

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From the meeting of
October 20, 2009
Held at J.L. Jordan Catholic School

Dignity of the Worker: The Workers Rights Consortium

Superintendent of Education, Marg Shea-Lawrence, presented to Trustees an update of the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC). The WRC is dedicated to seeing that human rights are upheld for the poor and marginalized, while maintaining a fair and competitive atmosphere for our suppliers.

Mrs. Shea-Lawrence explained how the dignity of all workers is a fundamental principle of Catholic social teaching as outlined in documents from the Vatican, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, and the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario.

The WRC assists members in enforcing labour policies to promote respect for workers at factories producing school uniforms.

Mrs. Shea-Lawrence outlined several of the WRC's efforts including, how it acts on behalf of its members, the toughest challenges it faces, and what lies ahead in the future.

Plant and Maintenance Department Recognized for Environmental Efforts

Manager of Plant and Maintenance, Bernie Kehoe presented for Trustees an overview of the Board's Healthy High Performance Cleaning Initiative.

The Board was also presented with three certificates from David Smith, a representative from Morgan Scott, for

meeting the expectations of the Green Clean Policy.

Mr. Kehoe told the Board that the initiative is centered around three main responsibilities: responsible products, responsible practices, and responsible partners. "Our Board has been dedicated to meeting all three of these responsibilities for quite some time," said Mr. Kehoe. "We are dedicated to being at the forefront of Green and Healthy High Performance Cleaning for years to come."

Mr. Smith agreed. "Your Board has been meeting environmental standards for many years, even before some of the standards were put into place."

Among the topics discussed by Mr. Kehoe was *green hand care*. "The Board has implemented Green Seal Certified hand soap and Purell Hand Sanitizer programs. It is essential that we remain steadfast in our approach to hygiene."

The department has a number of other practices that were also highlighted by Mr. Kehoe. All sites now use biodegradable garbage bags, green certified cleaning chemicals, environmentally friendly cleaning tools, and hypo-allergenic vacuum cleaners with HEPA filtration systems.

Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland, thanked Mr. Kehoe and his staff for their efforts. "It is evident that you and your staff are role models in the approach you take to maintenance and the environment. I thank you for being good stewards for the Board."

J.L. Jordan Catholic School Hosts Board Meeting

With a wonderful display of faith and talent, J.L. Jordan Catholic School in Brockville opened its doors to the Board of Trustees and Senior Administration for the Board Meeting held October 20, 2009.

Principal Sylvia Shackles officially welcomed Trustees and Executive Council and a special guest, the individual for whom the school is named, James L. Jordan, retired Director of Education of the Lanark, Leeds and Grenville County Roman Catholic Separate School Board.

The choir entered the gymnasium and sang three songs inspired by the Board's new theme, *We walk in good Company!* under the direction of Angela Kelly. The song *Walking in Good Company* was written by teacher Anna Marie Minish. The second theme-inspired song was *We Walk in Good Company* by teacher Jenny McFarlane.

The choir also performed the song *He Reigns* and was accompanied by a liturgical dance created and performed by students Lauren Mantha, Hollie Boisvert, Madeliene Smith, Angela Renaud, Tamra Simonian, Marissa Rossetti, and Emma Tallon.

Board Chairperson, Ronald Eamer, expressed his gratitude. "It is always great to see our students combining their talent and faith in a performance. The songs based on our Board theme are beautiful. I thank you Mrs. Shackles and your staff for making us all feel at home here at J.L. Jordan Catholic School tonight."

We walk in



good company!

Oct. 26, 2009 - Special Education Advisory Committee

Nov. 20, 2009 - Professional Activity Day

Dec. 1, 2009 - Annual Inaugural Board Meeting

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Next Board Meeting

Nov. 3, 2009

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7:00 p.m.