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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, February 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.,  
the Trustees:**

**Heard:**

- A presentation from Christina Maschas-Hammond, ELL/ESL Resource Teacher, regarding English Language Learners. Christina described how the Board supports English Language Learners and said that recent data indicates that the Board is supporting 58 students at the present time. In addition, she highlighted the community supports for English Language Learners and their families.
- A presentation from Nancy Guillemette, Consultant – Learning Support Services, regarding First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Update. Nancy informed the Board that, to date, 49 students have self-identified due to the promotional materials and advertising strategies conducted by Communication Services. She identified the resources now available for teachers regarding First Nation, Metis and Inuit (FNMI) and discussed the training opportunities for teachers to learn about FNMI and share strategies to support and improve student achievement.
- A presentation from Nancy Guillemette, Consultant – Learning Support Services, regarding French as a Second Language. Nancy indicated that there are three French As A Second Language programs. These include Core French, Intensive /Post Intensive French, and French Immersion. There are 554 students involved in the French program and Ms. Guillemette outlined the levels students progress through to gain fluency in a second language. Professional development programs for teachers were highlighted and resources available to assist French As A Second Language students were identified.

**Approved:**

- The proposed Holy Cross Secondary School, Peterborough, trip to Honduras from April 15 to 25, 2010.
- The proposed Holy Trinity Secondary School, Courtice, trip to Arlington, Ohio, from September 9 to 11, 2010.
- The proposed St. Peter's Secondary School, Peterborough, trip to Springfield, Massachusetts, from April 15 to 18, 2010.
- That the Board recommend to the Ministry of Education the proposed 2010-2011 School Year Calendars for approval.

- The following recommendations to the Board from the Policy Development Committee:
  - that draft revised Policy 805 and Administrative Procedure AP-S-805, Dress Code – Students, be posted for consultation as revised.
  - that draft revised Policy 902 and Administrative Procedure AP-TECH-902, Student Acceptable Use of Technology, be posted for consultation as revised.
  - that draft revised Policy 903 and Administrative Procedure AP-TECH-903, Employee Acceptable Use of Technology, be posted for consultation as revised.
  - that draft Policy 904 and Administrative Procedure AP-TECH-904, Personal Network Devices, be posted for consultation as revised.
- 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 (2010) 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)
<b>MUNICIPALITY OF CLARINGTON</b>		
Lisa Beganyi	February 3, 2010	St. Stephen's Secondary, Bowmanville
<b>PETERBOROUGH CITY &amp; COUNTY</b>		
Krista McEwen	February 3, 2010	St. Peter's Secondary, Peterborough
Michelle McFadden	February 16, 2010	St. Teresa, Peterborough
Todd Richard	February 11, 2010	St. Catherine, Peterborough

**Accepted:**

- With regret, the resignation of Katherine Doner, Autism Spectrum Disorder Worker, Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School, Courtice, effective March 2, 2010.

**Acknowledged:**

The following highlights of system achievements:

**Monsignor Leo Cleary Catholic Elementary School - Courtice**

Special thanks to Kerri Langer, the school Librarian at Monsignor Leo Cleary, for applying to the environmental program called, "Earth Angels Tree Planting Program." The school will be receiving five 13 foot trees to plant on their school property.

On April 21st at 1:45pm, after a week long study as part of the library curriculum on the environment and human impact on the future of this planet, representatives from each grade will attend a special ceremony and tree planting event at the school. Special guests include the Mayor of Clarington, media representatives, parents, and representatives from the Darlington Nuclear Station.

Students and staff also thanked Darlington Nuclear Station, Telus, Honda Financial, and TD for sponsoring the program. The application was made in the fall and included a site plan, reasons why the school should be included, and a list of the environmental programs and initiatives implemented at the school. Well done Monsignor Leo Cleary and we will look forward to seeing your beautiful trees in the spring.

### **Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary School - Peterborough**

Congratulations to grade eight students Cameron Dodds, Devin Brandon, Mattie Driscoll, Bridget Commodore, and teacher Craig Smith at Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary School in Peterborough, who recently put their technology and design skills to the test at the Cardboard Boat Races.

On January 26, 2010, over 550 senior elementary students from across the province had the opportunity to design, build and paddle their way towards skilled trades' career exploration. Skills Canada–Ontario, a not-for-profit organization whose mandate is "to promote the skilled trades and technologies as viable first-choice career options to Ontario youth", hosted six Cardboard Boat Races in community centers and schools in Brantford, Toronto, Thunder Bay, Sutton, Ottawa, and Sturgeon Falls.

At the Black Creek Public School, in Sutton, 30 Cardboard Boat Race teams of four had just two hours to pull off the seemingly impossible design and construct a 'seaworthy' boat, using only two sheets of cardboard and duct tape. During the construction phase of the event, a team of judges from industry and education judged the teams on safety and cleanliness, planning and design, quality of construction, visual appeal, teamwork and team spirit, and knowledge of skilled trades. After lunch, the teams took their vessels to the pool where they raced each other in heats across a 25 metre expanse of water. Immediately following, the boats competed in the weight challenge, where the designs were tested as to the maximum number of team members the boat would hold before sinking. By the end of the weight challenge the boats were soggy and unrecognizable. Just like the boats, even the victorious competitors left looking soggy – but smiling ear to ear.

The event was also filmed by elementary video challenge teams. The students will submit their final edited films for judging in the weeks ahead.

