

2010-2011 Financial Statements Presented

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario strives to deliver a quality Catholic education to its students while remaining fiscally responsible. Associate Director of Education, Gordon Greffe, Manager of Finance, Bonnie Norton, and KPMG Accounting Firm representative Andrew Newman, presented to Trustees the 2010-2011 financial statements for review and approval.

Mr. Newman told the Board that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the CDSBEO as at August 31, 2011.

This year, the Board was required to implement Section 3410 of the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) Handbook regarding Government Transfers: how government grants for capital purposes are recorded and how the revenue is recognized for the treatment of capital asset amortization.

In accordance with Section 231(1) of the Education Act, the Financial Statements meet the balanced budget compliance obligations for 2010-2011, and the enveloping provisions placed on special education and board administrative expenditures.

Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland, stated, "Senior Administration continues to work diligently with all of our departments to ensure that we remain financially responsible as we deliver our curriculum to our students. These statements show that those efforts are producing results."

Board Chair, Ron Eamer, expressed his thanks on behalf of the Board. "It is evident that our Board has remained

focused on spending wisely, with our students' best interests at the forefront. We recognize the professionalism you continuously demonstrate and thank you for your dedication".

CDSBEO Adopts the Mental Health and Well Being Charter of Rights

Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland told Trustees about the *Summit on Children and Youth Mental Health* that was held to identify and share the difficulties, experiences, and mental health struggles of youth.

The Mental Health and Well Being Charter of Rights was created as a result of planning for the Summit to help find assistance for youth struggling with mental health issues. School Boards are being encouraged to adopt it. "Our plan is to share the Charter and the steps being taken locally and at the provincial level," said Director Gartland. "The CDSBEO is a firm believer, supporter and contributor of this initiative."

The CDSBEO is in the process of developing a vision to provide opportunities for dialogue and the development of strategies and actions to guide the Board's ongoing work in this area.

Pathways: Oral Language Development in FSL

Superintendent of School Effectiveness, Charlotte Rouleau, FSL Curriculum Consultant, France Dupuis, and FSL Curriculum Coach, Michelle Brasseur-Robillard presented to Trustees an update on the CDSBEO's oral language development in French as a Second Language (FSL).

The CDSBEO's FSL programs continue to produce positive results for our students. Currently, the Intensive French program is offered at eight schools throughout the Board's jurisdiction.

The students in the Intensive French program demonstrate an ability to communicate spontaneously by initiating and maintaining a conversation about real-life situations. These research-based practices have classroom teachers favouring topics of authenticity and relevance, focusing on questioning and critical thinking. They also use vocabulary and sentence structures that are beyond the basic needs.

Mme Dupuis and Mme Brasseur-Robillard co-plan and co-teach with FSL teachers to deliver lessons that focus on oral language development, resulting in an increase of student confidence and understanding levels. This allows them to communicate with success in a second language.

Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland, told the Board, "Our students speak in French with their peers and teachers and use their communication skills confidently in French conversations that arise in their communities. It is truly rewarding for both the students, and our Catholic educators to see that kind of real life success."

A professional learning DVD created by Nelson Education Publishers, featuring the exemplary practices of the CDSBEO's FSL Curriculum Consultant, FSL Coach, French Teachers, and students, demonstrates how to implement key literacy practices within oral language lessons to provide models and initiate dialogue among teachers of FSL. The DVD is being distributed to schools across the country.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

November 11, 2011 - Remembrance Day
November 30, 2011 - SEAC, Kemptville Board Office, 7 p.m.
December 6, 2011 - Annual Board Meeting

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**Next
Board Meeting:**
November 15, 2011
Kemptonville Board Office
7:00 p.m.