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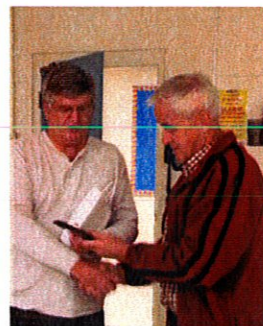
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NORTHWEST CATHOLIC October Board Meeting Highlights

At its regular meeting held October 15th, the Board recognized the exemplary commitment and dedication of support staff at Sacred Heart School. Principal Susan MacLellan was thrilled with the opportunity to express her sincere appreciation for the dedication of Educational Assistants Beth Bastone, Andrea Cospito, Maria George, Alina Hall, Alynne Harel, Laurel Mittleholt, Andrea Romyn and School Secretary Maria Kirton. Principal MacLellan said, "These ladies go above and beyond their required responsibilities daily to create a warm and loving school community environment."

The Board presented Deacon Bob Grynol with the 2013 Diocesan Award, for which he was nominated by Trustees. Mr. Grynol earned the award for his lifetime contributions to Catholic Education. Trustee Huntley said, "I know of no one who more deserves the recognition and the thanks from our schools, our parish and our diocese. A vocation lived-out, a mission humbly assumed. We are all the better for it."

Pictured here Trustee Harold
Huntley & Deacon Bob
Grynol.



Director Boisvert was pleased to announce that the Board will hold its "Recognition Awards for Staff and Trustees" at its Committee of the Whole meeting to be held December 6th in Dryden. The Board has a long established procedure to recognize annually those employees and trustees who have contributed a long term of service and shown exemplary service to the Board. "We are thankful that we have staff that make a difference in the lives of the students they serve and it is important that we take time to celebrate those contributions," said Boisvert.

Superintendent of Business C. Howarth reported that both transportation consortiums, which provide school bus transportation services for the Board, have completed the final stage the Ministry of Education Effectiveness & Efficiency Reviews. The Northwestern Ontario Student Services Consortium, which services schools in the Kenora District, received a high rating and the Rainy River District Transportation Services Consortium, which services schools in the Rainy River District, received a moderate to high rating. C. Howarth stated, "This will have a significant positive impact on the transportation funding as the Province will fund 100% of transportation costs in the Kenora District and 90% of transportation costs in the Rainy River District."

Superintendent of Education, Margot Saari, informed the Board that administration will be surveying the community in the near future with regards to the formation of the 2014-2015 School Year Calendar. She also presented the 2013-2014 Board Operational Strategic Plan, which has been developed with the assistance of all department heads.

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