The winning teams of the 2010 Elementary Cardboard Boat Race held in Sutton are as follows:

#### **Gold**

Immaculate Conception School, PVNC Catholic District School Board, Peterborough

#### **Silver**

Adam Scott Intermediate School, Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board, Peterborough

#### **Bronze**

St. Rose of Lima Catholic School, Toronto Catholic District School Board, Toronto

Special mention goes to St. Catherine Catholic Elementary School, Peterborough, who also had a team participating in the event.

### **St. Michael's Catholic Elementary School – Cobourg, and St. Mary Catholic Elementary School - Campbellford**

Two of our Northumberland County Catholic elementary schools are ready for another great year of literacy racing! The Northumberland Literacy Committee, together with corporate sponsor Cobourg Honda, and charitable donors the Cobourg Rotary Club, Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board's Parent Involvement Committee (PIC), and the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board, launched the second annual Great Literacy Race in Northumberland on Wednesday, January 27, 2010.

Over the next five weeks students in grades K to 6 will participate in plenty of fun literacy activities with their families. The more they do together, the more kilometres kids travel to win great prizes with their class team. There is something for everyone, including game playing, drawing, acting, rhyming, reading and writing too. The Great Literacy Race is designed to send the message that learning is fun while supporting those all-important, life-long literacy skills.

Over 3,200 students representing over 150 teams in both school boards have signed-up for the challenge and are ready to read. The Race format is designed to motivate students to read and write for fun.

The Race continues through to Wednesday, March 3, 2010. Participants will be celebrated at the Wrap-Up Party on Wednesday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Terry Fox Public School, 1065 Riddell Avenue, Cobourg.

Good luck to both our Catholic School Teams.

### **PVNC Catholic District School Board - Schools and Catholic Education Centre**

Many students in our Catholic schools may be too young to understand all of the devastation in Haiti, but they are old enough to know the people there need help.

The tragedy of the earthquake in Haiti is becoming ever so clear to us with each passing day. Our PVNC Catholic School community has responded, as it always does, with great charity and compassion. To date, our staff and our schools have been encouraged to participate in fundraising activities and we have linked with Development and Peace, which will forward funds raised to Caritas Internationalis, the Catholic Church's official relief agency. Caritas Internationalis is participating in the Canadian government's program to match funds raised, which makes our donations even more impactful.

To date, students, parents, school staff and staff at the Catholic Education Centre have donated and/or raised over \$63,000 to help earthquake victims in Haiti. This large amount of money raised so quickly after the quake killed, injured and left homeless hundreds of thousands on the Caribbean island is a reflection of the social and global conscience instilled in students at our Catholic schools. In addition, our teachers have used these fundraising events as teachable moments to share with our students and to illustrate that we are all part of one human family; a family loved by God.

### **St. Teresa Catholic Elementary School - Peterborough**

Congratulations to grade 5 student Sydney Conlin, who drew the cover picture for MP Dean Del Mastro's annual calendar contest. About 600 elementary school students submitted pictures for the contest, and 13 were selected. MP Del Mastro visited five area schools to hand out prizes and certificates to those who participated. Good job Sydney.

## Future Meetings and Events:

### MEETINGS

Board Meetings	Tues. Mar. 23, 2010	7:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Chairperson's Committee	Mon. Mar. 15, 2010	3:30 p.m.	Director's Office
Governance Committee	Mon. Mar. 8, 2010	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Human Resources Committee	Mon. Mar. 22, 2010	6:30 p.m.	Meeting Room 'A'
Policy Development Committee	Tues. Mar. 30, 2010	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Family Life & Religious Education Committee	Mon. April 26, 2010	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Special Education Advisory Committee	Thurs. Feb. 25, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Boardroom
District Catholic School Council (Parent Involvement Committee)	Wed. Feb. 24, 2010	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Communications, Freedom of Information/Protection of Privacy and Records Management Ad-hoc Committee	Wed. Mar. 3, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Boardroom
French as a Second Language Advisory Committee	Mon. Mar. 1, 2010	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Eco Steering Committee	Thurs. Mar. 4, 2010	1:30 p.m.	Meeting Room 'A'
Stewards of Catholic Education (formerly Friends and Advocates for Catholic Education (FACE) Committee)	Tues. Mar. 23, 2010	12:30 p.m.	To be determined
First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Committee	Tues. April 6, 2010	6:30 p.m.	Meeting Room 'A'
Safe Schools Action Team Committee	Wed. May 5, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Boardroom
Stewards of Catholic Education <b>Planning</b> Committee	Mon. May 17, 2010	2:00 p.m.	Boardroom
Accessibility for All Committee	Thurs. April 8, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Meeting Room 'A'
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		

Committee to Review the Community Use of Board Facilities	To be determined		
Equity and Inclusive Education Advisory Committee	Thurs. Mar. 4, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Boardroom
Student Achievement Advisory Committee	To be determined		
<b>OTHER MEETINGS, CONFERENCES AND EVENTS</b>			
Trustee School Visits	Thurs. Feb. 25, 2010	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, Lindsay
Official Opening and Blessing of the New Addition to St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School, Bowmanville	Tues. Mar. 30, 2010	1:00 p.m.	St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School, Bowmanville
Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association/Ontario Catholic School Business Officials' Association Finance Seminar 2010	Thurs. April 29, 2010		Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay
Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association 80 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and Conference	April 29 – May 1, 2010		Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay
Catholic School Council Recognition and Social Evening	Wed. May 19, 2010	6:00 p.m.	St. Peter's Secondary School, Peterborough
Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association 2010 Annual General Meeting and Convention	June 3 to 5, 2010		Fairmont Château Laurier, Ottawa
Annual Board Retirement Dinner	Fri. Oct. 29, 2010	5:30 p.m.	Peterborough Golf and Country Club

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