

Newsbrief from the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board

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

Director's Report

Congratulations to our Capital Educators Award Recipients

- **Alex Alexopoulos** of Rockcliffe Park Public School
- **Wendy Anderson** of Castor Valley Elementary School
- **Chris Drummond** of Nepean High School
- **Catherine Gravelle** of Woodroffe High School

Awards were presented at a gala dinner on May 19 at Algonquin College.

Seven Ottawa students won top awards at “*le concours/festival d’art oratoire*”, the annual French public-speaking event organized by the Ontario chapter of the Canadian Parents for French and the Ontario Modern Language Teachers’ Association. This event took place on Saturday, May 7th, at Glendon College in Toronto. The winners are:

Yara Abou-Hamde of A. Y. Jackson Secondary School.

Antonia Stanev AND Adam Al-Khafaji of Canterbury High School

Curtis Quan AND Aida Liman-Tingui of Colonel By Secondary School.

The competition is an annual French public-speaking event for students in Grades 4 through 12, who are studying French as a second language in Ontario schools. A total of 330 students from across Ontario qualified for this year’s event.

Seventeen Ottawa Technical Secondary School students will receive a credit at the college level for successfully completing a dual credit course called Quantitative Food Production. All the uniforms, books, and food were paid for by the Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities. The school was able to offer the course in partnership with Algonquin College. The senior Hospitality students totally enjoyed this special learning opportunity and so did the staff. Thank you to Teachers Val Suriano and Lydia Hamilton for their perseverance, optimism, and wonderful vision.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Congratulations to A.Y. Jackson Secondary School Student Emma MacLean who will sit on the Minister of Education's Student Advisory Council. Over 600 applications were reviewed for this prestigious post which brings the student voice to the Ministry table.

Avalon Public School recently held a week-long fundraiser to raise money to help the people of Japan. On Monday, pennies were collected, on Tuesday, nickels, followed by dimes quarters, loonies and toonies on each day of the week. Over 15 000 pennies were counted and rolled by staff and students thanks to their dedication and caring. And by the end of the week, an amazing \$3,332.50 was collected and donated to the Red Cross.

Canterbury High School student Shannon Watson placed third at a national science contest on May 10th at the National Research Council headquarters. Her science project studied natural products containing good bacteria that could be used to fight diseases such as cystic fibrosis. About 500 secondary school students took part in the annual BioTalent Challenge that paired the students with university professors.

The District's first Environmental Stewardship Day will be held at Confederation Education Centre from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All trustees are welcome to attend to see the interactive displays and congratulate the 23 schools who will be receiving their Eco-schools certification.

PUBLIC MOTIONS

Approval of timelines for consultation and decision making re delivery of Extended Day Program

The Board approved the timeline for consultation and decision-making as attached to the [Business Services agenda of 11 May 2011](#).

Minor boundary adjustment between Cairine Wilson and Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary Schools effective September 2011

The boundaries of Cairine Wilson Secondary School and Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School will be amended effective September 2011 as identified in Report 11-088 to the [Business Services Committee on 11 May 2011](#).

Revision of Policy P.065.GOV, Advisory Committees to the Board and revisions to the Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee on the Arts

The Board amended Board Policy P.065.GOV - Advisory Committees to the Board to delete Section 3.4, "committee members may not serve for more than six consecutive years on an advisory committee to the Board." The terms of reference for the Advisory Committee on the Arts (ACA) will be revised accordingly. This change will also apply to the Alternative Schools Advisory Committee and the Children and Youth at Risk Advisory Committee.

The following revisions were also made to the Terms of Reference for the ACA:

- Section 3, Membership, Voting Members, was revised to allow more flexible representation on the ACA by combining the two categories of 10 voting members from the Arts Community and 4 voting members from the City of Ottawa Community into one category of 14 voting members from the Arts/City/General Community; and
- Item 9, Procedures, was revised to remove the requirements for meetings to be held on or about the last Wednesday or each month; and that notice of motion for the agenda, with the mover and seconder must be submitted in writing ten days prior to the meeting.

Staff Report 11-112, Appointments to Ontario Public School Boards' Association

The Board approved the following appointments to the Ontario Public School Board Association (OPSBA) for the period June 2011 to June 2012:

A. Trustees Fitzgerald and Seward were elected as the two directors to the Board of Directors ;

B. Trustees Funciello and Blackburn will serve as the two alternate directors to the Board of Directors;

C. Trustee Shea is the voting delegate for the Eastern Regional Council Meetings and

D. Trustee Holtzhauer is the alternate voting delegate for the Eastern Regional Council Meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.