



Trustee News

CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

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Todd Lalonde, Chair (Cornwall-Glengarry)

Ronald Eamer, Vice-Chair (Cornwall-Glengarry)

Nancy Kirby (Lanark)

Brent Laton (Grenville County and Elizabethtown-Kitley Township)

Karen McAllister (Stormont-Dundas)

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

Sue Wilson (Prescott-Russell)

Andrew D'Alessio (Catholic Student Trustee)

Revised Financial Estimates

At the Board meeting of December 19, 2017, the Board of Trustees reviewed the revised financial estimates for the current 2017-2018 year that were due to the Ministry of Education on December 15, 2017.

Manager of Finance, Ashley Hutchinson, presented the revised estimates to the Board of Trustees.

"The estimates include actual enrolment and staffing as of October 31, 2017, and any known expenditure changes since the June 2017 budget submission," began Mrs. Hutchinson.

The total operating expenditures for 2017-2018 is \$178.1 million, with capital expenditures at \$20.2 million, and total expenditures at \$198.3 million.

"Overall, the Board has experienced an increase in enrolment of 1.5 per cent over the forecasted enrolment from the original estimates, which is very positive," continued Mrs. Hutchinson.

"The total revised operating in-year surplus for 2017-2018 is \$136,000. The Board will provide interim reports in February and May, with the final financial statements presentation to the Board of Trustees in November 2018."

Farewell Messages for Retiring Director

Trustees shared best wishes and parting messages to retiring Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland. The December 19th Board Meeting was Mr. Gartland's final meeting as Director. He will be succeeded in January by Associate Director John Cameron.

Trustees presented Gartland with his official Board name plaque, and thanked him for his immense contributions and outstanding, provincially recognized accomplishments during his tenure. Director Gartland retires after serving for 11 years in the position.

Chair and Vice-Chair Elections

Mr. Todd Lalonde, Trustee for City of Cornwall and Glengarry County, has been acclaimed to the position of Chair for the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario at the December 5 Board Meeting. It will be the second term as Chair for Mr. Lalonde, who is entering his twelfth year as a Catholic school trustee.

Mr. Lalonde addressed trustees and guests, "First and foremost I would like to thank my fellow trustees for the continued confidence and support that you have given me this evening. I appreciate the opportunity to serve as Chair; it is truly a privilege to serve with such good people. In my twelve years as a trustee, I have appreciated all of the guidance given to me by trustees and administration. We are all very fortunate to be part of such an amazing team."

City of Cornwall and Glengarry County Trustee Ron Eamer was acclaimed during the annual meeting to the position of Vice-Chair of the Board. Mr. Eamer has served as CDSBEO trustee since 1981, and has served terms as both Chair and Vice-Chair.

"Thanks to my fellow trustees for trusting me with this position again. You all know that I believe in this Board, thoroughly. It's been a passion of mine for some 37 years, and my passion for this Board is as strong as it was in 1981. I have more confidence now than ever, in our very talented staff. We know that not all boards in the province enjoy the same successes that we do, and that is why I'm looking forward to working with all of you again in my role as Vice-Chair."

Chair Lalonde thanked outgoing Vice-Chair Robin Reil and congratulated Trustee Eamer.

Director of Education Wm. J. Gartland, congratulated Mr. Lalonde and Mr. Eamer. "The annual meeting is a wonderful celebration of our Catholic faith, and an opportunity to renew our dedication to Catholic education. Our trustees 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. Lalonde and Mr. Eamer will continue to provide excellent leadership at the Board table."