

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, May 25, 2010 at 7:30 p.m., the Trustees:

Heard:

- A presentation by Kathryn Ginn, Student Trustee, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, Lindsay; and Sara Hubbard, Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School, Courtice, re 2009-2010 Student Council Liaison Committee. Kathryn introduced Sara as the new Student Trustee for the 2010/2011 school year and gave an overview of the Student Council Liaison Committee. She highlighted the goals and the successes of the past year including formalizing meetings with planned agendas and locations, and providing monthly reports to students. In-coming Student Trustee Sara Hubbard provided Trustees with an outline of her background, leadership experience, and her enthusiasm for assuming the role of the Student Trustee for the 2010/2011 school year. Trustees thanked Kathryn for her contributions over the past year and welcomed Sara to the role.
- A presentation by Aisha Malik, Chair, City of Kawartha Lakes Food for Kids Program and a nutritionist with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, Kimberly Leadbeater, nutritionist with Northumberland Food for Thought and a nutritionist with the Haliburton Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, and Mary Cozzarini, Chair of the Peterborough City and County Steering Committee for Food for Kids, and Vice Principal, Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School. Aisha gave an overview of the Student Nutrition Program throughout the Board's jurisdiction. Kimberly spoke to the research available on good nutrition and the role it plays in the growth and development of children and youth. She highlighted the link between healthy eating and academic achievement. Mary identified the logistics in running a school breakfast program and the costs involved. Administration will develop a process for schools to access funding for the breakfast program.
- A presentation by Ron McNamara, Superintendent of Schools and Human Resource Services, re Leadership and Succession Planning. Ron introduced the Leadership Development Team for 2009/2010. He defined the term leadership and described why succession planning is important. Research to support succession planning was presented and Ron highlighted the Ministry's objectives for Boards to develop and implement a Succession Planning program. Information was provided for the current and proposed future system leadership development including the Catholic Leadership Development Series, Aspiring Leaders Program, Emergent Leaders Program, Newly Appointed School Leaders, School Leaders and System Leaders.

- Three Trustees were recognized for their years of service as Catholic School Trustees. Christine Dunn received a pin for her 10 years of service with the Board, Joe Whibbs was recognized for his 19 years of service with the Board, and Lorne Corkery was recognized by the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association for his 34 years of service as a Trustee.

Approved:

- That trustees wishing to do so; be authorized to attend the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Fall Regional Meeting being held on September 28, 2010 in Napanee.
- The following persons as members of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the remainder of the December 1, 2006 to November 30, 2010 term: Laura Quibell, Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society and Clare Paterson, Northumberland Child Development Centre.
- That Sara Hubbard from Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School, Lindsay, be appointed the non-voting Student Trustee for 2010-2011.
- The following recommendations to the Board from the Policy Development Committee:
 - that Policy 904 and Administrative Procedure AP-TECH-904, Personal Network Devices, be approved.
 - that draft revised Policy 903 and Administrative Procedure AP-TECH-903, Employee Acceptable Use of Technology, be approved as revised.
 - that draft revised Policy 902 and Administrative Procedure AP-TECH-902, Student Acceptable Use of Technology, be approved.
- That we allow the special needs people in the City of Kawartha Lakes to continue the bussing that they have enjoyed for 30 years.
- That administration be directed to identify monies in the upcoming budget to a maximum of \$1,000.000 to support the nutrition program in those communities where there is a need for the program and in those communities where there is difficulty raising funds.
- The following candidates be added to the Principal and Vice-principal Pools:

Principal

James Brake
Virginia Marini
Mark Collins
Liz Palmer
Sherry Davis
Frank Bradica
Marie-Claude Caron-Charette
Guy Charette

Vice-Principal

Stephen O'Sullivan
Arlene Robinson
Nancy Guillemette
Jackie Craig

- The following Principal and Vice-principal appointments and transfers effective September 1, 2010:

