



ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

*Lighting the Way ~ Rejoicing in Our Journey*

## ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT BOARD ADVISORY COUNCIL

### NOTES

**Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

#### **Board Advisory Council Members Present:**

Michelle Jardin – Christ the King Catholic School  
Wendy Vercauteren - Good Shepherd Catholic School  
Diane Gillis - Monsignor Uyen Catholic School  
Terri Hutchins – St. Anne Catholic School- Sarnia  
Colleen Roberts - St. Joseph Catholic School- Corunna  
Karen Lupi & Victor Matias- St. Patrick Catholic High School  
Sheri Reuten - Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School

#### **Absent:**

Brandi Venhuizen- Georges P. Vanier 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  
Monsignor Uyen Catholic School  
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School  
Tracey Jardine - Sacred Heart Catholic School, Port Lambton  
Jamie Sloan - Sacred Heart Catholic School, Sarnia  
Caitlind Lesveque - St. Agnes Catholic School  
Lorie Thibault - St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim  
Rose Yazbeck - St. Elizabeth Catholic School  
Kim Godin - St. John Fisher Catholic School  
Margaret Butler & Lonney Butler - St. Joseph Catholic School, Chatham  
St. Joseph Catholic School, Tilbury  
Janet Vandegutche - St. Matthew Catholic School  
Lissa Stinson & Jennifer Wadsworth - St. Michael Catholic School, Bright's Grove  
Heather Heyboer & Erin Woods - St. Michael Catholic School, Ridgetown  
St. Peter Canisius Catholic School  
Angela Brouwers, Shanan Bowen, Heather Vasey – St. Philip Catholic School  
St. Ursula Catholic School

#### **Regrets:**

Nicole Stevens

#### **Trustees and Administration Present:**

Dan Parr  
Brenda Courey  
John Van Heck  
Mark Bernard  
Ed Freeburn

**Chair:** Brenda Courey  
**Resource:** Dan Parr  
**Recorder:** Alecia Atterbury

**Dan Parr, Director of Education opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.**

**1. Opening Prayer**

**C. Waddick, Board Chaplain**

The meeting began with opening prayer and readings.

**2. St. Clair Catholic Strategic Plan**

**Petrona Associates**

- The St. Clair Catholic District School Board's last strategic plan was prepared in 2006.
- The Strategic Planning session for the Board Advisory Council will be to review perspectives on living our faith, how the board can achieve success in educational achievement and innovation, perspective on delivering excellent and efficient service to rate payers.
- Handouts were provided to attendees on trends and what success would look like in 2016-2017 in each area of the board's mission statements and related goal statements. The information in the handout was gathered from a Strategic Planning meeting on February 11, 2014.
- Attendees discussed in groups and utilized polleverywhere.com to text in responses on their perspectives related to board mission and goal statements.
- A web-based survey will be made available to further support parent input into the Board's Strategic Plan. It is hoped that by May or June 2014 the St. Clair Catholic Strategic Plan will be ready to communicate and be in place for September 2014.

**3. Other Business**

**B. Courey, Assistant Superintendent**

- Brenda Courey discussed the need for a council member to serve as Chair. Provincial requirements state that the Chair of the Board Advisory Council must be a parent to a child in attendance at a St. Clair Catholic School. The Board Advisory Council will be willing to have two co-chairs. The chair of the Board Advisory Council will provide input into the new school year calendar in coordination with Superintendent, Ann Sutton. Chair of the Board Advisory Council will be offered to attend a symposium in Toronto, April 25-26, 2014.
- Terri Hutchins of St. Anne Catholic School- Sarnia and Wendy Vercauteren of Good Shepherd Catholic School volunteered to serve as co-chairs for the Board Advisory Council.
- Matthew Kelly, author of "Rediscovering Catholicism", will be speaking on April 5th, 2014 9am to 1pm at the Capital Theatre in Chatham, Ontario. To obtain tickets, contact Cindy Waddick.

**Reminders**

- Next Board Advisory Council Meeting: May 20, 2014

**4. Brenda Courey closed the meeting at 8:43 p.m. with prayer.**