



**ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

Lighting the Way ~ Rejoicing in Our Journey

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT BOARD ADVISORY COUNCIL

NOTES

Monday, October 15, 2013 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
 Brandi Venhuizen- Georges P. Vanier Catholic School
 Diane Gillis - Monsignor Uyen Catholic School
 Tracey Jardine - Sacred Heart Catholic School, Port Lambton
 Jamie Sloan - Sacred Heart Catholic School, Sarnia
 Laura Ross - St. Joseph Catholic School, Corunna
 Andrea Parent - St. Joseph Catholic School, Tilbury
 Janet Vandegutche - St. Matthew Catholic School
 Erin Woods - St. Michael Catholic School, Ridgetown
 Heather Vasey & Angela Brouwers – St. Philip Catholic School
 Karen Lupi & Victor Matias - St. Patrick Catholic High School
 Sheri Reuten - Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School

Absent:

Wendy Vercauteren - Good Shepherd Catholic School
 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
 Caitlind Lesveque - St. Agnes Catholic School
 Lorie Thibault - St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim
 Terri Hutchins – St. Anne Catholic School, Sarnia
 Rose Yazbeck - St. Elizabeth Catholic School
 Kim Godin - St. John Fisher Catholic School
 Margaret Butler & Lonney Butler - St. Joseph Catholic School, Chatham
 Lissa Stinson & Jennifer Wadsworth - St. Michael Catholic School, Bright's Grove
 St. Peter Canisius Catholic School
 St. Ursula Catholic School
 St. Vincent Catholic School

Regrets:

Brenda Rumble

Trustees and Administration Present:

Carol Bryden	Amy Janssens	Len Fera
Michelle Parks	Beth Kuhn	
Jim McKenzie	Ed Freeburn	
Dr. Frank Leddy	Frank Torti	

Chair: Carol Bryden
Resource: Jim McKenzie
Recorder: Cathy Calvert

Carol Bryden, Chair of the Board opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer

C. Bryden, Chair of the Board

The meeting began with the opening prayer.

2. School Cash Online

A. Janssens, Manager - Financial Services

- Parents are now able to pay for their children's school fees online.
- Using the new system no cash would not be required to be sent to school with a student which is safer.
- The old process of paying for fees was compared with the benefits of using School Cash Online for students, parents, teachers and school secretaries.
- The process for parents using School Cash Online was discussed.
- Website is <https://sccdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>.

3. Mental Health Strategy

**Dr. F. Leddy, Superintendent of Education
& B. Kuhn, Mental Health Lead**

- Michael Fullan's 6 C's of education are: Character Education; Citizenship; Communication; Critical Thinking & Problem-Solving; Collaboration; Creativity & Imagination.
- Belief Statements of the St. Clair Catholic District School Board were discussed and shown how they align with Michael Fullan's 6 C's of education.
- The Mental Health Strategy is to promote well-being within our system.
- Dr. Leddy introduced Beth Kuhn, Mental Health Lead for our board.
- Beth is a Registered Social Worker who has practised for 23 years mainly with children and has worked in a children's mental health facility. Beth is also near the end of her PhD and is teaching at university.
- Beth Kuhn, Board's Mental Health Lead and Lisa Demers, Principal – Special Education will be working to develop a Mental Health Strategy for our board.
- There will be broad collaboration within our school board.
- Beth Kuhn presented an Overview of the Mental Health & Addictions Strategy – First 3 Years
- The government has a 10 year strategy designed to address mental health and addictions needs in Ontario.
- First 3 years focuses on children and youth
- School Mental Health ASSIST – a provincial implementation support team designed to help Ontario school boards to promote student mental health and well-being.
- First step – February 2014 will be a Needs Assessment – which will include a scan of school community both internal (all schools) and external (partner agencies).
- Next Step – March 2014 target - Development of Mental Health & Addictions Strategy.
- We now have a total of 4 Mental Health Nurses between Lambton Kent District School Board and St. Clair Catholic District School Board.

4. Strong Catholic Families: Strong Catholic Youth

C. Bryden, Chair of the Board

- Under this initiative last year we had Dr. Bruce Ferguson in to speak with Administrators.
- Dr. Unger was a keynote speaker at St. Christopher School and was very well received.
- In May 2013 there was an event in London and Dr. Maggie Mamen spoke on Mental Health Strategies.

- Diocese of London, London District Catholic School Board, Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board, Huron Perth Catholic District school Board, and St. Clair Catholic District School Board have applied for and have received this grant again this year.
- On November 14, 2013 Dr. Maggie Mamen will be speaking at the Four Points Sheraton in London for the St. Clair Catholic District School Board Trustees, Principals and Chairs of Parent Council.
- January 2014, Dr. Terry Nelson Johnson is coming to speak to all parents and all staff of the St. Clair Catholic District School Board about Catholic families and growing in strength.
- May 4, 2014 in London there will be a family event, much like we had last year with Matt Maher. There will be events for toddlers, children and teens. Further information will be available as we get closer to the event.

5. From Great to Excellent: The Next Phase in Ontario's Education Strategy

J. McKenzie, Acting Director of Education

- Next phase in the government's education strategy
- A Message from the Minister of Education Hon. Liz Sandals was played for the Board Advisory Council *Building The Next Phase in Ontario's Education Strategy "Great to Excellent"*.
- The message from this is that now is time to build an updated vision for the next phase of education in Ontario.
- The updated vision for our education system will be launched in early 2014.
- The government is now in the Consultation Process.
- There has been a document created with 7 questions which has been sent to traditional and non-traditional stakeholders for consideration.
- There is a website, <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/about/survey.html> to provide input directly to the Ministry by answering the seven questions and school councils and parents are encouraged to complete this questionnaire.

6. Other Business

Reminders

- Register for online School Cash and encourage other parents in your school community to register also.
- Upcoming Events: Every Family Engaged: November 14, 2013.
- Next Board Advisory Council Meeting February 18, 2014.

7. Carol Bryden closed the meeting at 8:25 p.m. with prayer.