<u>School</u>	<u>Principal</u>
St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School, Bowmanville	Mark Joly
St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, Lindsay	Alison McCarney
St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, Grafton	Erin O'Sullivan
Monsignor Leo Cleary Catholic Elementary School, Courtice	Frank Bradica
St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, Cobourg	Bernadette Maloney
Good Shepherd Catholic Elementary School, Courtice	Gerard van den Wildenberg
St. Mary Catholic Secondary School, Cobourg	Violet Neheli
St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, Lindsay	Tony Higgins
St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School, Port Hope	Steve Egan
Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School, Courtice	Cathy Dykeman
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Elementary School, Newcastle	Linda Bier
St. Michael Catholic Elementary School, Cobourg	Joe Kennedy
St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, Campbellford	Diane Mather
Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School, Cobourg	Mary Cozzarini
St. Luke Catholic Elementary School, Downeyville	Mark Collins
St. Dominic Catholic Elementary School, Lindsay	Mark Byrne

<u>School</u>	<u>Vice-Principal</u>
St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School, Bowmanville	open
St. Mary Catholic Secondary School, Cobourg	Lisa Cole
Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School, Courtice	Stephen O'Sullivan
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Elementary School, Newcastle	Guy Charette
St. Catherine Catholic Elementary School, Peterborough	Karan Leal
Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School, Peterborough	Jackie Craig
Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School, Peterborough	Tobi Ryan
Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School, Courtice	Marie-Claude Caron-Charette
Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School, Courtice	Andrew Finlan
St. Anne Catholic Elementary School, Peterborough	Lori Benninger
St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, Bowmanville	Nancy Guillemette
St. Martin Catholic Elementary School, Ennismore	Angela Con
Holy Family Catholic Elementary School, Bowmanville	Caroline Graham

Accepted:

- With regret, the resignation of Nancy Clark, Educational Assistant, St. Peter Catholic Secondary School, Peterborough, effective June 29, 2010.
- With regret, the resignations of Catherine Burns, Teacher, St. Peter Catholic Secondary School, Peterborough; Arlene Leahy, Teacher, Monsignor O'Donoghue Catholic Elementary School, Peterborough; Jane Ludolph, Teacher, St. Mary Catholic Secondary School, Cobourg; Lorraine MacDonald, Teacher, Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School, Courtice; Christopher McCarney, Principal, St. Dominic Catholic Elementary School, Lindsay; Mary-Claire Nepotiuk, Teacher, St. Peter Catholic Secondary School, Peterborough; Michael Neundorf; Principal, St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, Cobourg; Patrick O'Brien, Teacher, St. Martin Catholic Elementary School, Ennismore; Sheeran Rush-Jeanes, Principal, St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School, Bowmanville; Christine Sanel, Teacher, St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School, Bowmanville; Koreen Scott, Teacher, St. Paul Catholic Elementary School, Lakefield; Shirley Semotok, Teacher, St. Paul Catholic Elementary School, Lakefield; and Ray Walt, Teacher, St. Peter Catholic Secondary School, Peterborough, effective June 30, 2010.

- With regret, the resignation of Marilyn Keene, Library Technician, St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, Campbellford, effective October 8, 2010.
- With regret, the resignation of Jan Ethier, Chaplaincy Leader, St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School, Bowmanville, effective January 31, 2011.

Acknowledged:

- The following highlights of system achievements:

St. Teresa Catholic Elementary School, Peterborough

The Peterborough Lakefield Community Police Service in partnership with the Peterborough Examiner hosted a Police Chief For A Day Essay Writing Contest. Students in grades 4 to 6 were eligible to enter and write an essay using the theme "TOGETHER We Can STOP Bullying". The essay had to be 500 words or less and discuss ideas on how to stop bullying in schools and neighbourhoods.

Congratulations to Laura Connolly, grade 6 student, who won the essay contest for Chief for a Day with her essay entitled, "We can stop bullying if we all work Together".

Over 177 students participated in the contest. For her efforts, Laura was picked up at St. Teresa Catholic Elementary School at 9:00 am on Wednesday, May 12 and driven to the police station in a cruiser. Once at the station she was outfitted with her own chief's uniform and hat and sworn in as police chief for the day. Laura then read her essay to a small crowd gathered to watch the swearing in ceremony. She then toured the police headquarters and attended several other exciting events planned throughout the day.

"The contest was intended to encourage the art of essay writing and have students discuss ideas on how to stop bullying at school and in neighbourhoods," said Police Chief Murray Rodd. "The men and women of the Peterborough Lakefield Community Police Service salute the efforts of all the students who participated and we would like to thank our contest partner, the Peterborough Examiner".

