



Tri-County Regional School Board
Nova Scotia, Canada

Students First

March 4, 2008 Board Meeting Highlights

Revised By-Laws

The Board approved its newly revised by-laws. One notable amendment to the by-laws is in Section 13 which now gives the Board the ability to approve any minor housekeeping changes at any regular Board Meeting. This addition will make it easier for the Board to keep the by-laws up to date.

Report from the Board Chair

The Board Chair participated in the following during the latter half of the month of February:

- February 15 – Flag Day ceremony at Digby Regional High School. Special guest was the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, The Honorable Mayann E. Francis, O.N.S.
- February 19 – Seminar on governance sponsored by the Treasury & Policy Board. This was the second such seminar and although elected boards have different concerns than appointed boards, it was an interesting seminar nonetheless.
- February 23 – African Heritage Month Dinner and Dance Gala at the Greenville Community Centre. Board Members Fells & Tidd were also in attendance.

Report from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent of Schools participated in the following during the latter half of the month of February:

- February 15 – Superintendent's meeting at NSSBA to discuss literacy cost pressures, assessment, emergency planning, skills trade labs, student information system, PD for board secretaries, Provincial Walking Distance Report, Capital Construction, and school closures.
- February 21 and 22 – ANSEA workshop on labor & legal issues in education.

- February 28 – Education Consultative Forum meeting to discuss new primary age of entry, emergency planning, SAP update, Provincial telecommunications contract, budget, cost pressures, skills trade labs.

Report from the Director of Programs and Student Services

The Director reported that the Tri-County Regional School Board held an environment in-service with eight schools participating. The Board, assisted by Trout Unlimited Canada and the Provincial Department of Inland Fisheries, assisted the schools in developing Adopt-a-Stream programs which were submitted to the Provincial Government for funding.

Pre-Primary Program

The Board Chair reiterated the Department of Education's announcement that it will not continue funding Pre-Primary pilots in Nova Scotia. However, the Superintendent added, since the Pre-Primary act itself has not been repealed, it is uncertain as to whether Boards can explore options for keeping Pre-Primary pilots in their schools. Conditional on the decision regarding the Pre-Primary act, the Board approved a motion to hold any funds remaining in the Pre-Primary budget in reserve for the Pre-Primary pilots, for the 2008/2009 school year.

School Advisory Council (SAC) Committee Meeting

The SAC Committee meeting scheduled for March 11 has been moved to March 18 at 4:00pm at the Yarmouth Board office.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 7:00pm at the Yarmouth Board Office.

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