



REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 27, 2014

Dan Parr, Director of Education

SUBJECT: Student Trustee Election

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BACKGROUND:

In accordance with Board Policy 10.3, the St. Clair Catholic District School Board requires two student trustees – one to represent the Catholic school students of Chatham-Kent and one to represent the Catholic school students of Sarnia-Lambton.

BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF STUDENT TRUSTEE:

School Principals were directed to verify that they were to *only* include in the selection process those students who meet these requirements:

1. Be Catholic
2. During 2014-2015 term of office, a full-time student in at least grade 11
3. Have access to transportation to attend the meetings in Wallaceburg
4. Has a record of good attendance and hence is likely to be able to honour the time commitment

OUTLINE OF PROCESS:

- In advance of the Selection Day, Student Councils promoted among the student body of each Catholic secondary school, the upcoming student trustee selection process. A letter from the Director of Education and the Chair of the Board was provided which explained the requirements.
- The Selection Day, followed the following common agenda:
 1. Welcome by Secondary School Administrator
 2. Opening Prayer (Chaplain)
 3. Video – Student Voice

Here is the link to the video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8fe93mfDji0>

4. Ice Breaker Activities
 5. Current Student Trustee Speech on the Role (5 – 10 minutes)
 6. Candidate Speeches (3 – 5 minutes)
 7. Election
 8. Closing Prayer
- The election for St. Patrick's High School occurred on Wednesday, April 16, while the election for Ursuline College occurred there on Wednesday, April 23.

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STUDENT TRUSTEES:

The student Trustees are:

Christopher Anthony, representing Catholic school students in Sarnia-Lambton. Chris is currently in grade 11 at St. Patrick's High School who is involved in many committees at his school including the Cyclone Aid Committee, Student Council, Link Crew, iMatter, and Muskoka Woods. Chris also has a passion for swimming which started after he joined the school swim team. He is now a part of the Irish Swim Team. He works part-time as a lifeguard and swim instructor at the Moore Sports Complex. Skating is another interest that Chris has been involved for almost 12 years. He has represented the Moore Skating Club at Provincials for 3 years.

Although these activities keep Chris busy, he devotes a great deal of time to his faith. He assists with mass preparations and morning reflections at St. Patrick's and has also been a part of the St. Joseph/ St. Charles parish choir for almost 6 years. Along with this, he is also a commentator and lector at the parish. Recently, Chris was given the opportunity through his parish to attend the 2013 World Youth Day in Brazil. Chris' school and community involvement will assist in him in his new role as Student Trustee.

Katie Shillington, representing Catholic school students in Chatham-Kent. Katie is a young lady who strives each day to make a difference within the walls of Ursuline College. She is currently in grade 11. Since the beginning of grade nine, Katie has been involved in numerous activities within our school. Lancer Link, Muskoka, Musical, and Pedagape are only a few of those activities. While being involved in extracurriculars, Katie still sets high academic standards for herself and is in constant pursuit of her own personal excellence. Katie is a strong leader who empowers others to reach their potential and is always making sure others feel included and accepted. She is a radiant light as she walks through the halls of U.C.C. - always with a smile on her face.

Katie is a faith-filled young woman who is involved at the parish level as well. She is a cantor, youth group member and confirmation leader. Katie has participated in COR, attended Christian Leadership camp and just this past summer attended Notre Dame for their summer leadership seminar. She exemplifies both the board's mission of "Live Like Jesus - Called to Serve" and the Ursuline motto of "Faith, Hope and Charity". Katie tries her best everyday to live like Jesus with her words and through her actions.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board recognize the election of Chris Anthony, St. Patrick's Catholic High School and Katie Shillington, Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School and appoint them as Student Trustees for the period of August 2014 to July 2015.