



ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Lighting the Way ~ Rejoicing in Our Journey

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT BOARD ADVISORY COUNCIL

NOTES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Board Advisory Council Members Present:

Michelle Jardin – Christ the King Catholic School
Christine Canniff- Georges P. Vanier Catholic School
Wendy Vercauteren - Good Shepherd Catholic School
Diane Gillis - Monsignor Uyen Catholic School
Terri Hutchins- St. Anne Catholic School, Sarnia
Adam Seys and A. Blanchard - St. Elizabeth Catholic School
Kim Godin - St. John Fisher Catholic School
Colleen Roberts - St. Joseph Catholic School, Corunna
John McAllister- St. Peter Canisius Catholic School
Angela Brouwers and Heather Vasey – St. Philip Catholic School
Tracy Havens and Robyn Crone- St. Ursula Catholic School

Absent:

Tammy Simrak - Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School
Kimberly McAuley - Holy Family Catholic School
Janice DeVlugt - Holy Rosary Catholic School
Holy Trinity Catholic School
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School
Tracey Jardine - Sacred Heart Catholic School, Port Lambton
Jamie Sloan - Sacred Heart Catholic School, Sarnia
Caitlind Lesveque - St. Agnes Catholic School
Lorie Thibault - St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim
Andrea Parent- St. Joseph Catholic School, Tilbury
Janet Vandegutche - St. Matthew Catholic School
Lissa Stinson and Jennifer Wadsworth - St. Michael Catholic School, Bright's Grove
Heather Heyboer and Erin Woods - St. Michael Catholic School, Ridgetown
St. Vincent Catholic School

Regrets:

Laura Callaghan - St. Joseph Catholic School, Chatham
Margaret Butler and Lonney Butler- St. Joseph Catholic School, Chatham
Victor Matias- St. Patrick Catholic High School

Trustees and Administration Present:

Brenda Courey	Phil Bedard	Kerry Matthyssen
Dan Parr	Shirley Churchill	Mona McKeown
John Van Heck	Ed Freeburn	Luana Sfalcin

Chair: John Van Heck
Resource: Dan Parr and Brenda Courey
Recorder: Alecia Atterbury

John Van Heck opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer

J. Van Heck, Chair

The meeting began with an opening prayer led by Mr. Van Heck.

1. Approval of Meeting Notes from February 18, 2014

J. Van Heck, Chair

- Terri Hutchins motioned to approve the meeting notes as presented. The motion was seconded by Angela Brouwers. All attendees were in favour. Motion accepted.

3. Update on Strategic Planning for Excellence in our Catholic Schools

**D. Parr,
Director of Education**

- The St. Clair Catholic District School Board's last strategic plan was prepared in 2006. The board has been working to prepare a new strategic plan to better define the means to achieve our board mission statements and goals.
- Board goals have been determined through consultation with various groups in February and March of 2014.
- The responses of these consulting groups were shared, along with emerging themes.
- Work is now being done to create goal statements that are specific, obtainable, and measurable.
- The draft plan will be presented to the Board of Trustees by the end of May 2014.
- The final draft of the strategic plan will be one page with specific goals. This will allow for specific targets for principals, teachers, support staff, and managers to assist with achieving these small target goals for the overall achievement of the board's strategic plan.
- Implementation of the strategic plan will begin in September 2014.

4. 21st Century Learning at St. Clair Catholic District School Board

**B. Courey,
Assistant Superintendent**

- 21st Century Learning is highlighted as one of the goals for the Board's strategic plan. Discussion regarding what the board has done in the past to support this goal and what the board is striving to achieve for the future in this area of learning.
- Some skills obtained through 21st Century Learning are creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, communication, problem-solving skills, and the encouragement of citizenship-digital and global. These skills are similarly embedded in the Catholic Graduate Expectations
- On January 23, 2012 there was a 'townhall discussion' regarding moving forward with technology within the school board. Since that time, numerous programs and resources have been funded by the Board and the Ministry of Education to support the implementation of technology and the 21st Century Learning Environment within the classroom. Highlight of these programs was discussed.
- Tour of online Goggle Docs was provided.
- 21st Century Learning Committee has been created to ensure success within schools and how it may be measurable: creating a learning framework to ensure safe environments, remaining current, and appropriate training for teachers.
- I.T.'s About Learning team has been developed to create online learning modules for teachers. This writing team consists of forty-seven teachers from across the school board.

5. Living Our Faith Resources and Other Parent Resources on the St. Clair Website

**B. Courey,
Assistant Superintendent**

- Review of St. Clair Catholic Board website faith and parent resources, specifically:

- 'Living Our Faith' resources, which offer daily prayer retreat, examples of religion curriculum in the classroom, and a faith community
 - Individual school website links
- Attendees were provided with the opportunity to use Google Chromebooks to follow the website links as they were discussed.

6. Ministry Updates

T. Hutchins, Parent Co-Chair

- Main topics from the Parent Involvement Committee Ministry Conference were highlighted
- The Ministry of Education website www.edu.gov.on.ca was discussed as an available math resource. Attendees encouraged to obtain school log-in to support continued learning at home
 - Emphasis for the bullying discussion to continue
 - Discussion regarding the development of resilient children
 - Encouraged attendance at and support of numeracy nights and reading readiness programs
- Attendees were thanked for their involvement in their schools and the education of their children

7. Next Year's Meeting Dates and Topics

J. Van Heck, Chair

- Encouraged to write future meeting topic ideas on sticky notes, or through email, and submit to Brenda Courey
- Upcoming Meeting Dates:
- October 14, 2014
February 17, 2015
May 19, 2015

John Van Heck closed the meeting in prayer at 8:30 pm