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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre
John Paul II Boardroom

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| I In-Camera Meeting – 6:00 p.m. | |
| II Regular Meeting of the Board - 7:00 p.m. | |
| 1. Call To Order | |
| 2. Opening Prayer | |
| 3. Recording of Attendance | |
| 4. Approval of Agenda | |
| 5. Questions Pertaining to Agenda | |
| 6. Disclosure of Interest - <u>Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.</u> | |
| 7. Presentations: | |
| a. Principal's Report on Student Achievement - St. Joseph's Catholic High School
(L. Staudt/M. Seguin) | -- |
| b. St. Pius X Catholic Elementary School - "A Council of Beings" Presentation
(L. Staudt) | -- |
| 8. Delegations: | |
| a. Delegation Regarding Items <u>Not</u> on the Agenda | |
| <i>3:11.1 Any person(s) wishing to make a formal presentation to the Board shall make their intent known, in writing, to the Secretary at least one week prior to the regular meeting. They shall briefly explain in their petition the nature of their business. Discussion shall be limited to the petition and shall be not longer than ten (10) minutes. The time limit can be waived by the consent of the majority of the Board.</i> | |
| b. Delegations Regarding Items <u>On</u> the Agenda | |
| <i>3:11.2 Any person(s) wishing to appear before the Board and speak on an item appearing on the agenda of the Board Meeting has until NOON of the day of the Board meeting to make a request to the Secretary. They shall explain briefly the nature of their business. The discussion shall be limited to the item on the agenda and shall be no longer than ten (10) minutes.</i> | |

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16. Remarks/Questions by Trustees
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 - a. Draft Board Policy H:07 Selection Process - Principals and Vice Principals (*deferred March 10, 2009*) - -
 - b. Deferred Report (*Deferred from April 28, 2009*): Play Surface Material Standard – Rubber - -
18. Continuation of In-Camera, if required.
19. Future Board Meetings: *Unless stated otherwise, all meetings will be held at the Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre - 1325 California Avenue, Windsor with the In-Camera Session beginning at 6:00 p.m. and the Public Session beginning at 7:00 p.m.*
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 - Tuesday, February 23, 2010
 - Tuesday, March 9, 2010
 - Tuesday, March 30, 2010
 - Tuesday, April 13, 2010
 - Tuesday, April 27, 2010
 - Tuesday, May 11, 2010
 - Tuesday, May 25, 2010
 - Tuesday, June 8, 2010
 - **Monday**, June 21, 2010
20. Closing Prayer
21. Adjournment

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MINUTES

PRESENT

Trustees:

F. Alexander, Chair	P. Keane
J. Courtney	J. Macri
M. DiMenna, Vice-Chair	S. Porcellini
B. Holland	L. Soulliere (<i>Electronically</i>)
C. Janisse	
N. Timperio, Student Trustee	
J. Wolinski, Student Trustee	
Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain	

Administration:

J. Berthiaume (Resource)	J. Braidó
C. Geml	E. Byrne
M. Iatonna	P. Littlejohns
P. Picard	P. Murray
L. Staudt	S. O'Hagan-Wong

Recorder:

D. Steffens

1. Call To Order - Chair Alexander called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer - Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer in recognition of Remembrance Day.
3. Recording of Attendance - All trustees present. Trustee Soulliere participated electronically.
4. Approval of Agenda

Amendments:

- ADDITION: 8b(i) Delegation Eleanore Sedge, Chair St. Francis School Advisory Council to speak on agenda item 12c West Windsor School Accommodation Review - ARC Recommendations for Decision (*The handout regarding agenda item 8b(i) is at trustee places and was previously provided to trustees electronically.*)
- RENUMBER Agenda item 12 c West Windsor School Accommodation Review - ARC Recommendations for Decision to 9c

- RENUMBER Agenda item 12 b *East Windsor School Accommodation Review - ARC Recommendations for Decision* to 9d

Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the November 10, 2009 Regular Board meeting agenda be approved as amended. Carried.

5. Questions Pertaining to Agenda - None.
6. Disclosure of Interest - Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

Trustee Courtney disclosed interest in relation to agenda items 10b(v) 2008 - 09 *Community Use of Schools Annual Report* due to her employment; renumbered 9d *East Windsor School Accommodation Review - ARC Recommendations for Decision* due to her daughter's employment; and, renumbered 9c *West Windsor School Accommodation Review - ARC Recommendations for Decision* due to her daughter's employment and did not participate in the discussion or vote on any question raised on those items.

Trustee Macri disclosed interest in relation to renumbered agenda items 9d *East Windsor School Accommodation Review - ARC Recommendations for Decision* and 9c *West Windsor School Accommodation Review - ARC Recommendations for Decision* due to his son's employment and did not participate in the discussion or vote on any question raised on those items.

7. Presentations:
 - a. Principal's Report on Student Achievement - Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School (*Deferred from October 27, 2009*) - Principal Rita Pallisco was present to provide an overview of the strategies and initiatives in place at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School to support student achievement and faith development.
8. Delegations:
 - a. Delegation Regarding Items Not on the Agenda - None.
 - b. Delegations Regarding Items On the Agenda
 - i. Eleanore Sedge, Chair St. Francis School Advisory Council was present to speak on agenda item *West Windsor School Accommodation Review - ARC Recommendations for Decision*.

Ms. Sedge presented information on behalf of the St. Francis school community petitioning trustees to consider the following three amendments to the recommendations concerning the West Windsor School Accommodation Review: to assure parents of each of the St. Francis students and their future children that live in the catchment area of St. Francis (and the area of the former Sacred Heart - Windsor) will have the opportunity to choose which school their children will attend; to ensure the continued bussing of these children as they will need to be grandfathered for future bussing needs; and, language to indicate the Board intention to distribute the improvement expenditures equitably to St. John and St. James based on percentage of St. Francis students received by each school.

9. Action Items:

a. Approval of Minutes

- i) Minutes of In-Camera Meeting, October 27, 2009
Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Janisse a that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of October 27, 2009 be adopted as distributed. Carried.
- ii) Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, October 27, 2009
Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 27, 2009 be adopted as distributed. Carried.

b. Items from the In-Camera Meeting of November 10, 2009

Vice Chair DiMenna reported the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a closed Committee of the Whole Board meeting on November 10, 2009 pursuant to the Education Act - Section 207, to consider specific personnel, pupil, real property matters, labour relations matters, and other matters permitted or required to be kept private and confidential under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Trustees Courtney and Macri disclosed interest during the November 10, 2009 In-Camera Session and excused themselves from the relevant discussion items. As a matter of record, Trustee Courtney disclosed interest in an item discussed at the October 27, 2009 in-camera meeting and further indicated she was not in attendance at the meeting.

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Holland that the recommendations and directions of the Committee of the Whole Board at its in-camera meeting of November 10, 2009 be approved. Carried.

Vice Chair DiMenna made the following announcements:

- trustees heard a delegation from CAW Local 2458, Custodian & Maintenance Unit regarding a labour relations issue - CAW Grievance #40
- receipt of the Administrative Staff Report on hiring, leave of absence, return from leave of absence, retirement and resignation of staff, dated November 10, 2009
- formal confirmation of certification and appointment of Mario Iatonna as Business Supervisory Officer pending confirmation of eligibility by the Minister of Education

c. Report: West Windsor School Accommodation Review - ARC Recommendations for Decision (*Renumbered from agenda item 12c*)

Following the receipt of the St. Francis School Advisory Council delegation and the Senior Administration's follow-up Report and Recommendations with regard to Accommodation Review Committee West Windsor School Valuation Report and Recommendations, trustees engaged in debate and requested clarification on the following matters: preference of the school community, anticipated school improvements required, estimates of student retention, the potential impact of and on the implementation of the Ministry's Early Learning Program (full

day/every day JK/SK program), bussing provisions, plans for child care facilities and the impact on specialty programs currently offered at the affected schools. Following discussion and additional input from the delegation, trustees amended the recommendation and approved the following motion.

Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive as information Senior Administration's Follow- up Report and Recommendations with regard to Accommodation Review Committee West Windsor School Valuation Report and Recommendations received by the Board on September 29, 2009;

and, that the Board approve the recommendations of Senior Administration as follows:

For the September 2010 school year, to consolidate St. Francis at the St. James site with the addition of portables and/or construction of an addition and renovation to the existing school building from within the Board's budget. St. John shall remain open and the Board shall consider including improvements to the St. John school yard from within the Board's budget. The combined budget expenditures will not exceed \$1.5 million.

and, that St. Francis students be afforded the opportunity to elect to attend either St. John or St. James;

and, that a grandfathering provision be approved for bussing for St. Francis students to either St. John or St. James;

and, that the total budget expenditures of \$1.5 million be allotted to St. James and St. John in proportion to the number of students who transfer from St. Francis.

