

**November 22, 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**

Experiential Learning Week is being celebrated this week. ~The Ottawa Network for Education's Passport to Prosperity Program, in partnership with the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board and other area boards, are highlighting unique experiential learning programs.

Yesterday, students from Ottawa Technical Secondary School enrolled in the Jewelry Firing and A.Y. Jackson Secondary School students in the Foods & Hospitality programs showcased their talents here at 133 Greenbank. Thank you to the staff and students who showed off their cooking skills, and who made some very nice jewelry.

The 7th annual Rainbow Youth Forum will be held at Confederation Education Centre on Thursday, November 24. Secondary school students and staff will participate in workshops throughout the day. The Forum is aligned with the District's efforts to embed character education and cultural proficiency into daily practices.

The United Way's Growing Up Great Partnership is honouring Heather Graham, Principal of W.O. Mitchell Public School, for her ongoing commitment to children and youth. She will receive a "2011 Meeting Fundamental Needs Award" for her work in the Healthy Active Schools Program. The program enables children to make healthy food and activity choices. She will receive her award at the National Arts Centre on Monday, November 28. Congratulations Heather!

### **Chair's Report**

Congratulations to the Boys and Girls Glashan Spikers volleyball team who placed first at the 32nd Ontario Provincial Volleyball Championship in Durham Ontario. They competed against 48 boys teams and 48 girls teams from across Ontario. This is quite an accomplishment for Glashan with a student population of just over 300 students who compete against much larger schools with populations over 1200 students.

Severn Avenue and Queen Mary Street's school libraries will be receiving boxes of new books thanks to Indigo's Adopt-a-School program. A fundraiser by Chapters on City Park Drive raised \$3,781 for Queen Mary Street Public School and Coles Stores in the east end raised \$4,560 for Severn Avenue Public School. These funds will allow each student to choose a favorite book for the school library. The books will be a welcome addition to existing collections.

And finally, just a reminder that the Official Opening Ceremony for Westwind Public School will take place this Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Staff and students have planned a memorable event. Members of the Jinkinson family will also be present to celebrate the naming of the school library. Please join us for the ceremony.

### **PUBLIC MOTIONS**

### **Direct Staff to Proceed with the Implementation of a Hybrid Delivery Model for the Extended Day Program**

Staff were directed to proceed with the implementation of a hybrid delivery model for the Extended Day program.

In schools where there is currently no school-based childcare program, the Extended Day program, when introduced, will be delivered by district staff.

In schools where there is currently school based childcare, the current provider will be given the opportunity to enter into a Third Party agreement to offer the Extended Day program on behalf of the district.

Staff will be directed to begin discussions with existing school based childcare providers and school communities for each of the Year 3 Full-Day Kindergarten program sites.

<http://www.ocdsb.ca/calendar/AGENDA%20DOCS/2011%20DOCS/Nov%202011/22%20November%20Board/10%20Business%20Services%209%20Nov%202011%20Report%209.pdf>

### **Direct Staff to Bring Forward a Plan for Full-Day Kindergarten Implementation in Years 3, 4 and 5 regarding Balanced Funding**

Staff will bring forward a plan to the trustees for approval for Full-Day Kindergarten implementation in years 3, 4, and 5 showing how operational and capital overspending with respect to related funding will be avoided in each and every year.

### **Approval of 2011 Debt By-law No. 02-2011**

The Board approved the debt by-laws that are necessary for the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board to participate in the province's long-term capital financing plan through the Ontario Financing Authority (OFA).

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### **Direct Staff to Bring Forward a Plan for Full-Day Kindergarten Implementation in Years 3, 4 and 5 regarding Balanced Funding**

Staff will bring forward a plan to the trustees for approval for Full-Day Kindergarten implementation in years 3, 4, and 5. This report will show how operational and capital overspending impacts the OCDSB budget – in relation to the actual provincial funding for both operating and capital budgets - specific to full-day kindergarten. The report will also outline how overspending in this area could be avoided each and every year. The report will come to the Board no later than the February SPPC meeting.

### **Kindergarten Class Re-organization**

Board approved the creation of an additional full day kindergarten class through a re-organization of existing staff at Grant Public School. There were no financial implications in relation to this reorganization.

**The meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.**