



Trustee News

CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

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Brent Laton, Chair (Grenville County and Elizabethtown-Kitley Township)

Todd Lalonde, Vice-Chair (Cornwall-Glengarry)

Ronald Eamer (Cornwall-Glengarry)

Nancy Kirby (Lanark)

Karen McAllister (Stormont-Dundas)

Robin Reil (City of Brockville, Town of Smiths Falls, and Leeds County)

Sue Wilson (Prescott-Russell)

Thomas Mooney (Catholic Student Trustee)

Chair and Vice-Chair Elections

Grenville County and Elizabethtown-Kitley Township Trustee Brent Laton has begun his fifth term as Chair of the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario. Mr. Laton was acclaimed to the position during the Inaugural Meeting of the Board on December 1, 2015.

Entering his fourteenth year as a school board trustee, Mr. Laton said he welcomed the opportunity to continue in his role. "As trustees, our positive engagement with our Catholic school communities assist us in promoting student achievement and success. Our board has achieved much over the past year, and we should be very proud of those accomplishments. We continue to focus on mental health and various initiatives to assist our students. The CDSBEO continues to be mental health pioneers in providing awareness and strategies through our continued development of resources for our schools. I'd like to thank my fellow Trustees, Director Gartland and Executive Council for their continued leadership and commitment to student success. I know that as we move into 2016, we will continue to achieve excellence in Catholic education."

Cornwall Trustee Todd Lalonde was also acclaimed during the annual meeting, returning as Vice-Chair of the Board for the coming year. Mr. Lalonde is now in his tenth year of service as a trustee. "I have been so blessed to have this opportunity over the years to sit at this table with all of you. When we talk about the board overall, it's not hard to publicize what we do here, because we do so much good. Our students are truly what make us so wonderful. They continue to do amazing things, and to be a voice for social justice causes. I would like also to congratulate Mr. Laton in his continued role as our Chair."

Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland, congratulated Mr. Laton and Mr. Lalonde. "I look forward to continuing the exceptional relationship that our administration has developed with all of our Trustees. They continually demonstrate their commitment to Catholic education, and their work contributes to our Board's reputation as a leader in this province. I know Mr. Laton and Mr. Lalonde will continue to provide excellent leadership at the Board table."

The evening began with Mass, which was celebrated by Archbishop Prendergast of the Ottawa Archdiocese. The Archbishop offered his thanks to Trustees and senior administration for the work they do to preserve and protect Catholic education, and blessed all CDSBEO Trustees.

Revised Financial Estimates

At the Board meeting of December 15, 2015, the Board of Trustees reviewed the revised financial estimates for the current 2015-2016 year that were due to the Ministry of Education on December 15, 2015.

The revised estimates expenditures include the estimated costs associated with the centrally ratified agreements as instructed by the Ministry of Education. However, grant revenues have not yet been updated to reflect the funding associated with these agreements. Grant revenues have been updated to include actual enrolment for October 31, 2015 and estimated enrolment for March 2016. Other expenditure areas were updated based on known changes since the Board passed its original budget on June 17, 2014. The Board is reporting an operating deficit of \$1.5M for 2015-16 that will be offset by additional grant revenue once adjusted.

Director of Education Presents Annual Report

Director Gartland presented the 2015 Director's Annual Report to the Board of Trustees at the December 1 meeting. "It is a pleasure to once again present the Director's Annual Report, and to bring attention to the exceptional accomplishments of our Board over the past year."

The report reviews successes in areas such as student achievement, faith development, and program initiatives. "I would like to thank the senior admin team for the work they do. This report represents all of their input and I appreciate all of their contributions with regard to this report."

The Director's Annual Report is now available for viewing on the CDSBEO website (www.cdsbeo.on.ca), and the video version is available to view on the CDSBEO YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/CDSBEOVideo).

To view a copy of the
2015 Director's Annual Report
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