



ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Lighting the Way ~ Rejoicing in Our Journey

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT BOARD ADVISORY COUNCIL

NOTES

Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Board Advisory Council Members Present:

Angela Brouwers – St. Philip Catholic School
Bobi-Jo VanMeenen – St. Philip Catholic School
Brandi VenHuizen – Georges P. Vanier
Chuck Dubeau – Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School
Cindy Teetzel – St. Michael, Ridgetown
Karen Lupi – St. Patrick's Catholic High School
Kim Godin – St. John Fisher Catholic School
Michelle Jardin – Christ the King Catholic School
Sheri Reuten – St. Anne – Blenheim, Ursuline College – Chatham
Tom Moore – Holy Rosary Catholic School
Tressa Brown – St. Joseph Catholic School, Corunna
Victor Matias – St. Patrick's Catholic High School

Absent:

Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School
Holy Family Catholic School
Holy Trinity Catholic School
Monsignor Uyen Catholic School
Sacred Heart Catholic School, Port Lambton
Sacred Heart Catholic School, Sarnia
St. Agnes Catholic School
St. Anne Catholic School, Sarnia
St. Elizabeth Catholic School
St. Joseph Catholic School, Chatham
St. Joseph Catholic School, Tilbury
St. Matthew Catholic School
St. Michael Catholic School, Bright's Grove
St. Peter Canisius Catholic School
St. Ursula Catholic School
St. Vincent Catholic School

Regrets:

Mat Roop – Trustee and Chair of the Board Advisory Committee
Terri Hutchins – St. Anne Catholic School, Sarnia
Wendy Vercauteren – Ursuline College Chatham

Trustees and Administration Present:

Brenda Courey	Ann Sutton	Carol Bryden
Christine Preece	Phil Bedard	Frank Torti
Ed Freeburn		

Chair: Brenda Courey
Resource:
Recorder: Josselynn Segeren

Brenda Courey opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer

B. Courey – Assistant Superintendent

The meeting began with an opening prayer led by Brenda Courey.

2. Review of Agenda

B. Courey – Assistant Superintendent

Brenda Courey reviewed the agenda with all in attendance.

3. Approval of Meeting Notes from October 14, 2014

B. Courey – Assistant Superintendent

Tom Moore motioned to approve the meeting notes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ed Freeburn. All attendees were in favour. Motion accepted.

4. School Year Calendar

A. Sutton – Superintendent

- Ann Sutton distributed copies of the draft school year calendar to all in attendance.
- She explained that the Ministry outlines how many days are required in the school year as instructional days, along with 6 Professional Development Days.
- She highlighted 3 potential issues that were encountered: Starting school before Labour Day, early Easter, having second semester for high school students start on a Friday (to have enough days in the semester).
- The parents discussed the calendar in groups, and then provided feedback.

5. Catholic Trustee's Survey

C. Bryden – Chair of the Board

- Carol Bryden passed out a copy of the Trustees survey "The Role of the Catholic School Trustee". Parents and staff in attendance were asked to complete the survey. It is voluntary and anonymous.
- Mrs. Bryden explained the purpose of the survey is to assist the Trustees in improving their communication to staff and the community.

6. Mental Health Plan

C. Preece – Mental Health Lead

- Christine Preece explained new language around Mental Health. The term Health & Well-being brings a positive perspective, and the focus is on well-being.
- The current focus is on how to help the "whole child"
- Parents were shown a video: Bell Let's Talk Video – Howie Mandel (youtube.com)
- Mrs. Preece explained that caring adults are the number one important thing. She commented that a caring adult is lacking in most children who develop mental health issues.
- Parents were shown another video: System Change in Newfoundland and Labrador (youtube.com)
- It was explained that we need a 'system change' and this is what we are working towards. Christine discussed components of this in our board and what is in place already.
- A third video was shown: Bell Let's Talk Video – Changing Language (youtube.com)
- A website is in the development phase. We will have a well-being website on our internal and external website in the near future.

7. K-6 Portfolios

B. Courey – Assistant Superintendent

- This item was deferred to our May meeting.

Other Upcoming Items

- Sr. Angela Zurkowski is coming to our schools for 2 presentations in April. A flyer was distributed, and parents were asked to share with their school communities.
- UCC career forum and the Student/Parent evening are coming up this week.
- EQAO is piloting Grade 10 OSSLT in the online format. 1 class at each school will take part in the pilot program. This will provide good feedback for EQAO on how this is working.
 - o Starting in 2016, OSSLT is going to be available online for all students interested. Paper and pencil will still be available for those who wish.
- PIC Symposium is coming up in Toronto, we can send 2 parents. All expenses are paid for our 2 parents who will attend. If there are 2 parents who wish to become 2 co-chairs and attend the symposium, please see Brenda Courey after the meeting.
- We have a new document created by Dan Parr, Director of Education for new families in our area, "Faith in Education – The Right Choice for Catholic Families". Parents will receive the brochure as part of a baptism package. It is a document that highlights all of our schools. We will also be sharing them in welcome wagon packages, with real estate agents and other avenues so they reach all new families.

Upcoming Meeting Date: May 19, 2015

Brenda Courey closed the meeting at 8:55 p.m.