St. Mary Catholic Secondary School, Cobourg

Over 50 members of the St. Mary Catholic Secondary School community learned the true cost of freedom when they visited the sites of some of the most important battlefields of the two World Wars as part of a recent European tour.

Organized by History Teacher Jason Roberts, the trip for students, staff, and volunteers included stops in Paris, Normandy, Somme Region, Brussels, and Amsterdam. Students stated that some of the highlights of the trip included seeing where the troops actually fought, touring the house where Anne Frank lived, visiting Vimy Ridge, Dieppe and Beaumont-Hamel, and visiting the Tyne Cot Cemetery at Passchendaele. The students got a true idea of the cost that was paid for our freedom. Thanks goes to Jason Roberts for giving this group of students a wonderful opportunity to learn about history and to experience the price of freedom.

St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School, Peterborough

On Friday, May 14, 2010 at 10:15 am, St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School hosted an official Canadian Citizen Reaffirmation Ceremony with local Judge Alan Ingram presiding and special guest Mayor Paul Ayotte.

Sponsored by the Peterborough Rotary Club, the 40 minute ceremony was viewed by St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School students in grades 4 to 8.

This ceremony gives an opportunity for Canadians, as well as those born overseas but who have chosen Canada as their home, to join together and publicly state their love and their allegiance to Canada. Every year about 170,000 people become new citizens of Canada. The final step to becoming a Canadian citizen is the oath-taking ceremony. "Canadians are proud of their citizenship and reaffirmation ceremonies reflect that pride", says Tammy Leblond, Principal, St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School. "We were pleased to be a host for this significant event. New Canadians bring a strong sense of commitment to their new home and return the privilege of citizenship by enriching us culturally, intellectually, and economically. The staff and students celebrated their energy and enthusiasm, and we recognize the role they play in creating a more prosperous country and stronger society".

Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School, Courtice

Congratulations to Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School Student Cabinet for recently presenting their second successful annual cultural night, entitled "Around the World in One Night". The event featured cultural displays and food samplings from over two dozen countries, as well as a full performance schedule of traditional and modern folkdance, music and songs throughout the evening.

The cultural displays were presented by small groups of students, along with their families, who identify with one of the several ethnocultural groups that make the Holy Trinity Catholic Learning Community one of the most diverse in our School Board. The performances featured folk dancers and other performers from a number of the cultural communities in the Oshawa-Courtice area. The Oshawa Folk Arts Council contributed liaison efforts between the Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School Student Cabinet and some of their annual Fiesta Week participants.

All proceeds from the event go to supporting entrepreneurship in developing countries. J. Paul Jacula, one of the teacher coordinators of the event, says that "Around the World in One Night" is taking place once again thanks to a generous Speak Up grant, a program of the Ontario Ministry of Education that helps students be more engaged in their school community." Good job Holy Trinity!

Pope John Paul II Catholic Elementary School, Lindsay

Accolades from the Board go to Peter McCarney, a Grade 5 Teacher at Pope John Paul II Catholic Elementary School in Lindsay.

Recently, the City of Kawartha Lakes Police Services recognized Peter McCarney at their Board meeting for his service to the community.

Several weeks ago, Peter witnessed an elderly gentleman being robbed as he left a bank in downtown Lindsay. Peter, and another witness, chased the suspect for several blocks to an apartment building. The suspect attempted to enter the apartment building and Peter tried to restrain him. Peter was kicked in the ribs, and suffered a broken rib. As a result of the efforts of Peter and the other witness, the suspect was apprehended by police.

Lindsay Chief of Police, John Hagarty, presented Peter and the other gentleman involved with plaques at their April meeting.

Thank you Peter for being a concerned citizen and assisting in making Lindsay and the community safer for everyone.

Think Bowl 2010

Congratulations to the following winners of the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board annual 'Think Bowl' competition.

Junior Winners:

1. St. Michael Catholic Elementary School, Cobourg
2. Monsignor O'Donoghue Catholic Elementary School, Peterborough
3. St. Anne Catholic Elementary School, Peterborough

Intermediate Winners:

1. Monsignor O'Donoghue Catholic Elementary School, Peterborough
2. Pope John Paul II Catholic Elementary School, Lindsay
3. St. Catherine Catholic Elementary School, Peterborough

Over 140 students from across the Board implemented higher level thinking strategies to seek viable solutions to present day issues. Students worked together in teams to brainstorm problems and solutions surrounding an issue, and presented a written and dramatic presentation to judges to convince them that their solution was the best.

