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CAROL BRYDEN ACCLAIMED CHAIR OF THE BOARD; JOHN VAN HECK ACCLAIMED VICE CHAIR

There will be no changes at the top of the St. Clair Catholic District School Board. Carol Bryden was acclaimed to her fourth term as Chair of the Board; and Trustee John Van Heck was acclaimed to a second term as Vice Chair at the Board's Initial Meeting, which was held tonight.

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

In accepting a fourth term, Mrs. Bryden thanked her fellow trustees for the privilege of serving as Chair. She also noted that the Board begins a new year in several ways.

"It is a new liturgical year, with the season of Advent; and we begin a new year of administration with our new Director of Education, Dan Parr. In both of these new beginnings we will see new possibilities and new hope," says Mrs. Bryden.

Mrs. Bryden also paid tribute to Superintendents of Education Deb Crawford and Ann Sutton, to Associate Director Jim McKenzie and to Dr. Frank Leddy, who recently left the Board on a secondment to the Ministry of Education.

"With Dr. Leddy's departure we will experience a loss in leadership and vision that will be greatly missed; however, we are very pleased to retain the tremendous talent and great experience that we have in Deb Crawford, Ann Sutton and Jim McKenzie," says Mrs. Bryden.

John Van Heck has been a Catholic trustee since 2006. In his remarks, Mr. Van Heck thanked his fellow trustees for the confidence they have placed in him. He also extended a warm welcome to Dan Parr.

"I know that everyone joins me in welcoming Dan to St. Clair Catholic and we wish him an exciting and fulfilling career here," says Mr. Van Heck. "I look forward to the year ahead and to working with Dan and the entire Board in the service of Catholic education."

The evening began with Mass, which was celebrated in the chapel of the Catholic Education Centre. Father Greg Bonin, Episcopal Vicar for the Kent Deanery, was celebrant.

Elections for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair are held annually at the Board's Initial Meeting in December. The term of office for both positions expires at the end of November 2014.