Carried.

Upon request, a recorded vote was taken: In favour: Trustees Janisse, Holland, Keane, DiMenna and Soulliere. Opposed: Trustee Porcellini. Abstained: Trustees Macri and Courtney.

- d. Report: East Windsor School Accommodation Review - ARC Recommendations for Decision (*Renumbered from agenda item 12b*)

Following the receipt of the Senior Administration's follow-up Report and Recommendations with regard to Accommodation Review Committee East Windsor School Valuation Report and Recommendations, trustees engaged in debate and requested clarification on the following matters: bussing provisions, concern over the proposed action to be taken only upon Ministry funding, the pressing need to lobby local MPPs for their support in obtaining prohibitive-to-repair funding for St. Bernard school, impact on student retention with an ambiguous school accommodation recommendation, and the potential impact of and on the implementation of the Ministry's Early Learning Program (full day/every day JK/SK program). Director Berthiaume clarified that rebuilding St. Bernard is completely dependent upon Ministry funding and in order to move forward a Board decision is required from the East Windsor School Accommodation Review process. A meeting with the local MPP to lobby for assistance in securing Ministry funding will be set up following final Board approval of the school accommodation review. Following further discussion and input from a member of the St. Jules school community, trustees amended the recommendation and approved the following motion.

Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board receive as information Senior Administration's Follow- up Report and Recommendations with regard to Accommodation Review Committee East Windsor School Valuation Report and Recommendations received by the Board on September 28, 2009;

and, that the Board approve the recommendations of Senior Administration as follows:

The Board continue to pursue prohibitive to repair funding for St. Bernard and St. Jules, and St. Bernard, St. Jules and Our Lady of Lourdes remain open pending Ministry funding. Should Ministry funding be secured for a new building for St. Bernard, the Board shall consolidate Our Lady of Lourdes at the St. Bernard Site, in a new school building to be constructed on city-owned property adjacent to the St. Bernard site, provided a property transaction can be negotiated with the City.

Upon consolidation of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernard, as detailed above, the secondary boundaries shall be adjusted so that the new school community becomes a feeder school to F.J. Brennan Catholic High School.

and, that, should Ministry funding be secured, a grandfathering provision be approved for bussing for Our Lady of Lourdes students to the new school site.

Carried.

Upon request, a recorded vote was taken: In favour: Trustees Janisse, Keane, DiMenna and Soulliere. Opposed: Trustees Holland and Porcellini. Abstained: Trustees Macri and Courtney.

10. Communications:

a. External (Associations, OCSTA, Ministry):

- i) Memorandum from the Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA), dated October 30, 2009 re: Workshop for Potential Catholic School Board Trustees
Moved by Trustee Macri and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive the Memorandum from the Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA), dated October 30, 2009 re: Workshop for Potential Catholic School Board Trustees as information. Carried.

b. Internal (Reports from Administration):

- i) Report: Administrative Staff Report
Moved by Trustee Macri and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board receive the Administrative Staff Report on hiring, retirement and resignation of staff dated November 10, 2009 for information. Carried.
- ii) Verbal Report: Board By-Laws Review - Director Berthiaume reported that a review of the Board By-Laws is in process and indicated finalization of the review is pending Royal Assent of *Bill 177 Student Achievement and School Board Governance Act*, and the subsequent release of the associated regulations.

- iii) Report: Legal Services - September 2009
Moved by Trustee Courtney and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board receive the report Legal Services – September 2009 as information. Carried.
- iv) Report: Legal Services Annual Report - 2008 - 09 Fiscal Year
Moved by Trustee Macri and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board receive the 2008-09 Legal Services Annual Report as information. Carried.
- v) Report: 2008 - 09 Community Use of Schools Annual Report
Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board receive the 2008 - 09 Community Use of Schools Annual Report as information. Carried.

11. Unfinished Business:

- a. Notice of Motion: Trustee Janisse stated his intention to defer his October 27, 2009 notice of motion until such time additional dialogue has taken place at the French Immersion Advisory Committee.

12. New Business:

a. Field Trips:

- i) Assumption College Catholic High School - Chicago
Moved by Trustee Macri and seconded by Trustee Keane that the Board approve the Assumption College Catholic High School field trip to Chicago Illinois from Thursday, April 29, 2010 to Sunday, May 2, 2010. Carried.
- ii) Holy Names Catholic High School - Florida
Moved by Trustee Macri and seconded by Trustee Keane that the Board approve the Holy Names Catholic High School field trip to Walt Disney World, Orlando, Florida from Wednesday, May 19, 2010 to Monday, May 24, 2010. Carried.
- iii) St. Anne Catholic High School - New York City
Moved by Trustee Macri and seconded by Trustee Keane that the Board approve the St. Anne Catholic High School field trip to New York City, New York from Wednesday, May 19, 2010 to Saturday, May 22, 2010. Carried.
- iv) Assumption College Catholic HS - Quebec City
Moved by Trustee Macri and seconded by Trustee Keane that the Board approve the Assumption College Catholic High School field trip to Quebec City, Quebec from Wednesday, February 3, 2010 to Saturday, February 6, 2010. Carried.
- b. Report: East Windsor School Accommodation Review - ARC Recommendations for Decision
- This item was renumbered and discussed under item 9d.
- c. Report: West Windsor School Accommodation Review - ARC Recommendations for Decision
- This item was renumbered and discussed under item 9c.

13. Committee Reports:

- a. Report: Elementary School Council Meeting of October 20, 2009
Moved by Trustee Macri and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board receive the report of the October 20, 2009, Elementary School Council – Umbrella Group meeting as information. Carried.
- b. Report: French Immersion Advisory Committee Meeting of June 10, 2009
Moved by Trustee Courtney and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board receive the Minutes of the June 10, 2009 French Immersion Advisory Committee meeting as information. Carried.

14. Notice of Motion - None.

15. Remarks and Announcements:

- a. Chairperson Alexander provided comment on the following: congratulated the students and staff at St. Joseph's Catholic High School for the work they have been doing with Veteran's Affairs Canada, his attendance at the November 2nd New Teacher Induction Program (NTIP) commissioning ceremony for new teachers and their mentors, and his attendance at the annual Bishop's Dinner. Chair Alexander conveyed his appreciation to Trustees Holland and DiMenna for their work as Chairs of the Windsor East and Windsor West Accommodation Review Committees.
- b. Director of Education Berthiaume provided comment on recent activities supporting the Board's strategic priorities faith development and student achievement including: his speaking on Leadership in a Catholic School System at a recent Leadership Program for Support Staff session; several in-service sessions for teachers and principals, his attendance at the Annual English Catholic Council of Directors of Education, and discussions with officials of the public board to discuss implementation of the provincial Early Learning Plan. Director Berthiaume provided a reminder of the upcoming annual employee recognition event "Long Service Celebration" that is schedule for November 20 and commented on a recent community partnership initiative with the local Society of St. Vincent de Paul.
- c. Board Chaplain Fr. Brunet commented on the Bishop's Dinner and thanked everyone on behalf of the Bishop for supporting the St. Peter's Seminary Foundation fundraising event. Fr. Brunet reported that Pope Benedict XVI has appointed Rev. William T. McGrattan, Rector of St. Peter's Seminary and Episcopal Vicar of Formation and Support for the Diocese of London, an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

16. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

- Trustee Janisse inquired into the status of signage installation for St. Mary's French Immersion Elementary school.
- Trustee Holland commented on Rev. McGrattan's appointment as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto and congratulated St. Joseph's student M. Charbonneau for being

selected as the local person who will run the final 30 metres with the torch into Riverfront Festival Plaza and light the Olympic cauldron.

- Trustee DiMenna commended the Communications Officer on the format and content of the system newsletter.
- Trustee Porcellini commented on the partnership with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, thanked members of the Best Start committee for hosting the recent Early Years Conference, and thanked members of the St. Angela Merici Catholic Woman's League who organized a pasta dinner to raise money for boots, hats and mitts for local children in need.
- Trustee Macri thanked members of the East Windsor and West Windsor School Accommodation Committee for their dedication and work over the past year.
- Trustee Courtney commented on her participation at a read-a-thon held at Holy Cross Catholic school, inquired into hand sanitizer and hand soap supplies available in schools, and asked for information concerning principal reporting of school fundraising.
- Trustee Soulliere thanked members of the Best Start committee for hosting the recent Early Years Conference.
- Student Trustee Wolinski commented on her attendance at "The Big Night" fundraising dinner for Windsor Regional Hospital's Wellness Program For Extended Psychosis.

