



Trustee News

CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

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Brent Laton, Chair (Grenville County and Elizabethtown-Kitley Township)

Todd Lalonde, Vice-Chair (Cornwall-Glengarry)

Ronald Eamer (Cornwall-Glengarry)

Nancy Kirby (Lanark)

Karen McAllister (Stormont-Dundas)

Robin Reil (City of Brockville, Town of Smiths Falls, and Leeds County)

Sue Wilson (Prescott-Russell)

Sarah Norton (Catholic Student Trustee)

Trustee Elections

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario begins its new term with a new Chair, and Vice-Chair. Mr. Brent Laton, Trustee for Grenville County and Elizabethtown-Kitley Township was acclaimed to the role of Chairperson, after Mr. Ron Eamer, outgoing Chair, declined his nomination. Mr. Laton served as Vice-Chair last term, and is now in his ninth year as Trustee.

Mr. Todd Lalonde, Trustee for the City of Cornwall and Glengarry County, was elected to the position of Vice-Chair. Mr. Lalonde is now in his sixth year as Trustee.

The Board would like to thank Trustee Eamer, who held the position of Chair for ten consecutive terms. Mr. Eamer has been a strong advocate for Catholic education in Ontario over the last decade, and his representation has left an extraordinary mark. The Board and Trustees are grateful for his years of dedication and leadership as Board Chair, and look forward to working with Mr. Laton and Mr. Lalonde as they assume their new roles.

Director's Report

Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland, presented his Annual Report to the Board of Trustees. The Report, consisting of a document and video presentation, celebrates the Board's successes in 2011 and provides an opportunity for reflection on the good work the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario has been involved in over the last year. It is a chance to review and celebrate the Board's accomplishments, as it continues to demonstrate an unwavering commitment to the strategic plan, and its three goals: Achieving Literacy for All, Living our Catholic Faith, and Making Resources Matter.

Both the video and hard copy versions of the report are available for viewing on the Board's website, www.cdsbeo.on.ca.

Dominican Experience

Each year, the CDSBEO's Catholic high schools send students on a poverty exposure trip to the Dominican Republic, called the Dominican Experience. This year, a new project has evolved from the trip after the students had a chance encounter with Brett Wilson of the television show *Dragon's Den*. Mr. Wilson asked about the students' trip and then donated \$10,000 to the Dominican Experience on behalf of the students.

The donation is being used to build a school in the Dominican Republic, that will be run by the Brothers of Lasalle, a group of Christian Brothers dedicated to the education of children, young people, and mature students. Also known as The Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, the educators are present in 82 countries, and have more than 1,000 teaching establishments educating over 1 million students.

The Student Senate is currently raising funds to be directed toward the annual salaries of two teachers for the new school. The goal is to raise funds annually to continue to provide the \$7,000 required for two teachers' salaries. They plan to hold a dress-down day to raise the necessary funds. The first dress-down event is scheduled to take place in February 2012.

Kindergarten Registration

Beginning January 23, 2012, the CDSBEO will be accepting new registrations for Kindergarten, for September 2012. Our schools offer full-day, everyday learning programs at many locations, as well as core and immersion French programs. Please check your local newspaper for our advertisements in January, or, visit our website at www.cdsbeo.on.ca for more information on how to register your child for Kindergarten.

Board Meeting Date: January 17, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m., Kemptville Board Office

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