



Tri-County Regional School Board
Nova Scotia, Canada

Students First

November 6, 2007 Board Meeting Highlights – Annual General Meeting

Annual Report from the Board Chair

The Board Chair noted in her report that the Board enjoyed a successful year and thanked the fellow Board Members for their support and assistance, noting what a privilege and a pleasure it has been to serve another year as Chair.

The Board has taken advantage of several opportunities to present to Provincial review panels/committees on Special Education, Student Walking Distances, and Teacher Education.

Other ongoing efforts of the Board include:

- Assisting schools in the accreditation process
- Expanding the implementation of the PEBS program
- Addressing literacy and numeracy issues
- Working with *at risk* students via programs at Digby Regional, Barrington Municipal, and Shelburne Regional High Schools, in addition to the STEP program in Yarmouth County

Annual Report from the Policy Committee

Policy Committee Chair, Anne Moses, thanked the fellow Committee Members and support staff for their dedication, diligence, and support. Since the 2006 AGM the Policy Committee has sent 17 existing policies to the Board to be amended and has sent five new policies to Board for approval.

The Policy Committee has sent six policies out for Public Consultation and currently has seven existing policies under review as well as two new policies under development. In March the Policy Committee began reviewing the Board's five Governance policies. The final Governance policy was reviewed at the October 23rd Policy Committee meeting.

Annual Report from the School Advisory Council (SAC) Committee

SAC Committee Chair, Donna Tidd, noted her enjoyment in Chairing the SAC Committee over the past year and thanked the fellow Committee members and support staff for their commitment to making SACs an important part of the Board.

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Over the past year the SAC Committee held six meetings. Regular agenda items included:

- Letters of Agreement
- School Improvement Plans
- Annual Reports
- Accreditation
- Suspension Review and Recommendation Committees
- SAC Workshops/Information Sessions

The Board currently has five SACs that have taken on the responsibility of Suspension Review and Recommendation. The SAC Committee has developed a reference sheet for these schools around how these committees work.

Annual Report from the Finance and Operations Committee

Finance and Operations Committee Chair, Alvin Comeau, noted that the Committee met eight times over the past year and has made recommendations to the Board concerning:

- Monthly reports on playground equipment
- Maintenance issues
- Transportation
- Staffing
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Budget status

The Committee Chair thanked the fellow Committee Members and staff for their outstanding service to the Committee and for their valued input at the meetings.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The incumbent Chair and vice-Chair were both re-elected to their respective positions:

- N. Faye Haley, Chair
- Ron Hines, vice Chair

Standing Committees for 2007/2008

The Board decided to maintain its three existing Standing Committees for 2007/2008. The Standing Committees and their respective memberships for 2007/2008:

Policy Committee

Winnie Surette
Joan Brewer
Anne Moses

Robie Atkinson
Nick Pippy
M. Alden Fells

Finance and Operations

Winnie Surette
Joan Brewer
Nick Pippy
Alvin Comeau
Donna Tidd

SAC Committee

Janice Francis
Robie Atkinson
M. Alden Fells
Donna Tidd
Nick Pippy

Elections for Chairs and vice-Chairs as well as establishment of meeting times will take place at the next regularly scheduled Standing Committee meetings.

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