

CHIGNECTO-CENTRAL REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

Highlights of Meeting

Held on

June 14, 2006

SPRING STREET ACADEMY

Student Presentation

Spring Street Academy students entertained the Board with several musical selections from their production of "Annie Jr.". The students delighted those in attendance with their renditions of *It's A Hard Knock Life*, *Maybe*, *Little Girls*, *Easy Street*, *You're Never Fully Dressed Without A Smile*, and *Tomorrow*.

Superintendent's Final Report to the Board

In his final administrative report to the Board, Superintendent Gary Miller encouraged the Board and staff *"to remain passionate in your beliefs and committed to and persistent in their implementation."* He also publicly thanked the Board for their advice, direction and support over the past five years during his tenure as Superintendent.

A number of Board Members expressed appreciation to Mr. Miller for his exemplary leadership. Others commented on the integrity, sensitivity and compassion he consistently demonstrates while actively promoting excellence in education.

Mandatory Completion of Police Record Checks and Child Abuse Registry Checks

The Board approved a motion, on recommendation of the Corporate Services Committee, directing that *Police Record Checks* and *Child Abuse Registry Checks* be implemented as mandatory for all Board Members, Board Employees and Volunteers, effective 2007. Further details will be provided through the Human Resources Department in the 2006-07 school year.

Conference Report

Board Members *Marilyn Murray* and *Jamie Stevens* reported on their attendance at the *Canadian Association for the Practical Study of Law in Education (CAPSLE) Conference* held in Montreal from April 30th – May 2nd, 2006. This year's conference theme was *Civil Rights in Education*. Ms. Murray and Mr. Stevens shared information from a number of sessions they attended, in particular "Investigating Cyber-Bullying from a Legal Perspective". "Cyber-Bullying" will be addressed during the Education Services Committee's regular review of policies and procedures.

New Truro Elementary Schools

As a result of a delay in acquiring land for the new school in the west end of Truro, the Department of Education had asked the Board if it would also like to postpone construction of the new elementary school for the east side of Truro. The Board, at its June 9th, 2004 meeting, had carried motions recommending concurrent construction and opening dates for the two schools. Agreeing it would be best to separate the construction schedules of the two new elementary school projects in order to prevent further delays, Board Members rescinded the motions.

2006-2007 Budget

The CCRSB approved a motion authorizing staff to implement a status quo budget as well as priorities totaling \$752,000. It is anticipated the 2006-07 Budget will be finalized in early fall.

In addition, the Board endorsed a Corporate Services Committee recommendation to allocate \$750,000. from the accumulated surplus for *Operational Services Major Maintenance Project Repairs*.

Linda Campbell
Board Secretary