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CAROL BRYDEN ACCLAIMED CHAIR OF THE BOARD FOR 2012; LINDA WARD ELECTED AS VICE CHAIR

The Initial Meeting of the Board of Trustees for the St. Clair Catholic District School Board was held tonight. Carol Bryden was acclaimed to her second term as Chair of the Board. Trustee Linda Ward was elected to fill the role of Vice Chair.

In accepting a second term, Mrs. Bryden thanked her fellow trustees for allowing her the privilege of serving as Chair. She noted that although St. Clair Catholic is a small board, it stands head and shoulders with the larger boards in the province, both in academic excellence and with wise and prudent fiscal management.

“Although our enrolment has declined and with it our proportion of grants, through careful management, we continue to provide healthy spaces and excellent services for our students,” says Mrs. Bryden.

Mrs. Bryden was first elected as a Trustee in 2006. She is a retired principal of Catholic Curriculum Services with the St. Clair Catholic District School Board, having served as an educator for 32 years.

Linda Ward has been a Catholic trustee since 1991 and since 2007, she has been a Regional Director to the Ontario Catholic School Trustees’ Association. In her remarks, Mrs. Ward thanked her fellow trustees for electing her to the position of Vice Chair and pledged to “continue the work to be a successful Catholic school board, delivering academic excellence while modeling Gospel values.”

The evening began with Mass, which was celebrated in the chapel of the Catholic Education Centre. Father Dan Bombardier of the St. Agnes and Blessed Sacrament parishes was celebrant.

In addition to the election of the Chair and Vice Chair, the initial meeting also included a celebration of the contributions of nine members of the St. Clair staff, all of whom were nominated for the Board’s *Lighting Our Way* awards, which are presented every second year at a system-wide faith development day. The nominees for 2011 were:

- Shirley Churchill, Principal
- Christian Dempsey, Teacher
- Sheila Fitzsimons, Teacher
- Kim Gaiswinkler, Teacher
- Susan Galbraith, Teacher
- Denise Kohlmeier, Teacher
- Joey Pearson, Teacher
- Joanne Steele, Program Resource Teacher
- Dianne Trotter, Teacher

Elections for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair are held annually at the Board’s December meeting. Their term of office expires November 30, 2012.