

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From the meeting of:
December 2, 2008



CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

Learning and Growing Together in Christ

Ronald Eamer Acclaimed Chairperson

Trustee for the City of Cornwall and the County of Glengarry, Ronald Eamer will serve an eighth consecutive term as Chairperson of the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario. Mr. Eamer was acclaimed to the position during the Board's Inaugural Meeting.

Mr. Eamer, who is entering his 28th year as a Catholic School Trustee, told his fellow Trustees that it is an honour to be acclaimed to the position. "It is a great responsibility that I accept. I look forward to continuing to work with my fellow Trustees and administration in the upcoming year."

Mr. Eamer also thanked all staff for their efforts over the past year. "I am so impressed by the wonderful work that our staff does for our students. It is evident that our children continue to succeed. As Trustees, we couldn't ask for anything more."

Director of Education, Bill Gartland, thanked Mr. Eamer for his leadership. "I look forward to working with Mr. Eamer as Chairperson of our Board."

Nancy Kirby Acclaimed Vice-Chair

Lanark County Trustee, Nancy Kirby, has been acclaimed to the position of Vice-Chair of the CDSBEO.

It is a position Mrs. Kirby has held for the past eight years. "I welcome the

opportunity to carry on in my role as Vice-Chair," said Mrs. Kirby. "It is wonderful to share the positive initiatives and programs that our staff create and develop with other boards in Ontario. I commend our staff for putting our school system at the forefront of boards in our province and for sharing that success with others."

In addition to her role as Vice-Chair, Mrs. Kirby is also Vice-President of the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association where she works with Catholic partners to help preserve Catholic education in our province.

Director of Education, Bill Gartland, stated, "Mrs. Kirby is a great member of our team who provides excellent leadership. The CDSBEO is most fortunate to have an outstanding group of Trustees who are dedicated to the preservation of Catholic education in Ontario."

Trustees Blessed

Bishop Paul-André Durocher, of the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall, celebrated Mass before the Inaugural Meeting, during which his Excellency thanked all Trustees for their continued dedication to Catholic education.

The Bishop blessed all CDSBEO Trustees – Ronald Eamer, City of Cornwall and Glengarry County; Nancy Kirby, Lanark County; Todd Lalonde, City of Cornwall and Glengarry County; Brent Laton, Grenville County; Robin Reil, Leeds County; Karen McAllister, Dundas and Stormont Counties; Sue Wilson, Prescott and Russell Counties; and Rebecca McEvoy, Catholic Student Trustee.

Director Presents Annual Report

Director of Education, Bill Gartland, presented his Annual Report for the 2007-2008 school year to the Board of Trustees at the Board's Inaugural Meeting held December 2, 2008.

The Director's Annual Report highlights many of the programs and test results from throughout the year and provides departmental updates.

"As you read through the report, you will find that we have much to celebrate," said Mr. Gartland. "The Senior Administration Team continues to provide strong leadership while their departments deliver outstanding programs in Religious and Family Life Education, Special Education, Curriculum, Technology, and Student Success. Other departments including ICT, Plant and Maintenance, Finance and Transportation continue to serve our system well."

Mr. Gartland congratulated every staff member for making the school year one of growth and success. "Our staff is the core of our Board and the devotion displayed by our teachers, administrators, and support staff, is what makes us flourish. We are blessed to have dedicated Clergy, Trustees, and staff who provide the necessary support for our student's success. I thank you for your continued efforts."

To view the complete report please click on the link found at the top of the page at www.cdsbeo.on.ca.

Meetings / Events

Dec. 22, 2008 - Jan. 2, 2009 Christmas Holidays (Board Offices closed)
Jan. 23, 2009 - Jan. 29, 2009 Secondary Examination Days

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Next Board Meeting:
December 16, 2008
Kemptville Board Office
7:00 p.m.

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