

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

**From the meeting of
September 15, 2009**

One Step Ahead: Computer Delivery Model Shifting

Associate Director of Education, Gordon Greffe, and Manager of the Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) Department, James Proulx, presented the CDSBEO's vision for the computer hardware refresh cycle to the Board of Trustees.

"Our goal will be to replace all computer hardware with new hardware every five years," said Mr. Proulx. "In doing so, we will move all schools from desktop computers to laptops. All of our Board locations will have complete wireless access to support the laptop mobility, while ensuring connectivity at the same time."

Mr. Proulx explained that not all learners require the same tools at the same time. The mobile solution presented by laptops will give teachers the flexibility to individualize the learning environment to better meet the specific needs of the learner. "In secondary schools, laptops will become the standard used by students of every level," said Mr. Proulx.

Mobile computing also increases the efficiency of computers across the Board; computers can easily and readily be placed where the demand exists.

Using mobile technology will also free up space in some of the Board's elementary schools by eliminating the need for computer lab classrooms. As a result, more students will have the opportunity to access computers in their regular classrooms. "Technology is a

requirement for delivering today's curriculum and is being integrated into the classroom," added Mr. Proulx.

The plan focuses on the preparation of technology for the needs of the future. Mr. Proulx stated, "Forward thinking will ensure our students' needs are met."

The move to laptops also assists in the maintenance of Board computers. By purchasing identical laptops for all schools, any units that are in need of service can simply be swapped out while a technician diagnoses and repairs the problem. As a result, technical support will be available quickly, and system-wide service will be vastly improved.

The vision also supports the Board's stewardship initiative. "We will see overall energy savings because the electricity required for laptops will be far less than the present workstations and CRT display screens require," said Mr. Proulx.

The implementation of a refresh cycle will ensure the Board's hardware is of a high standard and will support student engagement and student success.

Preliminary Enrolment Figures Presented

Associate Director of Education, Gordon Greffe, provided for Trustees a preliminary report on student enrolment for the 2009-2010 school year.

The news is positive. Data shows that for the 2009-2010 school year, the CDSBEO's enrolment is 0.8% higher than had been projected.

Walking in Good Company: A New School Year Begins

Superintendents of Education, Jane McMillan and Marg Shea-Lawrence, shared highlights of the first week of school, including initiatives that help make staff and students comfortable as they start a new year.

Mrs. McMillan told the Board that a number of resources have been shared with new staff to support them in their first few years of teaching. "Our consultants and coaches will also be visiting them to provide ongoing professional development in classrooms and schools."

"Our new Board theme resource was shared with our staff prior to the beginning of school, and we are happy to see how our schools are bringing the theme to life at this early stage of the school year," said Mrs. Shea-Lawrence.

The Department of Religious and Family Life Education has also produced reference guides for all teachers. These assist teachers in planning their religious and family life education lessons.

"It is so important that all teachers know that they play an important role in the delivery of a quality Catholic education, no matter what grade or subject they teach," said Mrs. Shea-Lawrence. "We are very pleased to report that we are off to a wonderful start."

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Sept. 25, 2009 - Professional Activity Day
Sept. 30, 2009 - Special Education Advisory Committee
Oct. 12, 2009 - Thanksgiving

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