



Tri-County Regional School Board
Nova Scotia, Canada

Students First

December 11, 2007 Board Meeting Highlights

Report from the Board Chair

The Board Chair participated in the following throughout the month of November:

- November 5, 7, and 8 – School Advisory Council Workshops at Forest Ridge Academy, Port Maitland Consolidated, and Digby Regional High. The three regional workshops were very well received, especially the sessions on cyber safety and school environmental health. The Board Chair, with Board Member Tidd, made presentations on the roles and responsibilities of School Advisory Councils. The Board will continue to look for ways to encourage greater participation by SAC members and the public.
- November 14 – Digby and Area Interagency Meeting. A presentation was made by Clyde Baltzer, Executive Director of the Digby Area Learning Association (DALA). Mr. Baltzer was very complimentary with regard to the support DALA has received from the Board.
- November 24 – Race Relations, Cross Cultural Understanding, and Human Rights (RCH) Sensitivity Workshop. The Workshop was organized by the Board's RCH Coordinator, Jude Fulton, and the Board found it to be a very educational and worthwhile session. As per the Board's new RCH policy, all Board Members and staff are required to attend one of the Sensitivity Workshops.

Report from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent of Schools participated in the following during the month of November and early December:

- November 20 – NSTU Meet and Greet at the Board office with the three Local Presidents; meeting with Nova Scotia School Board's Association's Executive Director, Ken Meech and President, Elliot Payzant, at the Board office.
- November 22 – Meeting with the Deputy Minister of Education, Dennis Cochrane; South Shore Regional School Board Superintendent, Nancy Pinch-Worthylake; and TCRSB Chair, N. Faye Haley, regarding the Shared Services

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Agreement between the South Shore Regional and Tri-County Regional School Boards.

- December 6 – Education Consultative Forum (ECF) meeting. Topics discussed:
 - Standing Committee Reports
 - Skilled Trades Education
 - Attendance Report
 - Community Use of Schools

Report from the Director of Programs and Student Services

The November 26th Regional In-Service went very smoothly and was extremely well received. Five hundred staff including most teachers and almost all Board staff attended Wayne Hulley's presentation in the morning which was, in the words of several teachers, "the best in-service we ever had." Twenty six workshops were offered in the afternoon, including Mr. Hulley's workshop with the Principals, where again several Principals commented that it was the best session they had ever attended.

The Director was selected to be the co-Chair of a committee that will monitor the implementation of the Provincial Food and Nutrition policy. The Director reported that three Tri-County elementary schools, which are meeting the guidelines of the policy, are now selling more lunches than ever before. The Director thanked the cafeteria staff for their success in implementing the guidelines of the Provincial Food and Nutrition policy.

Report from the Policy Committee

The Policy Committee met on Tuesday, November 27, 2007. Board Member Moses was selected as Committee Chair and Board Member Brewer was selected as Committee vice-Chair. The Policy Committee will continue to meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

The Board approved amendments to the following policies:

- [200.01 Principal's Responsibility for Fire Safety](#)
- [401.03 Video Rentals](#)

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at 3:00pm at the Board office.

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