

## **Newsbrief from the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board December 20, 2011**

*This news brief is meant to provide the highlights of the decisions made at today's Board meeting for the benefit of our community; the notes do not serve as the official record of the meeting (Board or Committee minutes).*

### **Director's Report**

At the 7 December 2011 meeting of the Strategic Planning and Priorities Committee, trustees received an information report recommending that **Tuesday, September 4, 2012, be designated as the start of the 2012-2013 school year.** The report also recommended that the **last day of the school year** calendar be **Friday, June 28, 2013.**

Recommendations were presented regarding two additional elements of the calendar:

- the placement of the **two week Christmas Break**, and
- the placement of the **March break.**

These recommendations were aligned with the provincially-recommended dates:

- **December 24, 2012 to January 4, 2013**, and
- **Friday, December 21, 2012**, being the last day of classes for students.

There was support among all members of the committee that the March Break be scheduled from March 11 to March 15, 2013.

### **Next Steps:**

A final draft of the school year calendar will be brought forward to the Strategic Planning and Priorities Committee in January 2012. The final draft will provide recommendations for the placement of professional activity (PA) days and final evaluation days for the District's secondary school program.

### **Student success:**

I am pleased to report that Rebecca Anne Dixon, a remarkable young woman and graduate of Canterbury High School now attending Mount Allison University, is the recipient of a Rhodes Scholarship, valued at over \$100,000. This scholarship is one of the oldest and most prestigious in the world.

In her 3<sup>rd</sup> year at Mount Allison, Rebecca was awarded a Killam Fellowship, a unique exchange program between Canada and the US. She spent a semester at American University in Washington D.C. where she took classes in American Foreign Policy and Sustainable City. She also interned with the South Asia Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Rebecca plans to study an MPhil in Development Studies at the University of Oxford next fall.

Rhodes alumni include Liberal leader Bob Rae, former Premier Danny Williams and former U.S. President Bill Clinton.

### **Chair's Report**

Sylvia Smith who teaches at the Elizabeth Wyn Wood Alternate High School Program is one of seven teachers who received a 2011 Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Sylvia wanted her students to understand the Indian Residential School era and created an innovative learning module that is now being used in classrooms across Canada. She and her students worked with Elders and Indian Residential School survivors from First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities, to ensure accuracy and respect, and to make history real. His Excellency, the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada presented her with the award on December 12th.

Richard Arrigo, Head of Music at Lisgar Collegiate Institute has won a Baillie Award for Excellence in Secondary School Teaching. Richard was nominated by former student Keltie Gale and received his award at Queen's University during their fall convocation ceremony. The Baillie Award for Excellence honours educators who act as a role model and mentor to secondary school students; who instill a love of learning; and encourage students to pursue higher education.

Congratulations Sylvia and Richard on your awards.

### **Student Trustee Report**

#### **OSTA-AECO**

Students are currently working on organizing the upcoming Board Council Conference which will be held in Ottawa in February. In addition a student trustee magazine "Our Voice" is being put together and will be available at the Board Office.

#### **Healthy Foods Manual**

Students have been working closely with students and staff to create a manual which will help students better understand the limitations of the Healthy Foods Act. The intent behind the initiative is to help students better understand the restrictions regarding fund raising initiatives.

### **Public Motions**

#### ***Report from Committee of the Whole (In Camera)***

Staff will proceed as directed in the Committee of the Whole (in camera) with respect to elementary principal appointments. Those appointments will be made public in the coming days.

Staff will proceed as directed in Committee of the Whole (in camera) with respect to the appointment of FineWORKS for the 2010-2011 Board Evaluation.

### **Ottawa Student Transportation**

Staff will add as a standard item of business re the Ottawa Student Transportation. It will become a regular part of every Business Services Committee meeting and shall include an opportunity to review and discuss any newly available Ottawa Student Transportation

Authority (OSTA) material generated since the last Committee meeting, including any OSTA reports to its Board or decisions emanating from its Board.

**Approval of Additional Program Offerings at Bell High School**

Trustees approved the addition of courses LVLCU (Latin) and AMV20 (Vocal Music) to allow program changes in the delivery structure of programs at Bell High School.

**Report 5, Special Committee of the Whole, Public, Centretown, Glebe, Old Ottawa South, 17 November 2011**

THAT Report No. 5, Special Committee of the Whole, Public, Centretown, Glebe, Old Ottawa South Area Review, dated 17 November 2011 be received.

**Report 6, Special Committee of the Whole, Public, Centretown, Glebe, Old Ottawa South, 30 November 2011**

THAT Report No. 6, Special Committee of the Whole, Public, Centretown, Glebe, Old Ottawa South Area Review, dated 30 November 2011 be received.

**Report 1, Special Committee of the Whole, Public, New Chapman Mills/Barrhaven Area Review, 05 December 2011**

THAT Report No. 1, Special Committee of the Whole, Public, New Chapman Mills/Barrhaven Area Review, dated 05 December 2011 be received.

<http://www.ocdsb.ca/calendar/AGENDA%20DOCS/2011%20DOCS/Dec%2011/20%20Dec%202011%20Board%20Meeting/15%20COW%20Public%2005%20Dec%202011%20Minutes%20Report%201%20Public.pdf>

Staff were authorized to proceed with implementation of changes to attendance boundaries, programs and grade structures for schools in the South Nepean Area.

