

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

Learning and Growing Together in Christ

Cuernavaca Travelers Share Experiences with Board

This year, 53 students and staff became missionaries and traveled to help the people of Cuernavaca, Mexico.

The participants shared a number of their experiences with the Board of Trustees and Senior Administration. Many said that the trip was a unique and profound experience, and it has given them a new perspective on life that they will never forget.

The students and staff from seven CDSBEO secondary schools took part in the trip over the March break, and they expressed how meaningful the experience was for each of them.

The participants were able to visit many different parts of the city and countryside and learned the plight of the poor as they compared the communities with their own.

This year, the students had the opportunity to work on a number of local projects.

The trip participants helped with Habitat for Humanity projects, such as helping one family to put a new roof on their home.

Many of the travellers assisted with a recycling and composting project that has received CDSBEO students' help in the past. Efforts also included a

gardening and beautification project in the town and another group of students was involved in painting a mural.

Many students told the Board that, after the trip, they now had a deeper appreciation for many things that they had taken for granted in their lives. They told the Board how big of an impact the people of Cuernavaca had on their lives, and how they would never forget what they had seen. Many said they would continue to help from home.

Board Chair, Ron Eamer, thanked the missionaries for sharing their experiences, "It is certainly a wonderful thing to see how much you have all taken this to heart, and answered this call. I thank you for all you have done."

ICT Vision Presented

CDSBEO Manager of Information & Communication Technology (ICT) Services, James Proulx, presented the Info Tech Vision for the next three years to the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Proulx also outlined many of the department's recent successes. One such success is the standardizing of the operating system, software and hardware on all computers to ensure ease of use and equity across the Board. Additionally, the centralization and publication of all administrative

software gives world wide accessibility to all teachers and staff. The implementation of Microsoft SoftGrid technology, to distribute software to our schools, has enabled the ICT support staff to update and manage software in a timely fashion.

Mr. Proulx indicated that there are several areas of focus for ICT. "We realize that it is inevitable that every student and teacher will be using portable computing devices as a tool for learning. With this in mind, the goal of ICT is to support making computers increasingly accessible to staff and students."

The info-tech committee has redefined its vision from Equity and Standardization to also include the necessary components of Accessibility and Connectivity. These four pillars are the foundation for all future ICT acquisitions and directions.

Mr. Proulx explained to the Board of Trustees that deploying a complete and comprehensive secure wireless environment at all locations will assist the added goals of accessibility and connectivity. The final message from Mr. Proulx was that, "It is our ultimate goal to create an open environment where teachers, staff and ultimately students can bring their computer equipment to schools and offices and have access to the protected Internet as well as all the software supplied by the Board without technical assistance."

May 27 Special Education Advisory Committee - Kemptville Board Office
June 18-24 Secondary Examination Days

7:00 pm

Next Board Meeting:

June 3, 2008
7:00 p.m.
Bishop Macdonell Catholic
School, Cornwall

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