



ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT BOARD ADVISORY COUNCIL

NOTES

Monday, May 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Board Advisory Council Members Present:

Christine Canniff – Georges P. Vanier Catholic School
Wendy Vercauteren - Good Shepherd Catholic School
Channtelle Dziver - Monsignor Uyen Catholic School
Tracey Jardine - Sacred Heart Catholic School, Port Lambton
Renata Palmateer - St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim
Diane McCahill – St. Anne Catholic School, Sarnia
Luana Sfalcin – St. Joseph Catholic School, Corunna
Janet Bustin – St. Joseph Catholic School, Tilbury
Ken & Heather Heyboer- St. Michael Catholic School, Ridgetown
Mary Roberts - St. Christopher Catholic Secondary School
Christine McDonald - St. Patrick Catholic High School
Christine Canniff - Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School
Jeannie VanDen Eenden - OAPSE

Absent

Michelle Jardin – Christ the King Catholic School
Tammy Simrak - Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School
Holy Family Catholic School
Michelle Gerrits - Holy Rosary Catholic School
Holy Trinity Catholic School
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School
Marian Dunn - Sacred Heart Catholic School, Sarnia
Colleen Fraleigh - St. Elizabeth Catholic School
St. Agnes Catholic School
Janice Morrision - St. John Fisher Catholic School
Muryum Haggerty - St. Joseph Catholic School, Chatham
St. Matthew Catholic School
Pam Sottosanti - St. Michael Catholic School, Bright's Grove
Heather Vasey – St. Philip Catholic School
Anne Marie Ryan - St. Ursula Catholic School

Trustees and Administration Present:

Carol Bryden Paul Wubben
Brenda Rumble Jim McKenzie

Ms. Brenda Rumble, Trustee, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer

**Ms. Rumble,
Trustee**

Ms. Rumble opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Wubben, Director of Education, thanked the members for attending this meeting.

2. Information/Discussion Items

a) Residential Schools

Ms. Susie Jones

- Mr. Wubben introduced Ms. Susie Jones, past board member of Lambton Kent District School Board, Residential School Survivor and member of Walpole Island Unceded First Nation.
- Ms. Jones came to share information with the Board Advisory Council on Residential Schools in Canada.
- Mr. Wubben suggested that Ms. Jones might be willing to do presentations at our schools for staff and / or students.
- Mr. Wubben and Ms. Rumble thanked Ms. Susie Jones for her presentation.

b) Budget

**Mr. Jim McKenzie
Associate Director of Education**

- Mr. McKenzie provided an overview of the budget both the revenues and expenditures.
- Funding is basically the same as last year.
- Workshops have been conducted with the Trustees to explain the grants which we receive from the Ministry.
- The balanced budget will be presented at the May 22, 2012 Board meeting.
- Approval of the Balanced Budget by the Trustees will be at the June 12, 2012 Board meeting.
- June 29, 2012 – Board Estimates for 2012-13 are due to the Ministry.

c) Policy 3.3 - Elementary Uniform Policy

**Mr. Paul Wubben
Director of Education**

- Studies have shown that elementary school uniforms have no type of significant impact on academic achievement.
- Schools need to be aware that implementation is never easy and schools need to move very slowly and include a great deal of consultation.

d) Belief Statements

**Mr. Paul Wubben
Director of Education**

- Dr. Leddy requested that the final version Belief Statements be brought to this meeting.
- Copies are at your places.

e) Teen suicide

**Mr. Paul Wubben
Director of Education**

- The St. Clair Catholic District School Board has been involved in a number of initiatives this year.
- There is a collation between mental illness and suicide.
- We are still looking at ways to deal with this issue.

3. Mr. Wubben thanked the Board Advisory Council members for their time and expressed his pleasure in working with them over the past years as he leaves the St. Clair Catholic District School Board.

4. Ms. Rumble closed the meeting at 8:38 p.m. with a closing prayer.