

BOARD BULLETIN

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EVALUATION – The Board of Trustees hired Dr. Garry Andrews to facilitate the Board's self-evaluation and the evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Andrews reviewed the details of both evaluations in a closed meeting. In the public meeting,

the Board passed two motions: **"THAT the Board of Trustees approve the Board's Self-Evaluation in accordance with Policy 7"** and **"THAT the Board of Trustees approve the Evaluation for Mr. Joe Colistro, Superintendent of Schools, in accordance with Policy 2"**. The Board congratulated Mr. Colistro for doing an exceptional job in his role as Superintendent of Schools.

FIELD TRIPS-INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

– The Board of Trustees reviewed the Field Trip AP specifically in relation to **field trips involving international travel** due to heightened concern regarding political unrest and the increased risks associated with the safety of students and staff. The Board reviewed the status of the Dec. 2015 & Jan. 2016 trips to the United States. The Board did not cancel the trips. In future, international trips will be reviewed on a case by case basis. **The Board is committed to providing a high level of care for students & staff at all times.** A [Media Release](#) was issued following the Board meeting.

SOUTHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

– Architects, Ferrari Westwood Babits presented the Board with the most recent drawings of the new elementary school. The focus is to **create flexible classroom spaces that lend to collaboration and team work both for students and staff** including community friendly spaces. Once the design development is complete we will host an **Open House to present the school design** to our community. The Board announced it will begin the process for **naming our new 250 seat Catholic Elementary School** watch for details. The school is anticipated to open in the fall of 2017, located just south of Holy Family Parish.

Door of Mercy – During this **Year of Mercy**, Pope Francis invites us to show mercy and compassion and focus on forgiveness and doing good to all those before us who need it. A **special door or entranceway** at your child's school will be designated **The Door of Mercy**. The passageway will welcome all and will symbolize kindness, compassion, mercy and forgiveness. The **Year of Mercy** began Dec. 8, 2015 to Nov 20, 2016.



TECHNOLOGY – The Division is currently in the process of reviewing a number of options for enhancements to technology. This could include **online Student Registration, online payments for School Fees, Before & After School Care** and even school events like **Hot Lunch Days**. The technology will potentially create conveniences for parents, greater efficiencies for schools and enhanced reporting for the Division. We are excited about the potential opportunities, more details soon.

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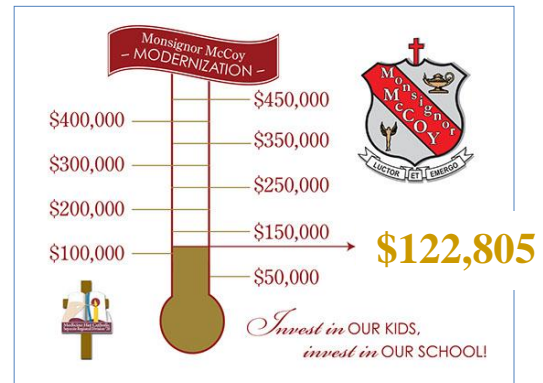
MONSIGNOR MCCOY FUNDRAISING – With a goal of \$500,000 to cover *enhancements not covered by the Grant, our fundraising is in full swing.

To-date, we have raised \$122,805

*Enhancements not covered by the grant: Chapel Space, Ancillary Classroom, Fitness Space, Drama Space, Technology/Career & Technology Studies and Furniture & Equipment.

THANK YOU, (DONORS from Nov 10, 2015–Dec 08, 2015)

- **BRICK DONOR** – *The Hoffman Family, Gay Pelchat, Annette & Roy Graf, Guy and Trina Lanigan, Greg & Marla MacPherson, Grace Porter & Family*
- **FRIENDS OF MONSIGNOR MCCOY** – *James & Doreen Geiger*
- **ANONYMOUS and SILENT DONORS** – *Thank You!*



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REGISTRATION in all Catholic schools for the 2016 - 2017 school year is fast approaching.

Are you currently enrolled, new to Canada or new to our City, transferring from another school or a new learner going to school for the very first time? February is registration month. Watch for details! For more information call us 403.527.2292

Upcoming Board Meeting:

Tuesday, January 12, 2016 @ 3:00 pm

Catholic School Board Office 1251-1st AVE S.W. General Public Welcome.



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SCHOOL BOARD NEWS – As part of the Board of Trustees ongoing effort to keep our community informed, this Bulletin is published following the monthly Catholic School Board Meeting. The Bulletin highlights just a few of the School Division's many activities & events. *We hope you find this publication of interest and value to you.*

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