



ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Lighting the Way ~ Rejoicing in Our Journey

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT BOARD ADVISORY COUNCIL

NOTES

Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Board Advisory Council Members Present:

Maggie Laprise – Holy Family Catholic School
Tressa Brown – St. Joseph Catholic School, Corunna
Cindy Teetzel – St. Michael Catholic School, Ridgetown
Nicole Sewell – Good Shepherd Catholic School
Tom Moore – Holy Rosary Catholic School
Christie Bondy – St. Vincent Catholic School
Michelle Jardin – Christ the King Catholic School
Sheri Reuten – Ursuline College Chatham
Diane Gills – Monsignor Uyen Catholic School
Brandi VenHuizen – Georges. P. Vanier Catholic School

Absent:

Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School
Sacred Heart Catholic School, Port Lambton
Sacred Heart Catholic School, Sarnia
St. Agnes Catholic School
St. Anne Catholic School, Sarnia
St. John Fisher Catholic School
St. Joseph Catholic School, Chatham
St. Joseph Catholic School, Tilbury
St. Matthew Catholic School
St. Michael Catholic School, Bright's Grove
St. Peter Canisius Catholic School
St. Philip Catholic School
St. Patrick's Catholic High School

Regrets:

John Van Heck – Trustee and Chair of the Board Advisory Committee
Terri Hutchins – St. Anne Catholic School, Sarnia
Wendy Vercauteren – Ursuline College Chatham

Trustees and Administration Present:

Brenda Courey	Luana Sfalcin
Dan Parr	Ed Freeburn
Shirley Churchill	Phil Bedard

Chair: Brenda Courey
Resource: Dan Parr
Recorder: Josselynne Segeren

Brenda Courey opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer

**D. Parr,
Director of Education**

The meeting began with an opening prayer led by Dan Parr.

2. Approval of Meeting Notes from May 20, 2014

- Tom Moore motioned to approve the meeting notes as presented. The motion was seconded by Phil Bedard. All attendees were in favour. Motion accepted.

3. Our Plan for Excellence in our Catholic Schools – 2014 and Beyond

**D. Parr,
Director of Education**

- New Prayer cards with the Board's mission were presented. It was explained the cards will appear in our schools and at the Catholic Education Centre and will be used to open various meetings. A purpose of the new cards is to promote our Board Mission.
- The new booklet – Lighting Our Way, Rejoicing in Our Journey was distributed. Mr. Parr explained this is the vision statement of our board, and he tied it in with our Mission statement. The Multi-year plan was highlighted which is found in the middle of the booklet. The start date of the Strategic Plan is September 2014.
- Time was given to review the strategic plan, and then it was discussed as a group. It was highlighted that goals are more easily manageable when broken into small pieces, such as in this plan.
- Short term targets have been set for 2014-15.

4. K-12 Catholic Learning Services Support Plan

**B. Courey,
Assistant Superintendent**

- We have set short-term targets, as discussed in the previous presentation, and have developed this Support Plan to help keep us on track.
- Mrs. Courey described benchmarks and targets that are tracked.
- It was explained that K-12 is a combination of Elementary, Secondary and Special Education departments.
- School Improvement Plans are used to determine what the most urgent needs for our students are, and goals are set based on these needs. Monitoring and check-points are in place to see how schools are doing with their goals. They are able to see evidence that this is working, and are able to make any necessary adjustments.
- An outline was given as to how the Board supports the School Improvement Plan process.
- The Board Improvement Plan and School Improvement Plans are all aligned with the Board Strategic Plan to ensure everyone is working towards the same goals.
- A sample of specialized projects the Board receives funding for from the ministry was shown to the committee. Examples included professional learning communities, framework for effective mathematics instruction, EQAO practice, primary reading, eLearning and Blended learning support among others.
- Framework for 21st Century learning was distributed to all in attendance and reviewed by the committee.

5. Growth Mindsets and How Parents Can Support Their Children

**B. Courey,
Assistant Superintendent**

- Video clip was shared on Growth Mindsets: **Praise**, a study by Carol Dweck.
- The video highlighted praising children for their efforts, rather than intelligence.
- The committee looked at examples of fixed versus growth mindsets.

6. PRO Board Events

**B. Courey,
Assistant Superintendent**

- Parent Reaching Out Grants – we received a grant as a board
- 2 events – Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson
 - Come Out and Play: The Spirituality of Fun
 - Wednesday, November 12 at UCC; Thursday, November 13 at St. Patrick's
 - Dinner and presentation – 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- Sr. Angela Ann Zukowski
 - Being Human in a Digital Civilization
 - April 8, 2015 at St. Ursula School, Chatham; April 9, 2015 at St. Patrick's, Sarnia
 - Snack and presentation – 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

7. Building Relationships Packages

**B. Courey,
Assistant Superintendent**

- Package received from the Ministry.
- Several copies have been distributed to each school to share with parent councils.
- The package contains information on what parents can do to help their children build healthy relationships.
- The committee was informed the Ministry recommends school councils review this package and see how they can use this information and then share it with all the parents at their school.
- Election may take place at the next meeting; once we touch base with Wendy and Terri, current co-chairs.
- Topics for the next meeting will include a presentation from the Mental Health Lead and the mathematics framework will be highlighted. These topics were taken from suggested topics at the May meeting.
- Upcoming Meeting Dates:
 - February 17, 2015
 - May 19, 2015

Brenda Courey closed the meeting in prayer at 8:23 pm.