The attendance boundaries and programs for the new Chapman Mills elementary school were approved as per Appendix 5 of Report No. 11-189, with the school formed in September 2012 with a JK to 4 grade structure, advancing to JK to 5 for September 2013;

Effective September 2012, the new Chapman Mills elementary school will be accommodated temporarily at the former Parkwood Hills Public School site on Tiverton Drive until the new Chapman Mills elementary school building is completed;

The grade structures at Barrhaven Public School and Cedarview Middle School temporarily become JK-4 and 5-8 for the school years 2012-2013, 2013-2014, and 2014-2015;

The revised attendance boundaries for Barrhaven Public School, Farley Mowat Public School, Jockvale Elementary School, Mary Honeywell Elementary School and Cedarview Middle School be approved as per Appendix 6 of Report No. 11-189, effective September 2012;

The revised attendance boundaries for John McCrae Secondary School and Longfields-Davidson Heights Secondary School be approved as per Appendix 7 of Report No. 11-189, subject to making the John McCrae Secondary School attendance boundary area south of Barnsdale Road and east of Prince of Wales Drive an option area between John McCrae Secondary School and South Carleton High School;

The current Barrhaven Public School JK to 3 students (2011-2012) residing in the Half Moon Bay boundary area remain at Barrhaven Public School and that their siblings be given a one-time option to choose to attend that school.

The current Barrhaven Public School JK to 3 students (2011-2012) residing in the Barrhaven Mews boundary area remain at Barrhaven Public School and that their siblings be given a one-time option to choose to attend that school;

The current Barrhaven Public School grade 4 students (2011-2012) residing in the Half Moon Bay, Barrhaven Mews, Stonebridge East, and Hearts Desire boundary areas be directed to Cedarview Middle School for grade 5;

The preferred busing be provided to those students attending the new Chapman Mills elementary school while it is temporarily accommodated at the former Parkwood Hills Public School site on Tiverton Drive;

Busing will be provided to and from existing childcare locations for those students whose existing childcare arrangement will no longer be within their designated school's attendance boundary for September 2012 as a direct result of this study's approved boundary changes, until such time as a new childcare arrangement is made for that student within their designated school attendance boundary or until the end of the 2012-2013 school year;

An addition to Longfields-Davidson Heights Secondary School will be made a capital priority and that preliminary design and site work be commenced;

A new elementary school in the Half Moon Bay portion of South Nepean be reconfirmed as a capital priority in order to ensure that funding is provided in a fashion which would permit a 2015 planned opening; and

Staff will examine the feasibility of introducing the Full-Day Kindergarten program at the new Chapman Mills elementary school for September 2013, one year earlier than currently scheduled.

**Report 2, Special Committee of the Whole, Public, Centretown, Glebe, Old Ottawa South, 12 December 2011**

THAT Report No.2, Special Committee of the Whole, Public, Centretown, Glebe, Old Ottawa South Area Review, dated 12 December 2011 be received.

<http://www.ocdsb.ca/calendar/AGENDA%20DOCS/2011%20DOCS/Dec%2011/20%20Dec%202011%20Board%20Meeting/16%20Min%20COW%20Public%20%2012%20December%202011%20Minutes%20Report%202.pdf>

**Approval of referral to Education Committee re regular English accommodation options and program supports to schools**

Staff will bring forward a proposal before June 2012 which will allow for comprehensive central dialogue and appropriate consultation with respect to regular English accommodation options and program supports and guidance to schools.

**Authorize staff to proceed with implementation of changes to attendance boundaries, programs and grade structures for schools in the Centretown/Glebe/Old Ottawa South areas**

Board approved the continued redirection of the JK program at First Avenue Public School to Mutchmor Public School effective for September 2012;

Board authorized staff to seek approval of an 11 classroom addition at Mutchmor Public School opening for September 2013;

Board approved the revised intermediate program attendance boundaries, effective September 2012, for Glashan Public School and Hopewell Avenue Public School as detailed within Attachment 1;

THAT 2011-2012 grade 7 students attending either Glashan Public School or Hopewell Avenue Public School be permitted to complete their elementary education at their current school;

Board approved the revised attendance boundaries and program offerings, effective September 2013, for First Avenue Public School and Mutchmor Public School as detailed within Attachment 1;

Board approved a new MFI program at Mutchmor Public School commencing with grade 4 in September 2012 (moving to First Avenue Public School in 2013 in accordance with recommendation E above) advancing one grade/year and feeding into Glashan Public School for grades 7 and 8, and revised MFI program attendance boundaries as detailed within Attachment 1;

Board approved an option area as detailed below and reflected in Attachment 1, for Dow's Lake area north, allowing currently designated students the option to attend Centretown & Glebe area schools effective September 2012;

<b>Currently Designated School</b>	<b>Option to attend</b>
Cambridge P.S. JK-6 ENG	Mutchmor P.S (moving to First Avenue P.S. Sept 2013) or Cambridge P.S. JK-6 ENG
Devonshire P.S. JK-6 EFI	First Avenue P.S (moving to Mutchmor P.S. Sept. 2013) or Devonshire P.S. JK-6 EFI
Fisher Park P.S. 7-8 EFI	Glashan P.S. or Fisher Park P.S. 7-8 EFI

Board approved an option area, for Dow's Lake area north, allowing currently designated Centennial Public School MFI students the option to attend Mutchmor Public School for MFI effective September 2012 (moving to First Avenue Public School Sept. 2013).