



Tri-County Regional School Board
Nova Scotia, Canada

Students First

May 6, 2008 Board Meeting Highlights

Report from the Board Chair

In addition to the regularly scheduled Board & Committee meetings, the Board Chair participated in the following during the month of April & early May:

- April Fools Trivia Challenge in support of the Adopt-a-Book campaign at the Yarmouth Branch of the Western Counties Regional Library
- Digby & Area Interagency meeting
- Principals' In Focus seminar
- Digby Regional High School Community Use Committee
- Heritage Fair at Barton Consolidated
- Education Budget meeting with the Deputy Minister of Education
- Tri-County Regional Heritage Fair

Report from the Superintendent of Schools

In addition to the regularly scheduled Board & Committee meetings, the Superintendent of Schools participated in the following during the month of April:

- Dean's Advisory Committee meeting on the B.Ed. program at Mount Saint Vincent University
- Meeting with Family & Children's Services concerning a protocol between the Tri-County Regional School Board & Family & Children's Services
- Attended the conference put on by the NSELN on Assessment with Dr. Robert Marzano as guest speaker

Report from the Director of Programs and Student Services

The Director reported that the focus of much of his efforts this year has been to develop a system of supervision of Principals and to also develop Principals' meetings into sessions which contain Professional Development as well as information-sharing which Principals need to perform their duties.

The Director has developed a set of evaluative standards which will be used in doing formal supervision, on a rotational basis, of every Principal in the TCRSB. This process is already underway, as the Director has been working with seven Principals this year

and has set in motion an in-depth supervisory system where each Principal will undergo the evaluation every four years.

The Education Leadership team has committed to being more proactive in the coming year in assisting Principals with direct classroom support which Principals say is so badly needed. These efforts should go a long way to helping improve an already good system to become the very best system it can be.

Site for New Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School (YCMHS)

The Director of Operational Services received six submissions to the request for proposals for land to construct the new YCMHS. After examining the proposals the Director recommended the following three sites as the Board's top three priorities to be submitted to the Department of Education for consideration:

Priority 1 is a combination of two adjacent properties submitted by the Town of Yarmouth & Roy Andrews. The proposal from the Town of Yarmouth is approximately 11 acres with access from Forest Street and is serviced by public water & sewer. The proposal from Roy Andrews is approximately 11 acres with access to Parade & Myrtle Streets and is serviced by public water & sewer.

Priority 2 was proposed by Royden Pitman & Renée Arsenault and is approximately 13 acres located between Meadowfields Community School on Prospect Street & NSCC Burrige Campus on Hibernia Street. The parcel of land has two accesses and is serviced by public water & sewer.

Priority 3 was proposed by Victor Moulaison and Alan D. & Kimberly Hattie. The proposal is a combination of two properties totaling 14 acres located on Southeast Street/Argyle Street & the Haley Road. The land is serviced by public water & sewer.

The Board approved the Director's recommendation.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, at 7:00pm at the Yarmouth Board office.

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