



Tri-County Regional School Board
Nova Scotia, Canada

Students First

February 12, 2008 Board Meeting Highlights

Report from the Board Chair

During the month of January the Board Chair participated in the following:

- January 16 – *Shared Services Joint Management Committee* meeting (by conference call). The process for evaluation of the Shared Services unit of the Tri-County & South Shore Regional School Boards was finalized at the meeting.
- January 16 & 17 – Negotiations between the Tri-County Regional School Board and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU).
- January 23 – *Community Use of Schools Committee* meeting at Digby Regional High School (DRHS). Special Board meeting to review the Board's Goals & Priorities as well as its By-Laws.

Report from the Superintendent of Schools

During the month of January and early February the Superintendent of Schools participated in the following:

- January 10 – *Early Hire* job fair at Acadia University. Meeting with the consultants responsible for the Carleton School renovation project.
- January 24 – *Early Hire* job fair at St. Francis Xavier University.
- February 4 – Board Members Pippy & Atkinson & the Superintendent met, as the Attendance/Discipline Committee, with students at Shelburne Regional High School to address attendance & disciplinary issues.

Report from the Director of Programs and Student Services

The Director reported that Tri-County once again took part in the *Early Hire* job fair program hosted by the Department of Education and the four Universities with Bachelor of Education programs recognized by the Provincial Government. This initiative gives Tri-County the opportunity to meet, interview, assess, and offer employment to prospective teachers before they find employment elsewhere.

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Tri-County traditionally makes the most early hire job offers & interviews the most candidates which results in employing some of the finest graduates the Universities have to offer. Given that these people could potentially be working for Tri-County for 30 or more years, it is imperative that the best talent is attracted to place in front of the students. This year Tri-County managed to recruit approximately a dozen new teachers.

Report from Finance & Operations Committee

The Board approved a recommendation from the Finance & Operations Committee to sell a surplus bus to the Yarmouth Ground Search & Rescue for \$1.00.

The next Finance & Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 6:15pm.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2008, at 7:00pm.

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