17. Pending Items

- a. Draft Board Policy H:07 Selection Process - Principals and Vice Principals (*deferred March 10, 2009*)
- b. Deferred Report (*Deferred from April 28, 2009*): Play Surface Material Standard – Rubber
- c. Deferred Notice of Motion (*Deferred from November 10, 2009*): Trustee Janisse - “At the next regular scheduled meeting of the Board, I will move or cause to be moved, that St. Mary and St. Anne elementary schools along with St. Anne, St. Joseph’s, Cardinal Carter and St. Thomas of Villanova secondary schools be given \$5,000 each for French Immersion programming shortfalls and proper signage to help promote our continued development of the French Immersion program.”

18. Continuation of In-Camera - The Board reconvened to In-Camera Committee of the Whole Board meeting following adjournment.

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- Tuesday, May 25, 2010
- Tuesday, June 8, 2010
- **Monday**, June 21, 2010

20. Closing Prayer – Fr. Brunet closed the meeting with a prayer.
21. Adjournment - There being no further business, the Regular Board meeting of November 10, 2009 adjourned at 9:31 p.m. and reconvened to In-Camera Committee of the Whole Board meeting.

Not approved.

Fred Alexander
Board Chairperson

Joseph Berthiaume
Director of Education & Secretary-Treasurer

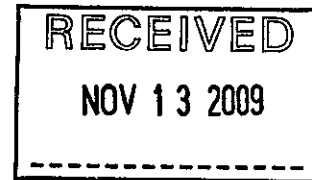


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November 11, 2009



MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairpersons and Directors of Education
- All Catholic District School Boards and School Authorities

FROM: Noel P. Martin, Director, Catholic Education

SUBJECT: **Catholic Education Week – May 2 to May 7, 2010**
Catholic Education: Rejoicing in Hope

“Rejoice in the Lord always ... and the God of peace will be with you”. (Phil 4:4,9)

*“Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.”
(Hebrews 10:23)*

In a year when the economic conditions of our world are etched in a dark hue and people are fearful for their livelihoods, their life savings and their pensions, it is incumbent on those of us in Catholic Education to proclaim to a harassed world that all is not gloom and doom.

We are heralds of Hope. Not a hope that is simply wishful thinking or sentimental musings, but a vibrant hope, birthed in the Beatitudes of Jesus Christ, which are the foundation of our hope and in which we are asked to rejoice.

Furthermore, there is placed on us as beacons of that Hope, the responsibility to “give an account of the hope that is in us.” (1 Peter 3:15) This, as we know, is not an easy task. But the One who promised it is faithful and will strengthen us.

Please request your principals to share a copy of the Advance Kit with your CSAC Chairs. The Kit is designed to help our Catholic community to prepare to celebrate this year’s Catholic Education Week theme, **Catholic Education: Rejoicing in Hope.**

Catholic Education week begins on Sunday May 2, 2010.

Included with this memo are two copies of the Advance Kit for Catholic Education Week as well as a copy on CD. The Advance Kit is designed to help adult groups (trustees, school board staff, Catholic School Advisory Councils, parent groups, parish groups, associations, etc) prepare for Catholic Education Week with prayer services and reflection activities beginning in Advent. School Resource Kits will be sent by the end of February, 2010. The Advance Kit is available on the OCSTA website at www.ocsta.on.ca.

Please provide copies of this memo and attachments to all principals, religious education consultants, chaplains, communication officers, school councils and other appropriate staff.



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November 16, 2009

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne
Minister of Education
22nd Floor, Mowat Block
900 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 1L2

Dear Minister Wynne:

As you know, Catholic school boards have been actively supportive of the provincial agenda for education and have made every attempt to implement the ambitious changes proposed by your government.

There comes a point though, in which the capacity of the system to manage ongoing and new initiatives becomes overloaded.

We have just concluded our regional meetings of trustees and directors of education and we have heard from them that our school boards and their administrative and professional staff are experiencing unprecedented levels of "implementation fatigue".

The following partial list of initiatives that are currently facing school boards illustrates the point.

1. Provincial Accessibility Standards
2. Principal Appraisal Roll-Out
3. Principals Terms & Conditions
4. Succession Planning
5. Mentoring & Coaching – Leadership Development
6. Literacy & Numeracy Secretariat – new templates for Board Improvement Plans & Schools in the Middle
7. Aboriginal Education Initiatives
8. Accommodation Reviews
9. Effectiveness & Efficiency Reviews for Transportation
10. Operational Review Follow Up
11. Student Trustee Provisions
12. Parental Engagement Consultation
13. Violence in the Workplace Initiative
14. Equity & Inclusion Policy
15. Early Learning Program
16. Professional Development Program for Trustees & Directors
17. Bill 177 Requirements and Regulations
 - Provincial Interest Regulation
 - Codes of Behaviour
 - Annual Reports
 - Audit Committees / Internal Audit Committees

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If that was not enough, all of these initiatives are occurring while school boards are in the midst of managing the H1N1 pandemic.

We are concerned that the strain currently being felt by our personnel will lead to less than desirable implementation and will not result in the intended outcomes of these initiatives.

Our boards want to do their best for our students and for the communities we serve and, as you know, we are working hard to increase public confidence in publicly funded Catholic education. We strongly request that no new initiatives be introduced during the remainder of this school year. Furthermore, we expect that boards will be given flexible and reasonable implementation timelines and the financial and personnel resources to complete the tasks before them. I believe our sector has co-operated fully in moving the education agenda forward and I do not believe that our requests are unreasonable under these circumstances.

I would be most happy to speak with you in the near future to follow up these concerns.

Sincerely,



Paula Peroni
President

CC. Kevin Costante, Deputy Minister



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November 17, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairpersons and Directors of Education
- All Catholic District School Boards

FROM: Carol Devine, Director, Legislative and Political Affairs

SUBJECT: Briefing Sessions on Proposed Changes to Municipal Elections Act contained in Bill 212 – Good Government Act, 2009

On October 30, OCSTA provided to you a summary of several changes to the rules related to municipal elections that are proposed in **Bill 212, the Good Government Act, 2009**. A copy of our memo is attached.

Bill 212 has been before the House for Second Reading. The Legislature has introduced a time allocation motion on the Bill. If that motion passes as introduced, Committee Hearings will be conducted on the 322 page Bill by the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs for 1 day only, **Thursday, November 19, in Toronto**. Clause by clause consideration by the Committee will take place Thursday, November 26. The Bill will return to the House for Third Reading and to be voted on Monday, November 30.

Given the very short timelines in place, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has scheduled briefing sessions on those sections in the Bill that propose changes to the Municipal Elections Act (MEA) even though the Legislation has not yet been passed. If the Bill passes, changes to the MEA will have an impact on school board and municipal council elections in 2010. MMAH briefing sessions will be a good opportunity for board staff to become familiar with the changes that are likely to occur and have an impact on the boards' work and on trustee candidates.

Invitations to the briefing sessions including details regarding the schedule and location and how to register, are being sent out by the MMAH to Directors of Education, municipal clerks and MPAC officials across the province. (see attached document) Please note that pre-registration is requested:

MMAH – MSO contacts for information and registration for the MEA seminars are as follows:

Municipal Services Office Western –	Lydia Voyatzis - Lydia.voyatzis@ontario.ca (519)873-4522
Municipal Services Office Eastern –	Robin Butler – Robin.Butler@ontario.ca (613)545-2110
Municipal Services Office North East –	Paul Prospero – paul.prosperi@ontario.ca (705)564-6856
Municipal Services Office North West –	Heather Brown – Heather.b.brown@ontario.ca
1-800-465-5027 or 807-475-1192	
Municipal Services Office Central –	Zenobia Tavares – Zenobia.Tavares@ontario.ca
(416)585-6226	

Any interested participants should contact the appropriate regional office by email as indicated in the attached invitation document.

Please note that the first session is scheduled for Cornwall tomorrow, November 18.

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October 30, 2009

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairpersons and Directors of Education
- All Catholic District School Boards

FROM: Carol Devine, Director, Legislative and Political Affairs

SUBJECT: **Proposed Changes to Municipal Elections Act contained in Bill 212 –
Good Government Act 2009**

Bill 212, the Good Government Act, which passed First Reading on October 27, contains hundreds of measures involving 22 provincial ministries, all aimed at improving accountability and transparency in government. Included in the draft legislation are several changes to the rules related to municipal elections. Some of the key items of particular interest to school trustees and school boards are the following:

1. Voting day in regular elections is moved to the fourth Monday in October
2. Nominations must be filed by 2 p.m. on the second Friday in September.
3. The deadline for candidates to file their financial statements concerning campaign expenses is 2 p.m. on the last Friday in March after the election.
4. Campaign expenses related to a candidate's disability are excluded from the candidate's spending limit.
5. The municipal clerk shall ensure that each voting place is accessible to persons with disabilities.
6. An aggregate contribution limit of \$5,000 per contributor for each jurisdiction (school board or municipality) is established. Contributors who exceed this limit may be liable to a penalty.
7. Upon filing a nomination, each candidate will receive an estimated spending limit based on the number of electors in the previous election. After the close of nominations, each candidate will receive a final spending limit based on the number of electors in the current voters' list. The higher amount becomes the candidate's official spending limit.
8. Accounting and audit expenses and interest on loans are subject to the campaign spending limit.
9. Expenses relating to a compliance audit are not included in the spending limit.

