



## Board meeting reports from Catholic Student Trustee, Thomas Mooney

### Student Trustee Report - May 3, 2016

I feel very privileged to have been able to attend the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Conference in Collingwood. It really helps to instill an appreciation for the scale of Catholic education throughout our province, and to make me recognize just how privileged we are as a faith community to be supported by the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association.

I would like to take the opportunity during this report to offer feedback from our last Student Senate meeting of this academic year. The primary purpose of this meeting was to elect the Student Trustee for next academic year. Four students from our high schools stood for election. Each student had the opportunity to present to Senate, to help senators make an informed decision when they had the chance to vote. In addition, candidates also had the opportunity to chat in a less formal context, which encouraged conversation and allowed senators to get to know each of the candidates a little more thoroughly. At the end of the meeting Alexa Meeson from St. Mary Catholic High School in Brockville was elected to be the Student Trustee for the 2016-2017 academic year.

The Student Senate meeting was, as always, a chance for students to discuss issues of interest and concern to them. These meetings are an opportunity for students from across our Board to come together, to share ideas, to meet new people and to actively participate in issues of importance to the whole student body. It is a reflection of the positive and supportive nature of students within our Board that they are keen to come together and to stand for election for future years. They are truly exemplifying the vision to Ignite the Light.

