



ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT BOARD ADVISORY COUNCIL

NOTES

Monday, February 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Boardroom, Catholic Education Centre
420 Creek Street, Wallaceburg

Board Advisory Council Members Present:

Carn Bennett- Georges P. Vanier Catholic School
Wendy Vercauteren - Good Shepherd Catholic School
Diane Gillis - Monsignor Uyen Catholic School
Bridget Blonde - Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School
Tracey Jardine - Sacred Heart Catholic School, Port Lambton
Julie Paulics - Sacred Heart Catholic School, Sarnia
Lorie Thibault - St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim
Terri Hutchins - St. Anne Catholic School, Sarnia
Kim Godin - St. John Fisher Catholic School
Tressa Brown & Tressa Brown - St. Joseph Catholic School, Corunna
Tiffany Branton - St. Matthew Catholic School
Lissa Stinson - St. Michael Catholic School, Bright's Grove
Johnn McAllister - St. Peter Canisius Catholic School
Allison Mevis - St. Philip Catholic School
Sheri Reuten - St. Ursula Catholic School
Kelly Brown & Mary Roberts - St. Christopher Catholic Secondary School
Christine McDonald & Karen Lupi - St. Patrick Catholic High School
Sheri Reuten - Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School

Absent:

Michelle Jardin - Christ the King Catholic School
Tammy Simrak - Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School
Kimberly McAuley - Holy Family Catholic School
Janice DeVlugt - Holy Rosary Catholic School
Holy Trinity Catholic School
Caitlind Lesveque - St. Agnes Catholic School
Rose Yazbeck - St. Elizabeth Catholic School
Margaret Butler & Lonney Butler - St. Joseph Catholic School, Chatham
St. Joseph Catholic School, Tilbury
Heather Heyboer - St. Michael Catholic School, Ridgeway
St. Vincent Catholic School
Jeanne Van Den Enden - OAPCE

Regrets:

Brenda Rumble
Shirley Churchill

Trustees and Administration Present:

Paul Wubben	Lisa Demers	Luana Sfalcin
Deb Crawford	Patricia Leblanc-Jaeger	Colleen Cogghe
Frank Leddy	Cyndi Vink-Broadfoot	Mary Ann McCrae

Chair: Paul Wubben
Recorder: Cathy Calvert

Mr. Paul Wubben, Director of Education, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer

P. Wubben

Mr. Wubben opened the meeting with the opening prayer.

Mr. Wubben thanked the members for attending this meeting.

“Go to School it’s the Law” is an article which was in the newspaper a few weeks ago. Mr. Wubben showed the group a public service announcement from the U.S. on the subject of student absenteeism.

Parents were asked to put this issue on their School Council agendas as it is becoming an issue at some schools with some of our students.

2. Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol

**D. Crawford, Superintendent of Education &
L. Demers, Principal-Special Education**

- School Safety is an issue which parents are aware and concerned about.
- We have been working with resources in the community and our co-terminus boards to create a Violence Threat Risk Assessment and Community Threat Assessment Protocol to use when a student is a threat to themselves or others.
- This is a training program and a protocol which has been developed around the prevention of school violence which includes community and school-based resources.
- Training has already taken place for educators and community partners.
- The purpose of this is to create and maintain an environment where students, staff, parents and others feel safe.
- The Protocol will be activated in very extreme cases of behaviour.
- We have trained over 450 people in Level 1 and 60 people trained in Level 2. Requests for training are continually being received.
- Paul thanked Deb, Lisa and Mary Ann for their presentation.

3. Board Calendar

**F. Leddy,
Superintendent of Education**

- The Board is required to submit a regular calendar to the Ministry of Education in May.
- We set our calendar in conjunction with our co-terminus public board due to shared transportation.
- We also consult with employee and parent groups within our Board.
- The Ontario Government has stipulated for next year that 3 of the 6 PA days have already been set during negotiations with OECTA.
- Part of the Provincial Discussion 2 elementary PA days are to be devoted to report card preparation (1 day needs to be in June and 1 day needs to be in the middle of the year). Secondary schools need a “pause” day between Semesters.
- The above requirements leave 1 day left for boards to use either at the very end of the year or one earlier in the year – this is yet to be determined.
- Teachers and principals will use 3 PA days which have been placed before holidays as their days without pay (1.5% of their salary).
- Mr. Wubben pointed out that PA days, which are extraordinarily efficient way to train teachers, have now been lost by boards.

4. Consolidation of St. Patrick's Catholic High School and St. Christopher Catholic Secondary School

**F. Leddy,
Superintendent of Education**

- In 2009 an ARC was formed and it was decided by the Board to bring both schools together as one school.
- Last April, the architect was chosen and to co-design the building of the new facility.
- A user committee was formed as well as a student committee and staff of both schools to receive input on what was required.
- The desire was to make the facility the best educational building in the area in doing so it became necessary to do more than just an addition to the existing building but to redesign many areas of the school i.e. technology area, special education, music etc.
- With further consultation regarding the large scope of the project the decision was made to have all students at the old St. Patrick's site while the construction is taking place.
- Dave Smith, VP, St. Patrick's has been seconded to help with the logistics of this project.
- Legacy Committee has now been struck with 12 student – 6 St. Patrick's & 6 St. Christopher, 6 staff – 3 St. Patrick's 3 St. Christopher, 6 parents – 3 St. Patrick's & 3 St. Christopher. The choosing of these participants was done by lottery and this committee will be working over the next month.
- The new school will be built to accommodate 1300 to 1400 students as the government will only provide money to accommodate the number of students we currently have.
- There was no way that this construction could be done with the current St. Christopher School remaining open.

5. Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) and Wireless Project

**P. Leblanc-Jaeger,
Manager – Business Services**

- Wireless Project completed this past November for personally owned devices and the Board devices.
- Every school wireless covers every classroom, library and offices.
- BYOD video is located on the Board Public website for easy access.
- This project is optional participation for each school.
- Limited to teaching staff and ECEs.
- Principal of school will decide which classes will participate.
- Teacher approval is required for students to use their own devices in the classroom.
- Permission forms are required from parents.
- Staff network is completely separate from the student network.
- There are now 1800 elementary students participating – since Christmas.

6. Next Parents Reaching Out Grant Evening

P. Wubben

- Sunday, May 5, 2013 at Mother Theresa school in London Family Faith day with the Bishop saying Mass at 11 a.m. there will be workshops, younger children music workshops, Apex Ministry will be participating.
- There will be sessions for both parents and children.
- Information will go out to the schools and there will be pre-registration required within the next month.

7. Other Business

➤ None

8. Mr. Wubben closed the meeting at 9:00 p.m. with a closing prayer.