

Director's Bulletin

December 1, 2010

Every Student, Every Day

Thank you to Trustees Carter, Stonefish and Townsend

On behalf of the Trustees and members of Senior Administration, I would like to once again thank Trustees Carter, Townsend and Stonefish for their contributions and dedication to the students of the Lambton Kent District School Board. We had the opportunity on November 30 to pay tribute to Trustees Carter and Townsend. Unfortunately Trustee Stonefish was not able to join us. We wish them all the best in 2011.



Petrolia Consultation Meeting November 25

Our first consultation meeting with the Petrolia community was held on November 25, 2010 at Hillcrest Public School. The audience was smaller than anticipated—approximately 60 people. I began by addressing the French Immersion issue and explained our review process and timelines as related to the Consultation sessions. Parents and staff in the audience were polite and listened carefully. A review of the ARC process was provided and background information on how the Board arrived at the final two recommendations approved at the June 22, 2010 Board Meeting. I repeatedly emphasized that we were there to listen as many stated that the outcome is a foregone conclusion. Ron then provided a review of Capital Improvements to the Schools and the Ministry of Education Potential Capital Funding. LKDSB Planning Officer Lorie Vandeschoot shared the October 31, 2010 Enrolment Data. I reinforced that we were there, as charged by the Board of Trustees, to consult and obtain their input on the two options. The Pros and Cons of the two options were discussed and as expected, many continue to state that they would like other options to still be considered. Good dialogue with the people in attendance took place. The next meeting is scheduled for December 9, at Queen Elizabeth II Public School, Petrolia at 6:30 p.m.

Up Coming Events

- **Dec 7—Board Organizational Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. @ Chatham Regional Education Centre.**
- **Feb 4 & 5 2010—Board Trustee Planning in London**

Television

I will be making my television debut as a Director on December 1 at 7:00 p.m. I will be appearing on the Barry Wright Show on Sarnia Cogeco along with Paul Wubben, Director of Education for the St. Clair Catholic District School Board. We have been invited to discuss the Role of the Director, declining enrolment and the academic progress of our students. This is not a call in show.



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Jim Costello, Director of Education