The competition was divided into two main parts. During the morning, the teams spent two hours showing mastery of the creative problem-solving process through a written format. In the afternoon, each team prepared and presented a three to five minute presentation featuring mime, comedy, poetry, choreography, singing and other theatrical devices, and creating props using limited supplies. An awards ceremony followed the competition.

All judging throughout the day is entirely supported by volunteer members of local theatre, secondary school students, student teachers from the Faculty of Education at Trent University, and staff from the PVNCCDS Board. Members of the community were invited to attend the afternoon drama presentation and awards ceremony.

St. Teresa Catholic Elementary School, Peterborough

Lots of activities have been happening at St. Teresa Catholic Elementary School in Peterborough. Students and staff hosted Cops for Cancer for the first time and raised \$345.00 to donate to the cause. During Catholic Education Week, the school organized two first time events - a Math Fair that was a great success and a 'Take your Parent to School Day.' In addition, the school was awarded the Green Apple Award from Metro for \$1000.00 to be used towards their Butterfly Garden and held the annual Family Fun Fair on Saturday, May 15th.

Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School, Peterborough

Holy Cross pitched in to do their part for the community during Earth Day/Week. They started the week with over 24 Environmental Science, Art and Rambler Outdoor Club students attending the environmental workshops at Trent University sponsored by the Abraham Festival. The theme for the workshops was 'One Planet United in Faith' and covered water conservation, agriculture awareness, enhancing green space, climate change, waste not want not and living sustainably. This involved the 'Greening Sacred Spaces' group from Toronto.

Later in the week teachers Michael Burgess and Ann Hobday, along with the Holy Cross Ramblers Outdoor Club, assisted with the third annual Earth Day Roadside Cleanup organized by the Peterborough and Kawartha Rotary Clubs. After the cleanup of roadways outside of the city, students and staff took a bus to the Millennium Park to hear speeches, participate in interactive educational displays, and visit information booths on environmental issues displayed by the Ministry of Natural Resources. The students were treated to a barbecue.

Also, on Thursday, April 22 the school participated in the Clean Again, Green Again Earth Day cleanup of the school grounds and perimeter. This initiative was organized through the City of Peterborough Public Works Department and involved picking up the garbage and recyclable items.

In addition, students in the grade 9/10 art classes prepared a plaster earth sculpture for display in the window of the Blue Tomato Gallery on Hunter St. W. The theme was..."Every day is Earth Day..." The display of 2 dozen plaster earths were hung on wires in the window and represented various issues and depicted some ideal earths.

Great work Holy Cross!

The Family Literacy Day Committee, Peterborough

The Family Literacy Day Committee for Peterborough was nominated and is receiving a Civic Award for Community Betterment at an awards ceremony on June 1, 2010. The Family Literacy Day Committee is a group of community partners working together to promote and support family literacy in Peterborough City and County. The Committee received the award for their efforts to support life-long family literacy, provide affordable and accessible literacy opportunities, maintain an active community literacy network, and to enhance awareness of the value of literacy as an essential skill for life-long learning. Jackie Craig is a member of the Family Literacy Committee. Congratulations to Jackie and the rest of the Committee on receiving this award for your contributions to the community.

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This year, 808 schools pledged to do more than 1,794 healthy activities as a part of the Healthy Schools Recognition Program. The annual Healthy Schools Recognition Program challenges elementary and secondary schools to do at least one new activity to promote healthier living, and participating schools receive a healthy school pennant and certificate.

Schools that have already participated in this year's program established activities that helped students in a number of ways including promoting healthy eating, physical activity, and mental health. There is still time to sign up and be recognized for supporting student health and well-being.

Our Catholic schools listed below are presently participating in the Healthy Schools Program and have implemented the following programs:

Monsignor O'Donoghue Catholic Elementary School, Peterborough

Intermediate students planned winter activities for the whole school. The students rotated through games and activities that focus on team work and cooperation and had a rest stop with hot chocolate and Olympic Trivia questions. In partnership with the Catholic School Council and the local Health Unit a healthy snack program was offered twice a month where fruit and vegetables were served. The weekly Healthy Lunch program offered milk, fruits and vegetables and a main course that followed the Board's nutritional program. During Catholic Education Week, the whole school participated in Heart Health Awareness activities. In partnership with the local Health Unit and Heart and Stroke, students became more aware of the importance of healthy eating and daily physical activity in relationship to heart health. Students participated in Jump Rope for Heart.

