

# Director's Bulletin

February 17, 2011

## Every Student, Every Day

### TRUSTEE STRATEGIC PLANNING

Feedback from our Trustee and Senior Administrative Team Strategic Planning Session held in London February 4, and 5 has been very positive. Thank you to everyone for all their honest and valuable input. I think everyone was supportive of the Board forming a Vision Statement as well as tweaking our Mission Statement. If you recall, a Vision Statement is aspirational (purpose) and a Mission Statement indicates *what and for whom*. As one of the next steps, Carmen will be meeting with the members of Executive Council on Tuesday morning to review the submissions from the three groups with the goal of developing a Vision Statement and revising the Mission Statement. The overall goal remains to bring something to the Board in the Spring for approval. Carmen and I hope to meet with Jane, Randy and Paul on Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. to share what was discussed at the session. A copy of the notes from the London session will be included in your Board packages.

#### Do the Math Challenge

I am participating in a *Do the Math Challenge* as I was invited by the Chatham-Kent's Prosperity Roundtable in an attempt to raise awareness in the area regarding the challenges facing those in our communities who live in poverty. Participants receive a week's worth of food from a local food bank valued at \$25 and are asked to exist on this amount of food for one week in an attempt to have an experience similar to that of someone who utilizes the services of a food bank. Participants are encouraged to blog about their experiences and share within their own organizations with the hope that donations to local food banks can be increased. Food items are canned, pre-packaged and portions are understandably small; staff at the Salvation Army Food Bank are most helpful and work hard to provide for those in need. I am finding the experience informative and am happy to do my part to raise awareness.

#### TRANSPORTATION WORKSHOP FOR TRUSTEES

Staff from the Transportation Department will be offering a workshop at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, prior to the Board Meeting. The goal is to provide Trustees with an overview of how they design bus routes, handle courtesy seat requests and redesign bus routes. We hope the information will provide you with an understanding of the operations of the department.

#### Up Coming Events

- Kindergarten Registration Feb 28 & March 1, 2011
- March 8 Budget Workshop via video conference
- March 29 Board Meeting in Sarnia

#### TRUSTEE GROUP PICTURE

We would like to take the new group picture of the Trustees on Tuesday, April 12 prior to the Board Meeting, in the Chatham Board Room. Please let Trish Johnston know if you will not be able to attend.



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Jim Costello, Director of Education