



Tri-County Regional School Board
Nova Scotia, Canada

Students First

January 8, 2008 Board Meeting Highlights

Appointments to Staff

Theresa Nickerson was approved for the position of Principal at Barton Consolidated from February 1 to July 31, 2008. She is replacing Gaylene Sabine who has been approved for a deferred leave.

Minister's Report

The Communications Officer informed the Board that he received notice from the Department of Education stating that they are looking for submissions from all the school boards for the *Telling our Stories* section of the *2007 Minister's Report to Parents*. Each year the Minister's Report concludes with a section that provides each school board with an opportunity to highlight an initiative that they are particularly proud of.

The title of the section for 2007 is *Telling our Stories: Using Assessment to Improve Student Learning*. Staff is already in the process of drafting a submission which will be brought to the January 22 Board meeting for review.

St. Mary's Bay Academy Trivia Challenge III

St. Mary's Bay Academy will be holding its third annual trivia challenge fund raiser on Saturday, February 9. The Board enthusiastically decided to enter a team again this year which will consist of:

- Board Chair Haley
- Board Member Comeau
- Board Member Surette
- Board Member Brewer
- Board Member Tidd

Organizations interested in entering the trivia challenge fund raiser can contact St. Mary's Bay Academy at (902) 837-2340.

External Credentialing

The NSSBA has requested all the boards in the Province to submit their respective positions on the Department of Education's draft policy on External Credentialing to the NSSBA by February 8, 2008.

Board Chair Haley iterated that given the fact that Tri-County is a small rural Board with small rural schools, this would open up other venues and opportunities for students to receive credit for activities that a lot of them are already participating in. Given that there would be parameters and categories to guide the students makes the idea all the more appealing.

The Board passed a motion to notify the NSSBA that it is in agreement with the External Credentialing concept.

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