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Director's Report

In 2010, OCDSB schools raised \$174,614.75 for the Terry Fox Foundation. 97 OCDSB school sites participated in the Terry Fox Run and other related fundraising events which provided students with the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those affected with cancer.

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board will be holding its first Environmental Stewardship Day at Confederation Education Centre on Wednesday, May 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Over 20 schools will be receiving their Eco-Schools certification and there will be a variety of interactive displays. Please join us for this special event and celebrate the achievements of our students who are heading toward a greener future.

On Thursday, May 12, special awards will be presented to staff who have been chosen as outstanding leaders and role models. The awards being presented are the Director's Citation, Innovation, Mentoring, Ronald K. Lynch Memorial, and Technology Excellence awards. Please join us at 3:30 p.m. to honour the contributions of staff.

In partnership with the Ottawa Internationals Soccer Club, we are hosting a grand opening for the new soccer field at Hillcrest High School on Friday, May 13. The ceremony will begin at 2:30 p.m. on the school's new field and will be followed by an inaugural scrimmage between the Hillcrest Hawks players and members of the Ottawa Internationals Soccer Club.

The District will participate in the City of Ottawa's Capital Pride parade this year. The parade will be held on Sunday, August 28 and begin on Wellington Street.

Congratulations to Kevin Bush, Principal of Sir Guy Carleton Secondary School who was awarded a Premier's Award for Teaching Excellence. Sir Guy Carleton, a vocational school of just over 500 students, is known for its unique programming, its celebration of diversity, and its philosophy that all students can achieve.

A joint meeting will be held in September with the Edmonton School Board regarding the OCDSB's Lead the Way to Creativity initiatives.

Chair's Report

For Board meeting of May 10, 2011

Budget deliberations have begun with the next meeting scheduled on Monday, May 16th. Public delegations will be heard that evening. Additional meetings have been scheduled for Thursday May 26th and Tuesday May 31st. A recommended Budget will be presented on Monday June 6th. A special Board meeting is set for Thursday June 9th with a view to approving the Budget for the next school year. Updated information will continue to be posted to the OCDSB website as the meetings progress.

The second annual Give Back to School Day is being held on Friday May 13th in conjunction with the Ottawa Reads program. Members of corporate teams, who usually read to students, will be working on projects to beautify the school grounds and buildings. Volunteers will be painting and gardening at Cambridge, Charles H. Hulse, Centennial, Hawthorne, Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mary Street, Riverview Alternative, Robert E. Wilson, W.E. Gowling, and York Street elementary schools. Thank you to the many volunteers whose kindness and generosity are making a difference in our community.

Steve MacLean Public School students presented over \$12,000 to the Children's Wish Foundation on April 26th. Grade 6 students participating in the Learning Partnership's Entrepreneurial Adventure Program raised the funds through a fair, café, and Silent Auction. Excellent work students!

PUBLIC MOTIONS

After action items the board moved in camera to resume deliberations.