10. Currently, the cost of holding fund-raising functions is not included in the spending limit. Amendments specify that the cost of holding fund-raising functions does not include costs related to events or activities at which the soliciting of funds is incidental, or costs related to promotional materials in which the soliciting of contributions is incidental.
11. A candidate's surplus funds will be held in trust by the municipality. The candidate may access those funds if he or she incurs expenses relating to a recount or a proceeding about a controverted election or a compliance audit. If surplus funds are not used for these purposes, they become the property of the municipality and cannot be carried forward by the candidate to use in the next election.
12. If a candidate who has a surplus or his or her spouse has made contributions to the election campaign, the candidate may, after the election campaign period ends but before filing the financial statement, refund to himself or herself or to the spouse the lesser of their contributions or the surplus.
13. The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation is authorized to obtain certain information from the Registrar General for use in compiling the preliminary list of electors. Municipalities may use additional information in their custody in order to revise and correct the list.
14. Electors voting at a polling place will be required to provide proof of identity and proof of residence before they receive a ballot.
15. Candidates must file their campaign financial statements by the specified deadline unless they have applied to the courts for an extension before the deadline has passed. The current 90-day grace period for sitting council members who miss the deadline is eliminated. A candidate who does not file the financial statement by the deadline forfeits any office to which he or she was elected, and is ineligible to run for office again until after the next regular election.
16. The municipal clerk is required to make all financial statements filed by candidates available to the public in electronic format, free of charge.
17. All municipalities and school boards are required to appoint an audit committee to hear and decide on applications for compliance audits. The committee shall be composed of between three and seven members, none of whom can be employees, officers or members of the board or candidates in the election.
18. Penalties for offences under the Act are increased. An individual who contravenes the Act is liable, on conviction, to a fine of up to \$25,000 and to imprisonment for up to six months. A corporation or trade union that contravenes the financial provisions of the Act is liable, on conviction, to a fine of up to \$50,000.
19. A prosecution for an offence in relation to a regular election must be commenced on or before December 1 of the fourth year after the year in which the election is held. A prosecution for an offence in relation to a by-election must be commenced on or before December 1 of the year of the next regular election after the by-election.

OCSTA will keep boards informed regarding the progress of Bill 212 through the House. It is the governments' intention to have Bill 212 enacted in time to apply to the 2010 Municipal Election.



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 CHAIRPERSON: Fred Alexander
 DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Joseph Berthiaume

Meeting Date:
 November 24, 2009

BOARD REPORT

Public **In-Camera**

PRESENTED FOR: Information Approval

PRESENTED BY: Senior Administration

SUBMITTED BY: Joseph Berthiaume, Director of Education
 P. Picard, Superintendent of Human Resources
 J. Bumbacco, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
 C. Norris, Manager of Human Resources & Policy Development

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF REPORT

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board receive the *Administrative Staff Report* on hiring, retirement and resignation of staff dated November 24, 2009 as information.

SYNOPSIS:

BACKGROUND COMMENTS:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

TIMELINES:

APPENDICES:

- Administrative Staff Report dated November 24, 2009

REPORT REVIEWED BY:

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November 24, 2009

Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board Administrative Staff Report

	Employee Name	Position	Date
HIRING:	Ball, Keith	Occasional Teacher	November 12, 2009
	Bonanno, Anthony	Occasional Teacher	November 12, 2009
	Braidford, Jason	Occasional Teacher	November 9, 2009
	Byrne, Tyler	Occasional Teacher	November 12, 2009
	Drouillard, Jacqueline	Occasional Teacher	November 12, 2009
	Friend, Amy	Occasional Teacher	November 12, 2009
	Gillis, Katherine	Occasional Teacher	November 9, 2009
	Guarasci, Amy	Occasional Teacher	November 9, 2009
	Iannicello, Rosanna	Occasional Teacher	November 9, 2009
	Lipari, Adriana	Occasional Teacher	November 9, 2009
	Marcon, Clint	Occasional Teacher	November 9, 2009
	Palumbo, Monalissa	Occasional Teacher	November 12, 2009
	Pavao Chevalier, Jennifer	Occasional Teacher	November 12, 2009
	Rimac, Severina	Occasional Teacher	November 12, 2009
	Stephen, Lindsay	Occasional Teacher	November 9, 2009
Thibert, Michelle	Occasional Teacher	November 9, 2009	
RESIGNATION:			
RETIREMENT:	Fera, Gary	Secondary Teacher	January 31, 2010



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BOARD REPORT

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PRESENTED FOR: Information Approval
PRESENTED BY: Senior Administration
SUBMITTED BY: Joseph Berthiaume, Director of Education
 Jill Braido, Communications Coordinator/Diocesan Liaison
SUBJECT: **OPERATION T.R.E.K. "TEAM OF ROBUST ENERGETIC KIDS"**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board receive the Operation T.R.E.K. "Team of Robust Energetic Kids" report as information.

SYNOPSIS: This report is presented as information to advise the Board of an informational campaign about the benefits of walking to school. The health advocacy initiative stems from on-going discussions at several levels regarding children's long-term health issues and concerns about traffic congestion before and after school in light of a growing number of parents driving their children to school.

BACKGROUND COMMENTS: By participating in this initiative, a partnership with the Greater Essex County District School Board, it is hoped students will be motivated to increase their physical activity, improve their level of health and enhance their learning experiences. As a secondary benefit, the number of vehicles will be reduced in and around school areas thereby relieving some of the traffic congestion experienced before and after school.

The preliminary plan is to provide a participation package to selected pilot schools that will include a full communication plan detailing messages, audiences and vehicles. There will be, among other things, sample announcements, newsletter inserts, posters, and suggested activities to assist the schools in successfully launching the program.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The Windsor-Essex District School Board's cost to pilot the initiative at its three schools is approximately \$2,000.00.

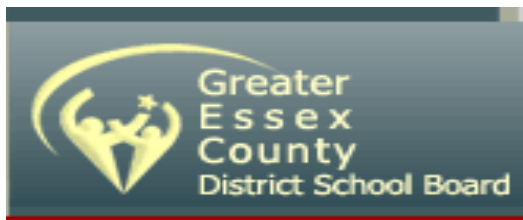
TIMELINES: Pilot the project at six schools (three at the GECDSB and three at the WECDSB) early in 2010.

APPENDICES:

- Parental Survey
- Operation T.R.E.K. Abstract
- Various Media Reports on Children's Health Issues

REPORT REVIEWED BY:

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OPERATION TREK! PARENTAL/GUARDIAN SURVEY

Dear Parent/Guardian: As part of an effort to encourage more of our students to walk or bicycle to school, we are investigating how our students travel to and from school on a daily basis. Please take a few minutes of your time to fill in this survey (one per family) and return it by _____ (date) to _____ (location).

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

Jill Braido
Communications Coordinator
Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board
(519) 253-2481, Ext. 1246

Scott Scantlebury
Public Relations Officer
Greater Essex County District School Board
(519) 255-3200, Ext. 10224

1. How many children do you have attending this school? _____

2. What grades are they in? _____

3. How far away from the school do you live?

- less than 3 blocks 3 to 6 blocks 0.5 to 1 km 1 to 3 km over 3 km

4. How do your children travel to and from school? Indicate the times per week on average:

From Home to School

From School to Home

- | | | | |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walk _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> School Bus _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Walk _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> School Bus _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Car _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Car _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transit _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Carpool _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Transit _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Carpool _____ |

5. If you drive your children to school each day, why do you make this choice?

6. If you have indicated safety, please explain.

7. Under what conditions would you consider letting your child walk, bike, or take transit to school instead of by car?

8. What do you consider the greatest danger facing a child in the area of the school?

9. Would you be interest in volunteering to help set up or maintain a program to make it easier for our schoolchildren to walk and bike to school?

If so, please indicate your name, phone number and e-mail _____

10. Would you be supportive of efforts taken to make the school area safer, healthier and more community oriented through the introduction of a program that focuses on reducing the number of children travelling to and from school by car?

Yes _____

No _____

Comments or suggestions: _____

OPERATION T.R.E.K. (Team of Robust Energetic Kids)

WALK TO SCHOOL CAMPAIGN



Created by:

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OPERATION

T.R.E.K.

