poster raised awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

“It is remarkable for our students to win at the provincial level, as this means they have first been selected at the school and then the unit levels,” says teacher Adam White. “The staff at St. Catherine’s is very proud of our students”.

PVNC Winners of the Canada Day Essay Contest

Each year, the Rotary Club of Peterborough has organized an essay writing challenge for young Canadians between 10 and 14 years of age (Grades 4 to 8). The essay must be between 200 and 300 words in length, and should answer the question “What does it mean to me, to be a Canadian?”.

Winners from PVNCCDSB in the 2009 contest were:

- 1st Place Intermediate: Emily Frost; Gr. 8, St. Paul Elementary School, Lakefield
- 1st Place Intermediate: Rene Marchesich; Gr. 8, St. Paul Elementary School, Lakefield
- 1st Place Junior: Alexandra Ralph; Gr. 6, St. Anne’s Elementary School, Peterborough

A number of other PVNCCDSB students also received prizes for Honourable mention.

The event is sponsored by the Black Family of Peterborough who donates all awards in honour of the late Isadore Black, who was the event creator and honoured Rotarian.

Winners and their families joined the Rotary Club of Peterborough for a complimentary buffet lunch at the Holiday Inn Peterborough Waterfront, where they had an opportunity to recite their essays. After lunch, bicycles and iPods were officially awarded. The award recipients and their essays, as well as a list of participants, will be featured on the Rotary website (www.clubrunner.ca).

Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario

Congratulations to Joel Sloggett, Chief Administrative Officer for Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario (STSCO), for being honoured with a 2009 Pinnacle Award by the Association of Business Officials International (ASBO). The award will be presented to Joel on October 25, 2009 during the Pinnacle Awards Ceremony at ASBO International’s Annual Meeting and Exhibits in Chicago, Illinois.

Sponsored by Virco Inc. since 1993, ASBO International’s Pinnacle Awards are presented annually to four school business administrators who have developed outstanding, innovative practices and new ideas that benefit school entities and the profession of school business management. As a Pinnacle of Achievement Award honouree, Joel will receive \$1,000 and a crystal Pinnacle Award.

Joel’s project, entitled “Transportation Service Provider Performance Monitoring: An Encompassing Approach to Ensuring Accountability”, rates transportation service companies in terms of seven key categories: contract compliance; operator reviews; DMV inspections; routine audits; on-time performance; customer interaction; and student bus evacuation/safety training. During the two years of the monitoring system’s use, average ratings for service providers have risen from 81% to 85%.

Congratulations Joel.

St. Anne Catholic Elementary School - Peterborough

Congratulations to 10 year old Kristian Paschalis, a grade 5 student from St. Anne who became a star this summer. Kristian participated in the Peterborough Top Talent Competition with over one hundred competitors and he made it to the top 16 finalists. He will find out on September 21, 2009 if he has won the event and will be performing at Showplace Peterborough. In addition, Kristian entered the Rising Star Competition in Toronto and again made it to the semi-finals, placing 6th out of 16 in the finals. Kristian is the son of St. Anne's teacher, Tessa Desouza and her husband Nick Paschalis. Kristian will be performing at the Board's United Way Kick-off on September 30, 2009 which is being held at the Kawartha Golf and Country Club in Peterborough. Well done, Kristian.

Future Meetings and Events:

Meetings			
Board Meetings	Tues. Oct. 27, 2009	7:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Chairperson’s Committee	Mon. Oct. 19, 2009	3:30 p.m.	Director’s Office
Governance Committee	Tues. Oct. 13, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Human Resources Committee	Tues. Oct. 20, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Meeting Room ‘A’
Policy Development Committee	Tues. Nov. 3, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Committee Meetings			
Special Education Advisory Committee	Thurs. Oct. 22, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Holy Family, Bowmanville
District Catholic School Council (Parent Involvement Committee)	Wed. Nov. 25, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom

General Assembly of Catholic School Council Chairpersons	Wed. Oct. 14, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Holy Cross Secondary, Peterborough
Eco Steering Committee	Thurs. Oct. 29, 2009	2:30 p.m.	Trent Eco Centre
Family Life & Religious Education Committee	Mon. Oct. 19, 2009 Yet to be confirmed	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Pathways Steering Committee	Wed. Oct. 28, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Numeracy Steering Committee	Mon. Oct. 26, 2009	7:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Literacy Steering Committee	Mon. Oct. 26, 2009	5:45 p.m.	Boardroom
Accessibility for All Committee	TBD		
Student Council Liaison Committee	TBD		
French as a Second Language Advisory Committee	Tues. Sept. 29, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Safe Schools Action Team Committee	Wed. Oct. 14, 2009	7:00pm	TBD
Aboriginal Education Steering Committee	Tues. Nov. 3, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Meeting Room 'A'
Ad-hoc Committee to Review the Community Use of Board Facilities	TBD		
Fair Trade Purchasing for Student Clothing Ad-hoc Committee	TBD		
Joint Diocesan/Board Sacrament Committee	TBD		
Communications, Freedom of Information/Protection of Privacy and Records Management Ad-hoc Committee	Wed. Nov. 11, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Boardroom
Information Technology Planning Committee	TBD		
Other meetings, conferences and events			
Trustee School Visit	Wed. Oct. 7, 2009	9:00 a.m.	Immaculate Conception, Peterborough

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

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