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# 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, March 24, 2009 at 7:30 p.m., the Trustees:**

**Heard:**

- A presentation from Brenda Stonehouse, Communications Officer, City of Kawartha Lakes, and Wally Nugent, volunteer re Initiative to Promote the 2010 Olympics. Brenda gave an overview of the Olympic Torch Relay initiative for the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. She encouraged individuals to apply to participate as a torch bearer. A request was made to the Board to have our Catholic elementary schools in the City of Kawartha Lakes participate in the community celebrations. St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School has been involved in the Community celebration announcement event and will be participating in an arts project and parade float project along with the other secondary schools in the area.
- Ms. Nancy Guillemette, Curriculum Consultant, and Ms. Christina Maschas-Hammond, ESL/ELL Resource Teacher, re English as a Second Language (ESL) and English Language Learners (ELL). Staff defined an English Language Learner, and described Ministry funded and non-funded English Language Learners. The nationalities of the English Language Learners within our system were identified in a graphic and 2008-2009 Board data was shared demonstrating the support these students receive in each division. Future plans for the program were highlighted including a partnership with the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board and Citizen and Immigration Canada.
- Mr. Greg Reeves, Superintendent of Schools/Student Success/Information Technology, and Mr. Sean Heuchert, Manager of Information Technology, re Fast Forward Update. Staff gave an overview of the status of the project and identified the success pieces. Results of a teacher survey on computer usage in the classroom was shared and the benefits of the increased use by teachers was highlighted.

**Accepted:**

- With regret, the resignation of Denise Williams, Secretary, St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, Lindsay, effective April 3, 2009.
- With regret, the resignations of Susan Musclow, Principal, St. Alphonsus Catholic Elementary School, Peterborough; Karen Reeves, Principal, St. Martin Catholic Elementary School, Ennismore; and Paul McManus, Principal, St. Catherine Catholic Elementary School, Peterborough, effective June 30, 2009.

**Authorized:**

- Sponsoring four parents and the Board Chairperson, or her designate, to attend the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education 2009 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual General Meeting and Conference being held May 22, 23, and 24, 2009 in Toronto.

**Approved:**

- The proposed Holy Trinity Secondary School, Courtice, Trip to Dublin, Ohio, from September 3 to 5, 2009.
- The proposed St. Peter's Secondary School, Peterborough, Exchange to Bar-le-Duc, Lorraine, France, from March 5 to 19, 2010.
- The following recommendations from the Governance Committee:
  - that trustees wishing to do so be authorized to attend the Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association Convention 2009 being held June 4, 5, and 6, 2009 in Victoria, BC.
  - that the Board recommend to the Ministry of Education the proposed 2009-2010 School Year Calendars for approval, as follows:
    - School Year - September 1, 2009 - June 29, 2010
    - Professional Activity Days
      - September 25, 2009
      - October 9, 2009
      - November 20, 2009
      - December 4, 2009 (Elementary only)
      - January 29, 2010 (Secondary only)
      - April 23, 2010
      - June 29, 2010
    - Christmas Break
      - December 21, 2009 - January 1, 2010
    - March Break
      - March 12, 15 -19, 2010
    - Exam Days (Secondary only)
      - January 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 2010
      - June 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 2010

- The following recommendations from the Policy Development Committee:
  - that Policy 302 and Administrative Procedure AP-FOI-302, Custody and Access to Students by Parents/Guardians, be approved as amended.
  - that Policy 403 and Administrative Procedure AP-HS-403, Emergency Preparedness, be approved as amended.
  - that draft Policy 810 and Administrative Procedure AP-S-810, Out-of-School Activities, be posted for consultation as amended.

### **Acknowledged:**

- The following highlights of system achievements:

#### **St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, Lindsay**

The Olympic Spirit has caught on in Lindsay and St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School will be taking an active part in the promotion.

Recently, the Olympic Torch Task Force announced that the four city of Kawartha Lakes Secondary Schools have joined in the planning of this once in a generation event.

The Art Departments from the Secondary Schools of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic, Fenelon Falls, I. E. Weldon, and Lindsay Collegiate have undertaken to produce life sized paper mache sports figures representing Olympic sporting events. The students of these schools have committed to producing two figures each by the end of May 2009. The figures will be used throughout the summer and fall to promote the arrival of the Olympic Torch in Lindsay at noon on Wednesday, December 16, 2009. On the day the Torch arrives the figures will decorate the main stage area of the downtown event.

Mayor Ric McGee personally thanked the students for their commitment to this event when he recently toured the schools. Mayor McGee said, "I am so proud of the participation of our local young people and welcome the opportunity to thank them personally."

This project is supported by the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay Community Task Force, Home Building Centre in Lindsay, and The Lindsay Post.

#### **Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board**

Congratulations to students, staff, Trustees, and retirees for their contributions to the United Way Campaign. The approximately \$70,400.00 raised through payroll deductions, cash/cheque donations, and special events exceeded our Board goal. Thank you to all those who contributed. Our communities and the families will benefit greatly from your generosity.

