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February 18, 2010

Lenten Retreat with Loriann Pacenti

- 1) Meeting called to order by co-chair Luisa Conti and all were welcomed.
- 2) Opening prayer
- 3) Loriann Pacenti opened the session with a description of what the Labryinth walk was about, followed by a short video to prepare us on our journey. As we walked we were asked to reflect on life and walk with Christ.
- 4) **Housekeeping-** Luisa updated everyone on the upcoming school year calendar. On January 27, 2010, a meeting was held regarding the new school year calendar in collaboration with Mr. Ciapanna, OECTA Elementary Rep, Brian Harrington, OECTA Secondary Rep, Sergio Cacoilo, Elementary Principal, Dave Hansen, Secondary Rep, Ivana Fortino and Parent Rep, Luisa Conti. The Ministry has submitted the new school year for 2010-2011 requirements to the boards requiring that there be 196 possible school days between September 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011. Out of those days there must be 2 days designated as PA Days devoted to professional development activities related to specific provincial education priorities. Boards may designate up to 4 extra PA days and all remaining days must be instructional. The following is the draft calendar for 2010 – 2011:

Elementary – Sept 1, 2010 – PA Day, Sept 2 & 3 Board Designated
Holiday

Sept 7, 2010 - first day of school

November 19, 2010 – P.A. Day

January 14, 2011 – PA day(to help facilitate report cards for teachers – new reporting system in 2010, end of January and end of June)

April 1, 2011 – PA Day

June 10, 2011 – PA Day

June 24, 2011 – PA Day

June 30, 2011 – last day of school

Secondary – Sept 1, 2010 – PA Day, Sept 2 & 3 Board Designated
Holiday

Sept 7, 2010 – first day of school

January 31, 2011 – PA Day

February 1, 2011 – PA Day

February 3, 2011 – second semester begins

April 1, 2011 – PA Day

June 28 and June 29, 2011 – PA Days

June 30, 2011 – last day of school

Christmas holidays will begin December 20, 2010 and classes resume January 3, 2011. March break will be March 14, 2011 to March 18, 2011.

The board needs to communicate with the District School Board regarding bus transportation, as these are shared costs now, when determining PA Days and instructional days. Once dates are approved, notice will be sent out to parents and posted on the board website.

5) OAPCE – Annual General meeting and Conference this year will be on Saturday May 15th, hosted by Niagara Falls- Sharing the Good News to be held at St. Michael's CSS. Visit the OAPCE website for more details www.oapce.ca. Suggestions to arrange for a bus to bring parents from Hamilton to the Conference were discussed. More info to follow.

School Uniform Policy – Effective September 1, 2010 all elementary schools are required to implement the Mandatory Uniform Policy. It requires all schools to have a signed contract with a supplier and that embroidered school crest/logo be mandatory as part of the uniform tops. (At its March 2, 2010 meeting, the Board of Trustees rescinded the policy that would have mandated a mandatory embroidered crest on elementary school uniforms which would have come into effect September 2010. The Board will enter into extensive consultation process with Principals, Teachers, Catholic School Councils and parents regarding the issue of mandatory crests on elementary school uniforms.)

5) Meeting adjourned with final prayer. Next meeting will be our Annual Trustees meeting on Thursday April 15th, 2010