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Abstract

For students who live close enough to school, walking should be a serious consideration every day. Canada's physical activity guidelines recommend that children should have at least 90 minutes of physical activity a day. According to the 2009 Report on Physical Activity for Children and Youth conducted by Active Healthy Kids Canada, only 13 % of Canadian kids met the guideline in 2007-08, which is actually up 4 % from two years earlier. If it takes 20 minutes for a child to walk to school each day, the trip there and back home completes almost half the recommended amount of daily activity.

It is most certainly a health issue. Last month, a report was released by Heart Niagara Inc., a non-profit corporation. **Between 2002 and 2008, the group tracked 20,000 Grade 9 students in the Niagara region. Several startling results were found. They included the fact that, one in five Grade 9 students have at least one major risk factor for heart disease and stroke. The number of obese teens went from 11 per cent to 13 per cent over the study period. High blood cholesterol levels went from nine per cent to 16 per cent in six years.** According to the website HealthyOntario.com, a vehicle of the Provincial Ministry of Health Promotion, "In the last 10 years, the number of overweight people in industrialized countries has increased significantly - so much so that obesity has been called an 'epidemic' by the World Health Organization (WHO)." The website also affirms, "Exercise and activity level are just as important as calorie intake. Children (and adults for that matter) should be more active, not only for weight control, but also for general health and well-being." The statistics are linked to more teens slurping back sugar-filled pops, skipping meals and spending more time inside their homes staring at screens. This is why we believe "Operation Trek" should be focused on elementary students in an effort to correct those bad habits before major health problems occur.

Getting children walking to school on a regular basis is also an education issue. Active Healthy Kids Canada's report card declares, "...the majority of empirical evidence suggests...that academic performance is improved by engagement in regular physical activity." It also lists some possible ways which academic performance is improved by physical activity, including increased memory and concentration, improved self-esteem, self confidence and self image, as well as better attention spans and an enhanced ability to relax.

It may involve students getting up a little earlier each day to make the preparations and the journey, but lessons in time management are never wasted. Parents can always appeal to their environmental conscience. The fewer cars on the road means less greenhouse gas emissions, and that's a good thing for the planet. Economically, walking to school is also a good idea, saving on gas and vehicle wear and tear.

Programming

At a time to be determined 6 schools, 3 from the Greater Essex County District School Board and 3 from the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board will be introduced to Operation T.R.E.K. which is, at its heart, an informational campaign about the benefits of walking to school. The benefits, as presented in the abstract, are mainly health related.

The preliminary plan is to deliver to the selected schools a package which will include a full communication plan detailing messages, audiences and vehicles. There will be, among other things, suggested announcements, newsletter inserts, posters, and suggested activities.

The most prominent portion of the package will be a reward program for walkers. They will receive scorecards and a supply of little rubber feet. Each time a student walks to school, they can receive a small foot and on the collection of 5 small they can redeem them for a larger foot.



Collect all your favorite colors!



For every day you walk to school you get to choose one foot!

Once you collect 5 of the small feet, if you want, you can trade them in for 1 big foot!



You can trade 5 "little feet" for 1 "big foot!"

A prize regimen will have to be established for students who collect the most "big feet" over a period of time. A complimentary program will have to be established for students who must take the bus....something to the effect of credit for playground walking at recess or lunch equivalent to a standard walk to school....that will allow everyone to participate.

The experience of these "pilot" schools can be used throughout the Boards to promote the concept of walking to school and its benefits, through word of mouth, websites newsletters, media....etc.

Goals

Ultimately, the priority is to encourage healthy activities. We believe this will have an impact on attendance and student achievement in the long run. It is also hoped, though it is not a stated goal of this project, to relieve some of the traffic congestion that is currently an issue at a number of our schools each day. History tells us it's very difficult to market a program based on a negative concept, so we wish to avoid the traffic issue whenever possible in the discussion of this program.

October 27, 2009

Heart disease risk factor found in 20% of teens

By CBC News

One in five students in Grade 9 have at least one major risk factor for heart disease and stroke, a new Canadian study suggests.

One in five students in Grade 9 have at least one major risk factor for heart disease and stroke, a new Canadian study suggests.

The findings show an accelerating decline in the heart health of Canadian teens, said study author Dr. Brian McCrindle, a pediatric cardiologist at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

"Children shouldn't have these profiles," McCrindle said in a statement.

The risk factors measured included:

- High cholesterol.
- High blood pressure.
- Obesity.

He presented the research at the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress 2009 in Edmonton on Tuesday.

Between 2002 and 2008, the number of Grade 9 students with one or more cardiovascular risk factors rose to 21 per cent from 17 per cent, the team found after looking at 20,719 students in Ontario's Niagara region.

The number of obese teens went from 11 per cent to 13 per cent over the study period. More teens also had high blood cholesterol levels, which increased from nine per cent to 16 per cent in six years.

The magnitude of the increase is astonishing, said Dr. Beth Abramson, a spokesperson for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

The number of students with high blood pressure dropped from 19 per cent to 17 per cent.

Overall, the results suggest teens have room for improvement in their diet and exercise levels.

Public health messages fall in deaf ears

"What it does suggest is that just informing the public and educating them about the problem doesn't necessarily translate into changes in policy or in behaviour," McCrindle said.

Public health advocates haven't been able to hit the message home, agreed Dr. Tom Warshawski, chair of the Childhood Obesity Foundation.

"Quite clearly what we've been doing hasn't been effective," said Warshawski, who was not involved in the research.

Warshawski pointed to two key factors in childhood obesity: sugar-sweetened drinks and screen time.

Banning junk food in schools has also been proposed to change behaviour.

The data were collected by Heart Niagara Inc., a non-profit corporation that worked with school boards and public health officials in a Grade 9 physical education curriculum enrichment program designed to prevent chronic disease.

They assessed students' blood pressure, height and weight, and blood cholesterol, for nearly all Grade 9 students in the system.

[Canadian Broadcasting Corporation](#)

Number of teenagers with risk factors for heart disease is rising: study

By Shannon Montgomery (CP) – 6 days ago

CALGARY — More than one in five teenagers has at least one risk factor for heart disease such as obesity and high cholesterol, a jump from just six years earlier, suggests new research.

Researchers partnered with a group that has been following the heart health of thousands of teenagers in the Niagara region of Ontario for more than two decades.

They found that between the years 2002 and 2008, the number of Grade 9 students with one or more cardiovascular risk factors rose to 21 per cent from 17 per cent.

The number of obese teens went from 11 per cent to 13 per cent, while those with elevated cholesterol almost doubled from nine per cent to 16 per cent.

The only figure to buck the trend was the number of students with high blood pressure, which dropped slightly from 19 per cent to 17 per cent.

The figures mirror what's going on in Canadian society overall, said Dr. Brian McCrindle, a pediatric cardiologist at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

At least three-quarters of teens who are overweight or obese stay that way as adults, and have the highest risk for heart attacks and strokes, he said.

"Unfortunately, I wasn't surprised because this is just documentation with a greater degree of specificity of what has been going on in the general population," he said.

"What needs to be brought to bear within the public realm is that the origins of heart disease in adults actually begins in youth, and it begins in youth with the accumulation of these risk factors."

McCrindle, who was scheduled to present the research Tuesday at the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress in Edmonton, said most of the risk factors are connected to lifestyle.

Despite public education campaigns about the importance of exercise and grabbing an apple instead of a chocolate bar, kids' behaviour isn't changing.

Many teens are slurping back sugar-filled pops, skipping meals and spending more and more time inside staring at screens.

"What it does suggest is that just informing the public and educating them about the problem doesn't necessarily translate into changes in policy or in behaviour," McCrindle said.

Dr. Tom Warshawski, chair of the Childhood Obesity Foundation, said he and other pediatricians have been observing the same trends in their own patients.

"Quite clearly what we've been doing hasn't been effective," said Warshawski, who was not involved in the research.

"We haven't, as public health advocates, been able to get out the appropriate messaging and education to people."

Warshawski said his group has identified two factors as the "canary in a coal mine" when it comes to childhood obesity - sugar-sweetened drinks and the amount of time spent in front of a screen.

Just focusing a message on those two factors alone can make a significant difference in the health of teens, he said.

Other solutions could be restricting the sale of junk food and drinks and considering taxation on unhealthy food.

Any type of permanent change is going to have to come from many different levels, said McCrindle.

Some programs have shown success by intensively connecting with children one-on-one to help them change their behaviour. Policy initiatives such as pulling junk food and pop off school grounds can also play a role.

"I think that the potential (for change) does exist," he said. "But I think there needs to be a greater engagement of the public ... in terms of educating people and motivating them to make the behaviour change and changing the environment."