St. Martin Catholic Elementary School, Ennismore

St. Martin Catholic Elementary School staff, in partnership with a Public Health nurse, delivered the 'Care for Kids Early Childhood Sexuality and Abuse Prevention' program to staff, students, and parents of children in the Primary division (junior kindergarten-grade 3). The Public Health nurse assisted and supported classroom teachers (grades 5-8) in the teaching of the Family Life Sexuality unit. In addition, teachers delivered a Bullying Prevention program unit "Maintaining respectful and compassionate Catholic Schools Communities", and the OPP school liaison officers delivered the DARE program to grade 6 students. Teachers have implemented daily physical education; organized intramurals; students (senior kindergarten -grade 5) participated in a skating program (5 weeks) and grades 6-8 students participated in an introduction to curling program (6 weeks). The school had a "Winter Olympics" and a year-end play day.

St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, Campbellford

St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, in partnership with the Catholic School Council and the local Health Unit, provided parents with an opportunity to participate in an interactive healthy food demonstration. The theme for the event was ‘Nutrition Know How: Creating Healthy Families One Recipe at a Time.’ The goal was to provide parents with strategies on providing healthy meals with limited time. With the assistance of many community partners and volunteers the school replaced traditional hot lunch choices (hot dogs) with healthier alternatives. By offering chicken wraps and vegetables, whole wheat pizza and vegetables and grilled cheese on whole wheat students are provided with healthier options. In addition, workshops provided by the Northumberland County Youth Advisory Committee were offered to the school community to increase awareness of bullying issues and provide strategies for dealing with such conflict. Workshops were age appropriate and a poster contest accompanied the presentation.

Congratulations to our three Catholic schools for making their schools healthier places to be.

Future Meetings and Events:

MEETINGS			
Board Meetings	Tues. June 22, 2010	7:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Chairperson’s Committee	Mon. June 14, 2010	4:15 p.m.	Director’s Office
Governance Committee	Mon. June 7, 2010	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Human Resources Committee	Mon June 14, 2010	5:30 p.m.	Meeting Room ‘A’
Policy Development Committee	Tues. June 1, 2010	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Family Life & Religious Education Committee	Mon. Sept. 27, 2010	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
COMMITTEE MEETINGS			
Special Education Advisory Committee	Thurs. June 17, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Boardroom
First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Committee	To be determined		
Accessibility for All Committee	Fri. June 4, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Boardroom
Good Samaritan Emergency Response Fund Committee	To be determined		
Communications, Freedom of Information/Protection of Privacy and Records Management Ad-hoc Committee	Wed. Sept. 22, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Boardroom
Safe Schools Action Team Committee	To be determined		
Stewards of Catholic Education Planning Committee	To be determined		
District Catholic School Council (Parent Involvement Committee)	Wed. June 9, 2010	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
French as a Second Language Advisory Committee	To be determined		

Eco Steering Committee	To be determined		
Stewards of Catholic Education 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		
Committee to Review the Community Use of Board Facilities	To be determined		
Equity and Inclusive Education Advisory Committee	Thurs. June 3, 2010	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom
Student Achievement Advisory Committee	Tues. June 8, 2010	6:30 p.m.	Boardroom

OTHER MEETINGS, CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

Trustee School Visits	Tues. June 1, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School, Peterborough
Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association 2010 Annual General Meeting and Convention	June 3 to 5, 2010		Fairmont Château Laurier, Ottawa
PVNC Charity Golf Tournament	Sat. June 5, 2010		Black Diamond Golf Club
Education Development Charges Public Meeting	Thurs. June 10, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School, Courtice
Annual Board Retirement Dinner	Fri. Oct. 29, 2010	5:30 p.m.	Peterborough Golf and Country Club
Joint Institute for Catholic Education and French Catholic Education Community Symposium on Ontario Catholic Education	May 15 & 16, 2011		Doubletree by Hilton – Toronto Airport

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