**Acknowledged (cont'd):**

**Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School and St. Peter's Secondary School, Peterborough**

Students, staff, and parent volunteers from Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School and St. Peter's Secondary School were recognized recently in a letter from the Kawartha Rotary Club for their participation in the 2008 Earth Day Spring Clean Up. "The event was a great success due to the participation of area secondary school students," stated Wendy Swain, Event Co-ordinator, Kawartha Rotary Club.

The students have been invited to participate in the 2009 event. They will be cleaning area roads, parks, and other green spaces and then transported to Millennium Park for an Earth Day celebration which will include lunch, live music, and prizes.

Congratulations to Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School and St. Peter's Secondary School. Their involvement in this event will result in cleaner parks and roads, and raise awareness about our environment and Earth Day.

**Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board - Catholic Education Centre**

Director of Education, John Mackle, was recently announced as co-chairperson of this year's Peterborough and District United Way Campaign with his wife Susan.

John has been involved with the United Way for 21 years, spending one year on the campaign cabinet as a representative from the education sector.

Susan has extensive fund-raising and community development experience with Trent University and in the private sector. She served as vice-president of advancement at Trent University for 17 years before leaving the institution in December 2005.

John and Susan have already begun work on the 2009 campaign, and are currently putting together a campaign cabinet and trying to come up with a theme for this year's campaign.

"Both Susan and I are honoured that we were asked to serve as co-chairs for the 2009 campaign in Peterborough and District," he said. "We are happy to serve the community."

Congratulations John and Susan.

**Future Meetings and Events:**

<b>MEETINGS</b>					
Board Meetings	Tues.	April 28	2009	7:30 p.m.	Boardroom
	Tues.	May 26	2009	7:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Chairperson's Committee	Mon.	Apr. 20	2009	3:30 p.m.	Director's Office
Governance Committee	Mon.	Apr. 14	2009	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Human Resources Committee	Tues.	Apr. 21	2009	6:30 p.m.	Meeting Room 'A'
Policy Development Committee	Tues.	Apr. 7	2009	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
<b>COMMITTEE MEETINGS</b>					
Special Education Advisory Committee	Thurs.	Mar. 26	2009	7:00 p.m.	Boardroom
	and Thurs.	Apr. 16	2009	7:00 p.m.	
Numeracy Steering Committee	Mon.	Mar. 30	2009	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Literacy Steering Committee	Mon.	May. 4	2009	6:30 p.m.	Meeting Room 'A'
Accessibility for All Committee	Tues.	Apr. 7	2009	9:30 a.m.	Meeting Room 'A'
Catholic Leadership Development Series - "Pulling It All Together"	Tues.	April 21	2009		St. Peter's Secondary School, Peterborough
Student Council Liaison Committee	To be determined in April, 2009				St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, Lindsay
French as a Second Language Advisory Committee	Tues.	May 12	2009	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Safe Schools Action Team Committee	Wed.	May 13	2009	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Eco Steering Committee	Thurs.	May 14	2009	2:30 p.m.	Meeting Room 'A'
Family Life & Religious Education Committee	Tues.	May 19	2009	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
District Catholic School Council (Parent Involvement Committee)	Tues.	June 9	2009	7:00 p.m.	Boardroom
Aboriginal Education Steering Committee	To be determined				

<b>COMMITTEE MEETINGS (cont'd)</b>			
Pathways Steering Committee	To be determined		
Ad-hoc Committee to Review the Community Use of Board Facilities	To be determined		
Fair Trade Purchasing for Student Clothing Ad-hoc Committee	To be determined		
Joint Diocesan/Board Sacrament Committee	To be determined		
Communications, Freedom of Information/Protection of Privacy and Records Management Ad-hoc Committee	To be determined		
Information Technology Planning Committee	To be determined		
<b>OTHER MEETINGS, CONFERENCES AND EVENTS</b>			
Trustee School Visits	Wed. Apr. 8 2009 and Wed. Apr. 29 2009		Notre Dame, Cobourg  St. Mary, Campbellford
Catholic Association of Religious and Family Life Educator's of Ontario Carleto Conference	April 28 and 29, 2009		Nottawasaga Inn, Alliston
"Imparting the Spirit" Catholic Student Leadership Awards	Wed. May 6 2009	7:00 p.m.	Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School, Peterborough
Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association 2009 Conference and Annual General Meeting	May 7, 8, and 9, 2009		Doubletree Hotel by Hilton, Toronto
The Canadian Forum on Theology and Education (formerly High School Forum)	May 7, 8 and 9, 2009		St. Jerome's University, Waterloo
Catholic School Council Chairpersons Recognition and Social Evening	Wed. May 20 2009		
Principal/Vice-Principal/Trustee Dinner	Thurs. May 28 2009		
Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association 2009 Convention	June 4, 5, and 6, 2009		The Fairmont Empress Hotel, Victoria, BC
Annual Board Retirement Dinner	Fri. Oct. 16 2009	5:30 p.m.	Rock Haven Motel and Convention Centre, Peterborough