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Forget about acne: Heart disease may be the new teenage rite of passage

Posted by [Catherine Guthrie](#) Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 5:44 pm

A 7-year study peering into the heart health of 20,000 Canadian teens uncovered that most already have at least one major risk factor for heart disease. The findings, presented this week at the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress, showed that rates of high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and obesity among the sampling of the country's 14- and 15-year-olds are shockingly high and appear to be on the upswing.

The most disturbing news was the rise in the number of teens with high cholesterol: from 9% to 16%. "What does this say for the future health of these young teens?" says Beth Abramson, MD, spokesperson for the [Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada](#). "We are ringing the alarm bell. Every child has the right to grow up healthy."

While high cholesterol is certainly worrisome, obesity is at the heart of the matter (so to speak). Thirteen percent of Canadian teens are obese. And, of course, it's hardly a Canadian issue. Among American adolescents (ages 12 to 19), 17 percent are obese (meaning they have a body mass index of 30 or greater). That's more than triple the number of obese teens in 1980, according to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#). Roughly 7 in 10 obese U.S. teens already have at least one risk factor for heart disease, the country's leading cause of death. Obesity also puts children at higher risk of suffering bone and joint problems and sleep disorders, not to mention mental health issues, such as poor self-esteem.



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 November 24, 2009

BOARD REPORT

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PRESENTED FOR: Information Approval
PRESENTED BY: Senior Administration
SUBMITTED BY: Joseph Berthiaume, Director of Education
 Mario Iatonna, Superintendent of Business
SUBJECT: **HONORARIA FOR BOARD MEMBERS**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the Honoraria for Board Members for the period from December 1, 2009 to November 30, 2010 in the amounts of \$10,518.30 for Trustees, \$13,611.18 for Vice-Chair and \$16,705.86 for Chair.

SYNOPSIS: In accordance with the Education Act and Ontario Regulation 357/06 Honoraria for Board Members, it is required to establish honoraria for Trustees in each year of the Board's term to take effect on December 1st.

BACKGROUND COMMENTS: Pursuant to the legislation and regulation, the Board has previously approved Policy T:06 Honoraria for Trustees which sets out the method for establishing Trustee honoraria. Calculations for the one-year term commencing December 1, 2009 are as follows:

Component	Trustees	Vice-Chair	Chair
Base Amount	\$5,900.00	\$5,900.00	\$5,900.00
Base Amount Additions	0.00	2,500.00	5,000.00
Enrolment Amount	4,618.30	4,618.30	4,618.30
Enrolment Amount Additions	0.00	593.78	1,187.56
Totals	\$10,518.30	\$13,612.08	\$16,705.86

In accordance with Ontario Regulation 357/06, the specific components are defined as follows:

Base Amount: An annual amount of \$5,900 for each year of the term of office from December 1, 2006 to November 30, 2010 for all trustees.

Base Amount Additions: An additional annual amount of \$2,500 for the Vice-Chair and \$5,000 for the Chair for each year of the term of office.

Enrolment Amount: An annual amount for all trustees calculated for each year of the term of office by taking the Average Daily Enrolment (ADE) for the just completed school year, multiplying it by \$1.75, and dividing by the number of trustees. The 2008-09 ADE was 23,751.27 students. When multiplied by \$1.75 and divided by 9 trustees, this yields an amount of \$4,618.30 for all trustees.

Enrolment Amount Additions: An additional annual amount for the Vice-Chair calculated for each year of the term of office by taking the ADE and multiplying it by \$0.025. The 2008-09 ADE was 23,751.27 students. When multiplied by \$0.025, this yields an amount of \$593.78 for the Vice-Chair. An additional annual amount for the Chair calculated for each year of the term of office by taking the ADE and multiplying it by \$0.05. The 2008-09 ADE was 23,751.27 students. When multiplied by \$0.05, this yields an amount of \$1,187.56 for the Chair.

For Student Trustees, it is noted that the honoraria is set at \$2,500.00 per term, which current term extends from August 1, 2009 to July 31, 2010, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 7/07 Student Trustees and Board Policy T:01 Student Trustees.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: A comparison with the honoraria from 2008-09, show reductions as follows:

Position	2008-09 Honoraria	2009-10 Honoraria	Change
Trustees	\$10,679.36	\$10,518.30	-1.5%
Vice-Chair	\$13,793.85	\$13,612.08	-1.3%
Chair	\$16,908.34	\$16,705.86	-1.2%

TIMELINES: The revised honoraria apply for the December 1, 2009 to November 30, 2010 term.

APPENDICES: N/A

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BOARD REPORT

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PRESENTED BY: Senior Administration
SUBMITTED BY: Joseph Berthiaume, Director of Education
 Linda Staudt, Superintendent of Education
SUBJECT: **ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS IN CATHOLIC
 EDUCATION (OAPCE) – 2010 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve payment of the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) 2010 annual membership fees for 41 elementary school councils and 8 secondary school councils in the amount of \$68.00 per school (\$3,332.00 total) to be funded from the Membership Fees budget line (000-33-701000-6-000-0).

SYNOPSIS: Each year, the Board considers the payment, on behalf of its School Advisory Councils, of membership fees with the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE).

BACKGROUND COMMENTS: The OAPCE provides a voice for parents who share a common goal in supporting the continuation and preservation of publicly funded Catholic Education in the province.

The OAPCE 2010 Annual General Meeting and Conference – “United by faith we are stronger” has been scheduled for May 15, 2010 in Niagara Falls. The Board has approved up to \$4,000.00 annually to financially assist school council representatives in attending the AGM.

Additional information regarding the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) is available on their website at: <http://www.oapce.on.ca/>

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The annual membership fee totalling \$3,332.00 on behalf of 49 school advisory councils will be funded from the Membership Fees Budget line.

TIMELINES: The annual membership fee is due by January 1, 2010.

APPENDICES:

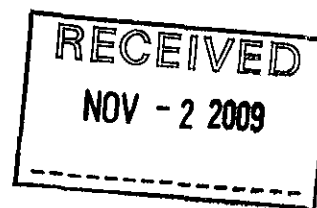
- OAPCE Correspondence, dated October 27, 2009
- OAPCE Membership Invoice (amended to reflect 49 school councils)

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THE ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION



October 27, 2009

Mr. Berthiaume, Director of Education, Windsor Essex CDSB
1325 California Ave.
Windsor, Ontario N9B 3Y6

Dear Joseph,

It is with great pleasure that on behalf of the Board of Directors for the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE), I extend our best wishes to you, your Board staff and teachers for a wonderful and safe school year!

We have completed our journey to our 70th Anniversary! We thank you for your support in making it such a success. We continue to communicate our theme for 2009, "*United by faith we are stronger*" amongst our parents and communities promoting our publicly funded Catholic Education in Ontario!

MEMBERSHIP-

Please review the attached invoice that will outline the cost of membership for your particular school board. There has been no better time for all publicly funded Catholic School Boards to join the OAPCE on behalf of their parent communities; another critical partner working with classroom teachers, school administrators, and school boards. OAPCE is *the only recognized Catholic parent organization by the Ontario Ministry of Education* and your support is active evidence of the importance of parent engagement in your schools and the united partnership fundamental to the continuation of our school system. Please contact our office if you would like to receive more information at oapce@oapce.on.ca

OAPCE LIAISON REPS -

The Ministry of Education has specifically noted in Regulation 612 of the Education Act that included in the composition of an Ontario Catholic School Council, is an appointed **OAPCE Liaison Representative**. Please encourage your Catholic School Councils to nominate a Liaison Representative or alternatively, the Chair / Vice Chair can also assume this role. We have an electronic database in order to reach out by email to the liaison representatives on the operations and activities of the OAPCE; and also to receive information in return to highlight achievements, celebrations/events, as well as areas of concern requiring clarification and/or recommendations that parents have identified. Please have your Superintendent of School Councils contact our Head Office with the names, schools and email addresses in early December, 2009 to ensure we are reaching each of your school councils. We do not share the contact information with anyone. Our office will also follow-up again in the New Year.

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GREAT NEWS - OAPCE

We have launched our “intranet” site providing a project management approach allowing OAPCE better communication, organization and monitoring of our internal operations. As technology evolves, costs rise, and time becomes more precious, it continues to provide the Directors the ability to dialogue and meet through the intranet.

As we departed the 70th OAPCE Conference and AGM for 2009, the OAPCE Directors were even more aware of the need to reach out to the various regions across Ontario to parents to learn more about and to appreciate our Catholic education heritage here in Ontario. Regional Forums leading to the 70th Anniversary, which began in Kingston, moved across to Dufferin-Peel and then finishing in Thunder Bay, were hosted through the cooperation and participation of school boards, and other Catholic partners. We look forward to continuing the regional forums this year too as we journey to our conference in Niagara Falls May, 2010.

