

Director's Report

Our Intermediate students will be heading to our Trades and Technology event at Confederation Education Centre on March 30 and 31. Students will be able to try out a variety of hands-on activities. Booths will be set up for Manufacturing, Computer Engineering, Landscape and Design, Hairstyling/Cosmetology, Electrical, Construction, and more.

April is Skilled Trades Month and learning activities will continue with Grade 11 students also heading to Confederation for Mission Employable on April 14. Secondary school students will be learning about a variety of occupations from different employers. Our students will also be attending the Skills Canada Women's Networking Dinner on April 12th and the special Algonquin Connections Day on May 4.

The annual Spring Leadership conference is scheduled for April 20th and 21st at the Hampton Inn. This conference for vice-principals, trustees, parents and community members will build upon ideas generated from the *Lead the Way to Creativity* conference held on the evening of April 19.

The Director also mentioned the online Citizen story of Alice Ervin, a graduate of Canterbury High School who was able to succeed despite exceptionally difficult physical circumstances.

Chair's Report

Parents and guardians are invited to attend the next Parent Involvement Committee Meeting here at Greenbank on Monday April 11 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in Tower B, Room B-400.

Families are invited to attend Maplefest at MacSkimming Outdoor Education Centre on Wilhaven Drive in Cumberland on March 27. While there, plan to enjoy a pancake breakfast, sleigh rides, live music, and tours of the sugar bush. Admission is \$3.00 per person, children under 3 are free.

The Osgoode Township High School Parent Council invites the community to a special information evening. Entitled, Parenting Your Teen Through Turbulent Times - A Special Alcohol & Drug Awareness Panel will be speaking on April 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. Dr. Phil Ritchie from CHEO, Mike Beauchesne of the Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre, Amanda Neilson from the Rideauwood Addiction and Family Services, and Constable Nicole MacLaurin of the Ottawa Police Services will be on the panel. This event is supported by a Parents Reaching Out Grant from the Ontario Ministry of Education.

PUBLIC MOTIONS

Development of a Comprehensive OCDSB Capital Plan

The Board approved in principle, the approach and scope, as outlined in report [11-061](#), and taking into consideration Trustees' suggestions made in committee, for developing the OCDSB

Capital Plan. Staff will proceed with a Request for Proposals to select a consultant to assist in developing the comprehensive Capital Plan and bring recommendations to the Business Services Committee. The Plan will provide a process to identify capital needs in the following categories: Funding Facilities Renewal Program, Capital Needs implementation of Ministry initiatives, New facility construction, Adding spaces to existing facilities, Accommodation review recommendations, and Rejuvenation.

Renewal of Major Building Components re Energy Efficient Schools (EES) Projects

Staff was authorized to proceed with the new projects under the Renewal of Major Building Components, identified in Appendix B of [Report 11-058](#), out of the EES approved funding. Staff was also authorized to add projects as a result of tender results, provided that budgets permit, from the Contingency project list as per Appendix B of Report 11-058. The list of projects includes items such as additional mechanical HVAC system upgrades, gym lighting replacements, roofing, insulation, and window replacements.

Good Places to Learn (GPTL) budget and projects for 2010-2011

The revised GPTL budgets and projects as outlined in Appendix B, C and D of [Report 11-059](#) were approved. The over-expenditures in GPTL Stage 1 and Stage 4 continue to be funded by GPTL Stage 2 and Stage 3 under-expenditures. An average of \$19M received in GPTL grants each year has assisted the District with its annual maintenance costs.

Request Ottawa Student Transportation Authority to Investigate Public Transportation for South Carleton High School Students

The Board will ask the Ottawa Student Transportation Authority to investigate with OC Transpo the possibility of allowing some empty OC Transpo rural commuter buses to pick up students in the afternoon, at student expense, at a stop at or near South Carleton High School, with one or more stops in Stittsville or other parts of the South Carleton attendance area, to facilitate participation in after-school extra-curricular activities for at least some of our rural secondary students.

Letter to the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism re Proposed Funding Cuts to Immigrant Services

The Board Chair and Director were directed to write a letter to the Federal Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, and begin discussions with federal representatives and officials expressing deep concerns with the proposed cuts to immigrant services in Ontario as they affect our students and copy all federal opposition critics and relevant provincial officials.

Consultation – Terms of Reference – Centretown, Glebe, Old Ottawa South Accommodation Study

The Terms of Reference and Timelines for an Accommodation Study provided as Attachment 1 to [Report No.11-069](#) involving the schools noted below, were approved:

Cambridge Street Community Public School}
Centennial Public School
Elgin Street Public School
First Avenue Public School
Glashan Public School
Hopewell Avenue Public School
Mutchmor Public School.

A Working Committee will be established comprised of two representatives from each of the above-mentioned schools and also representatives from community associations. Other schools may be invited to participate as the study process unfolds and options are refined. The study will endeavour to develop recommendations to the Board that support the goal of improving student achievement through the provision of strong educational programming in safe, healthy, secure, and accessible learning environments. Dates of meetings will be posted to the OCDSB website under Schools>>Accommodation/Program Reviews in the near future. A final decision by the Board is expected in December 2011 for implementation in September 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.