

Director's Bulletin

February 3, 2011

Every Student, Every Day

OPSBA—PUBLIC EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

Congratulations to Trustees Altman, Dodman, Fletcher, Goldsmith, Krall, McGregor, and McKinlay who attended the Annual OPSBA Public Education Symposium (PES) in Toronto last week. Each of our Trustee participants received their School Board Governance Certificates which comprise the core modules of the Ministry's new 14 module Trustee Certification Program. The conference also included a series of workshops pertaining to Bill 177, Ministry Healthy Schools and Nutrition Policy, First Nations Education and Negotiations.

Snowmageddon

As you are aware we experienced a significant winter storm this week which resulted in the decision to close all schools and offices on February 2. It was a PA Day so students were not impacted by this decision. The decision was made in order to ensure staff safety and was based on local police services advising us to stay off the roads. System leaders were informed Tuesday afternoon of our plans to monitor the storm and how we would communicate with them if a decision was made to close. The Board's Inclement Weather Regulations and Administrative Procedures clearly outline that staff are to make their own decisions regarding safe travel to work. Staff also have the option to report to the closest school. Staff are not expected to travel on unsafe roads and may choose to work from home in some circumstances. Employees must notify their supervisor for safety reasons. Feedback we received on the action taken by the Board has been very positive. Even though we did not receive as much snow as forecasted, we believe we acted in the best interest of our staff.

Up Coming Events

- Feb 4 & 5, 2011—Board Trustee Planning Session in London at the Ivey Spencer Centre
- Feb 8 Board Meeting, Chatham
- Feb 22 Board Meeting, Sarnia
- Kindergarten Registration Feb 28 & March 1, 2011
- March 8 Budget Workshop vi video conference
- March 29 Board Meeting in Sarnia



Trustee Strategic Planning

I am looking forward to our planning session with Trustees this weekend as we begin the process of reviewing our Mission, Beliefs and Growth Plan in order to assist me in my mandate to develop a Multiyear Strategic Plan with the senior team. I plan on presenting this new Multiyear Strategic Plan to Trustees in the spring so we can move into 2011/2012 school year with a new focus.



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