OAPCE received its Charitable Status in September, 2007. This is a wonderful recognition of the quality work that OAPCE continues to achieve. As with many charities, operating costs to continue and grow increase annually. We are proud of the services we provide to every parent in the Catholic Education system in Ontario. To accomplish our goals we anticipate initiating fundraising activities this school year.

OAPCE would greatly appreciate your endorsement to groups and individuals considering making charitable donations. OAPCE will automatically issue a tax receipt for donations \$20.00 and above.

2010 promises to be another year of new opportunities and networking for OAPCE. The 71st Annual General Meeting and Conference will take place May 15, 2010 in Niagara Falls. This event for OAPCE will be hosted at St. Michael Catholic High School. Keeping in mind that we are all looking for ways to maximize return on investments of both time and money, we will host a one day conference ensuring topics are specifically aligned with the suggestions of our parents from last year. As well as many interesting workshops, we will have a talented speaker and honoured guests for lunch. ***Please mark your calendar*** and join us for a fun filled day of Spirit, Knowledge sharing, entertainment and fun for all.

Watch our website for progress and updates....

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OUR JOURNEY CONTINUES -

Our journey began over seventy years ago; and OAPCE continues its commitment to its Vision..."

The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education as a faith based community, advocates for, and is the voice of parents and guardians of children enrolled in publicly funded Catholic English Education in the province of Ontario.

The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education nurtures passion for Catholic Education through providing and strengthening active leadership and partnership in all regions across the province.

The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education actively participates with educational and community partners to influence positive outcomes for all children."

Our Board of Directors welcome the opportunity to meet with you, and your School Board Trustees to expand our partnership and collaboration within our Catholic education community, for the betterment of all the children who attend Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools. Over the next few months I will continue to communicate with you and your School Board providing updates on the good work and initiatives taken by OAPCE for 2009-2010!

I look forward to meeting each of you, and the School Board Trustees during this new school year.

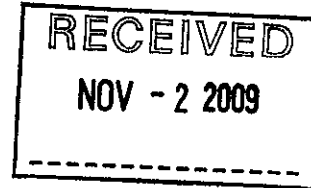
Yours, In Catholic Education



Aimee Gerdevich,
President
Encl.



Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education



INVOICE

To:

Mr. Berthiaume, Director of Education
 Windsor Essex CDSB
 1325 California Ave.
 Windsor, Ontario N9B 3Y6

INVOICE #028
 DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2009

Description	Number of Schools	Rate	Total Amount
2010 OAPCE Membership Dues 49 School councils - 41 elementary - 8 secondary	49 50	\$68.00	\$3,400.00 \$ 3332.00 \$ 3332.0
Please Return Yellow Copy with your Payment			\$3,400.00

Please make cheque payable to The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE)
 P.O. Box 70614
 2938 Dundas St West
 Toronto, Ontario M6P 4E7

Thank you for your Support!



1325 California Avenue
 Windsor, ON N9B 3Y6
 CHAIRPERSON: Fred Alexander
 DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Joseph Berthiaume

Meeting Date:
 November 24, 2009

BOARD REPORT

Public **In-Camera**

PRESENTED FOR: Information Approval

PRESENTED BY: Senior Administration

SUBMITTED BY: Joseph Berthiaume, Director of Education
 Cathy Geml, Superintendent of Education
 Mario Iatonna, Superintendent of Business

SUBJECT: **HARMONIZATION OF FULL-DAY, ALTERNATE-DAY KINDERGARTEN**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the transition of the current delivery model for the Junior and Senior Kindergarten program in the city elementary schools to a full-day, alternate-day model by September 2010.

SYNOPSIS:

In an effort to provide consistency within the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board (WECDSB) and harmonization with the Greater Essex County District School Board (GECDSB), it is recommended that the WECDSB move to a full-day, alternate-day Junior/Senior Kindergarten program in September 2010. This change is projected to result in savings in transportation costs for both the WECDSB and the GECDSB. All savings incurred by the Board in regard to transportation will be directed back into the JK/SK programs.

BACKGROUND COMMENTS:

Presently, the WECDSB offers a full-day, alternate-day JK/SK program in the county elementary schools and a half-day, everyday JK/SK program in the city elementary schools. The county delivery model of full-day, alternate-day was originally adopted in order to reduce transportation costs.

With the announcement of the Ministry of Education's Early Learning Program, the harmonization of the JK/SK program delivery model to full-day, alternate-day in the city schools as well, will assist the Board and families in making the transition to the full-day learning for four and five-year olds over the next five years.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The WECDSB's projected annual net savings for transportation costs by moving to full-day, alternate-day JK/SK in the city elementary schools is \$200,000, as previously determined by the former Transportation Consortium General Manager and the GECDSB. As noted above, all savings realized by the Board in regard to transportation will be directed back into the JK/SK programs.

TIMELINES:

The harmonization of the Board's city and county JK/SK delivery models would commence in September 2010.

APPENDICES:

- None.

REPORT REVIEWED BY:

- EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
- SUPERINTENDENT
- DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION:

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BOARD REPORT

Public **In-Camera**

PRESENTED FOR: Information Approval

PRESENTED BY: Senior Administration

SUBMITTED BY: Joseph Berthiaume, Director of Education
 Linda Staudt, Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: **FOLLOW-UP TO EAST WINDSOR ACCOMMODATION REVIEW
 – ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL –
 SECONDARY FEEDER SCHOOL OPTIONS**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve, beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, the option for students of St. Bernard Catholic Elementary School (Windsor) to attend either Catholic Central High School or F.J. Brennan Catholic High School.

SYNOPSIS:

At the November 10, 2009 meeting of the Board, as part of the East Windsor School Accommodation Review process, trustees approved to continue to pursue prohibitive to repair funding for St. Bernard and should funding be secured for a new building for St. Bernard, the Board consolidate Our Lady of Lourdes at the St. Bernard site.

Further, it was approved that upon consolidation of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernard, the secondary boundaries be adjusted so that the new school community become a feeder school to F.J. Brennan Catholic High School. Given approval of the above, it is recommended that beginning in the 2010 – 2011 school year, students of St. Bernard Catholic Elementary School be given the option of attending either Catholic Central High School or F.J. Brennan Catholic High School.

BACKGROUND COMMENTS:

Prior to 1987, St. Bernard was designated as a feeder school to F.J. Brennan Catholic High School. In 1987, when Catholic Central opened at its present Tecumseh Road location, boundaries were re-aligned to relieve enrolment pressures at F.J. Brennan with St. Bernard becoming a feeder school to Catholic Central.

As indicated in the table below, if students from St. Bernard were provided the option of attending either F.J. Brennan or Catholic Central, Catholic Central would receive students from four feeder Catholic elementary schools and receive all secondary students new to Canada requiring English Language programming. Brennan would receive students from 6 feeder Catholic elementary schools. Based on F.J. Brennan’s present enrolment numbers of 755 students and a Ministry designated ‘on the ground’ capacity of 1278 students Brennan has ample capacity to accommodate students from St. Bernard wishing to attend the school.

	Catholic Central High School	F.J. Brennan Catholic High School
Feeder Schools	Immaculate Conception Our Lady of Perpetual Help St. Angela <i>St. Bernard</i>	Our Lady of Lourdes St. John Vianney St. Jules St. Maria Goretti St. Rose <i>St. Bernard **</i>
Specialized Programming	English Language Learners	
On the Ground Capacity	876 students	1278 students
Current Enrolment	881 students	755 students

** Pending approval

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Nil.

TIMELINES: September, 2010.

APPENDICES:

- None.

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BOARD REPORT

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PRESENTED BY: Senior Administration
SUBMITTED BY: Joseph Berthiaume, Director of Education
 Linda Staudt, Superintendent of Education
SUBJECT: **HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 15, 2009**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board receive the report for the October 15, 2009 High School Council meeting as information.

SYNOPSIS: The High School Council meets several times during each school year. All reports of the High School Council are to be received by the Board.

BACKGROUND COMMENTS: Every school in the Windsor-Essex Catholic School Board has a school council, a group made up of parents, school staff and community representatives to offer advice to principals and the board on various topics. In addition, a High School Council, that includes school council representation from the board's high schools, provides an opportunity for high school council parent members and principals to discuss matters of regional concern or interest with each other and their area superintendent. These meetings also offer the chance to share successes and solutions from their school councils and "best practices" followed at their schools.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: n/a

TIMELINES: High School Council meetings are tentatively scheduled for 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month during the school year with the exception of December and March.

APPENDICES:

- High School Council Report of October 15, 2009

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WINDSOR-ESSEX CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

October 15, 2009

~ Holy Names High School ~

7:06 p.m.

