



### School Information Finder

Aimee is attending a meeting in regards to the modification of the website. There will be an unveiling of a working model of the website, in the upcoming months. Board researchers are ensuring accuracy of the information and the use of proper terms on the site. They hope to have the site ready for use in the fall of 2010, to coincide with the upcoming fall elections.

### Ministry of Education

The Ministry is encouraging parent interest and involvement to continue. With the recent change in Ministers, they want to continue what Kathleen Wynne started.

### EQAO

An EQAO meeting will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Toronto. Aimee is attending on behalf of OAPCE. Teaching styles will be discussed and a webcast will be archived.

### ICE

The Institute for Catholic Education has commented on the March 1<sup>st</sup> implementation of the Equity and Inclusive Policy on Bill 157 and changes to Bill 212, which involves the obligation of any Board employee to take action and report any form of bullying and racial or religion or gender preference issues, that are unacceptable. This is to ensure the safety of children and the rights of victims. The Catholic Bishops are concerned how this will affect the Catholic schools. Dr. Ash is experienced in these issues. The school boards and churches will need the policies on these topics so students and parents know where to go to for help. People for Education is having an information session at the Thunder Bay Boys and Girls Club on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., for the public. School boards will also have information sessions, to help the public understand the changes to the bills.

The OAPCE meeting concluded at 6:55 p.m. as members left to join in the Thunder Bay CPIC meeting. The Superior North CDSB portion of the meeting continued.

### **MINISTRY OF EDUCATION & BOARD UPDATES**

- Val noted that Leona Dombrowsky has been appointed the new Minister of Education.
- The Ministry's new Early Learning Program will commence in September 2010. This program will support full-day learning for junior and senior kindergarten students. The Superior North CDSB's pilot school is going to be Holy Saviour in Marathon.

### **PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Terri Nichols and Rita Rabcaniak will be attending the Parent Involvement Symposium in Toronto on April 16<sup>th</sup>. This session is being hosted by the Ministry of Education and is partially funded.

### **FACE COMMITTEE**

The next meeting of the FACE committee is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup>, via teleconference. The Christmas message put out by the board, was successful. Plans are to continue to send out radio announcements for Family Day and Easter. Articles about the schools' Haiti campaign are in the local papers and on the board website. The FACE committee will be purchasing window films for Catholic Education supporters to stick in their car windows.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.