REPORT

PRESENT

Parent Representatives

Assumption
 Catholic Central
 Holy Names
 St. Anne's
 St. Anne's
 St. Thomas of Villanova

Sam Boglitch
 Janice Bennett
 Sherri Zorzit
 Joe Bachmeier
 Jeannine Shaloub
 Greg Farrah

Principal
 Board Supervisor
 Recording Secretary

Kevin Hamlin
 Linda Staudt
 Celeste DiPonio

REGRETS

Brennan
 Cardinal Carter
 St. Joseph's
 Student Trustees
 Trustee

Ron Dunn
 Cynthia Casagrande, Pat Moyneur
 Barbara Dettlinger
 Nadia Timperio, Joanna Wolinski
 Shannon Porcellini

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Mr. Kevin Hamlin led the group in prayer.

2. Introduction of Members and Roll Call

Joe Bachmeier asked everyone to introduce themselves.

3. Approval of Agenda/Amendments to Agenda

Moved by: Sam Boglitch
 Seconded by: Greg Farrah
 THAT the agenda be approved. All in favour. CARRIED.

4. Approval of Minutes – June 16, 2009

Moved by: Sam Boglitch
 Seconded by: Greg Farrah
 THAT the minutes of the June 16, 2009 meeting be approved. All in favour. CARRIED.

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5. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Moved by: Joe Bachmeier

Seconded by: Sherri Zorzit

THAT Greg Farrah is nominated for the Chairperson of the High School Council for the 2009-10 School Year.

All in favour. CARRIED

Moved by: Joe Bachmeier

Seconded by: Greg Farrah

THAT Janice Bennett is nominated for the Vice Chairperson of the High School Council for the 2009-10 School Year.

All in favour. CARRIED

6. Schedule of Proposed Meeting Dates

Moved by: Joe Bachmeier

Seconded by: Janice Bennett

THAT the proposed Schedule of Meeting dates be approved.

All in favour. CARRIED

7. Presentation

Greg Farrah on behalf of the members of the High School Council presented Joe Bachmeier with a token of appreciation for his years of service as the Chairperson and member of the High School Council. Mr. Bachmeier thanked everyone and gave his heartfelt sentiments.

8. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Moved by: Jeannette Shaloub

Seconded by: Greg Farrah

THAT Joe Bachmeier is nominated as the High School Council community representative.

All in favour. CARRIED

9. Superintendent's Report – Linda Staudt

- 1) **Students Helping Students** – The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. She distributed the list of the Committee Members. She highlighted the background and informed the council a \$5000 donation has already been received. The committee will meet 3-4 times a year. Parents or groups wishing to make donations can also receive an income tax receipt.
- 2) She distributed the **EQAO Results**. She also noted that they can also be found on the board website. The board is very pleased with the results.

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- 3) **Commissioning Ceremony** – Tuesday, November 17 at 6 p.m. –Assumption chapel followed by dinner and a presentation of the DVD –“What does a Catholic Education Mean to Me.”
- 4) **Focus on Youth** – The program was most successful with over 100 students hired for various durations of time. This was a wonderful summer time employment opportunity for students.
- 5) **The director of education**, Joseph Berthiaume will be attending the next meeting and the board developed DVD entitled, “What a Catholic Education Means to Me” will be shown.

10. Student Senate Report –Joanna Wolinski and Nadia Timperio

No report, as both students are away at the OSTA-AECO conference.

11. Chairperson’s Report/Comments

No report.

Joe Bachmeier mentioned that Hocktoberfest II is taking place. It is an International Female Hockey Festival taking place in Windsor October 22-25th. He noted the culinary programs in our schools system from both St. Anne’s and Assumption will be providing and feeding the students. They are anticipating 2200 athletes over 4 days.

12. New Business/Other Comments

Greg Farrah - Parent Council Chair of St. Thomas of Villanova High School

- Arlene Davis extended an invitation to the umbrella PAC meeting taking place on October 20th to hear Dr. Cortese speak on the relationship of the use of marijuana and psychosis.
- Great parent turn out at the beginning of the year
- Wildcat fundraiser off to a good start – over 18 parents turned out to help out.
- Football game a great success
- Welcomed and are thankful for their new principal, Kathy Furlong.

Sam Bogtich – Regional Representative, Assumption College High School

- The first PAC meeting took place Sept. 16 and good turnout.
- Lottery fundraiser proceeding.
- Our enrolment is up between 697 and 700 students
- New Sound System

Sherri Zorzit – Chairperson, Holy Names High School

- All of their school teams are up and running
 - The first PAC meeting will be held on Wed. Sept. 23rd and elections were held. They have a new secretary.
 - Their lottery is off to a great start! Tickets went home on Oct. 5th and they had their Gold Knight day today.
 - On Oct. 5th Holy Names hosted Alvin Law. She highly recommends him for everyone’s school.
 - The Harvest Mass was held on Oct. 7th. They shared a beautiful celebration with Father Jim Roche and kudos to the choir and the football team for their amazing rendition of “Awesome God”.
 - October 19th is our Knights of Honour
 - She thanked and extended a welcome to everyone for attending tonight.
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Janice Bennett – Chairperson, Catholic Central High School

- Thanksgiving Mass was celebrated last Thursday. Students of all faiths came forward for a blessing.
- The annual peanut butter drive started October 13th and will run through to October 23rd. These are distributed to many charities around the city.
- They held their Rookie Rumble last week for the grade nine students.
- She congratulated Natalie Sinasac who won the WECSSAA Championship for Tennis.
- They have started many new clubs this year: The Multicultural Club; Chess Club; Social Club; Art Club; Yearbook Club; and Homework Club. Some of the clubs meet at lunch, while others meet after school.
- An ELL (English Language Learners) soccer tournament was held October 7th during 3rd and 4th period classes. This was a huge success.
- As part of the “Students Helping Students” initiative, Student Council is planning to have a dress up day for Halloween.
- Their semi formal will take place on November 13th at the Caboto Club.
- She asked that everyone keep in their prayers a student from their senior boys’ football team who was injured in a game.

Gina Parent – Secretary PAC – Christ the King Elementary School

- The Christ the King PAC’s first meeting took place on September 21st. Parents were invited to bring their concerns or questions they may have.
- They are in the process for applying for the Parents Reaching Out Grant. Their grant proposal is to assist those parents that are not English speaking.
- The “Meet the Teacher Barbecue” was a great success.
- She gave the regrets of the chairperson for Christ the King for not being present this evening as she has taken a new full time position job.
- Fundraiser started last week hoping for good results.

Dominic Valente – Chairperson, Notre Dame Elementary School

- He noted that last year their school was successful in acquiring the Parents Reaching Out Pro Grants.
- The “Meet the Teacher Barbecue” was successful with an excellent turnout.
- Their parent council meeting took place September 23rd with over 25-30 council members and ten new parents. They go through all the committee reports, chair’s report, treasurer report, teacher rep and principal reports, and at times have guest speakers. They notify their parents with the Marquis outside of the school, newsletters and the website. The website is updated on a daily basis. They are virtually paperless and have all parents email addresses. It works very well.
- The cookie dough fundraiser went well and is wrapped up.

Stephanie Hang, student and Prime Minister – Holy Names High School

- Smooth kick off to the school year.
- The first school dance had a great turn out and students really set the mood and enjoyed themselves.
- This month’s semi formal theme is the Titanic.
- They will have a pep rally for the football team.
- Student Council has decided to volunteer at a shelter to help out.

Jeannine Shaloub – Parent Council Representative – St. Anne’s High School

- Parent council meeting took place and Anna Boston has been re-elected as the Chairperson.
 - Enrolment is 1480 - it is up by 60 students.
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- St. Anne hosted a mass for the Good Sheppard Parish. More than 1400 people were in attendance. This mass was a kick off fundraising campaign for the building fund of the Good Sheppard Parish. The students from both St. Anne and Assumption College High Schools served refreshments after the mass.
- They are pleased with the EQAO scores
- They have a new campus minister, Renee Fuerth.
- Kick off raffle was on Oct 8 – 12000 tickets printed.
- New program implemented called S.W.A.T. – (Saints Working Against Trouble). Three days of training will take place - specially trained individuals will train 26 students with respect to bullying issues and teach them how to watch out for troubled students.
- October 29th St. Anne's will host their honour roll night.
- At the last meeting St. Thomas of Villanova High school students donated their semiformal or formal dresses. They were most impressed and would like to get more information so they can do the same.

13. Next Meeting:

Remainder of the year scheduled meeting dates are:

November 12 – St. Joseph's High School

December – no meeting

January 14/10 – Catholic Central

February 11/10 – F. J. Brennan

March – no meeting

April 8/10 – St. Thomas of Villanova

May 13/10 – St. Anne's High School

June 10 – Cardinal Carter High School

14. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at – 8:30 p.m.

Moved by: Sam Boglitch

Seconded by: Jeanne Shaloub

All in favour. CARRIED