

Trustee Report for November, 2014

At the Inaugural Meeting Monday December 1, 2014, Board Members (Trustees) will be sworn in for a new four year term. I am honored to serve our Territory in this capacity and look forward to continued success for our First Nation's Students.

The November Board meeting of HPEDSB was held on the Territory with Quinte Mohawk School hosting this event. This started with a tour of the school including history and cultural information depicted in various murals and exhibits throughout the school. A delicious meal of traditional food was offered with everyone commenting on how much they enjoyed it. The Committee of the Whole session (confidential) was held in the library followed by the Public Board session held in the gymnasium. A traditional opening was offered by QMS students in our Mohawk Language. Chief Don Maracle welcomed the HPEDSB to the Territory and spoke about the value of the work the Board does and how vital a good education is to the community. He also wished the Board a productive meeting.

Members of Band Council were present during the opening with Councilor Doug Maracle continuing to be a strong advocate for education on the Territory. The HPEDSB meeting on the Territory continues to demonstrate the strong relationship that exists between HPEDSB and TMC in providing the best opportunities in education for our First Nations Students.

A student presentation was offered on the Outdoor Education Project at QMS with pictures and information on the Outdoor Literacy Program. This has been a very successful program and has provided a focus for students to develop their writing skills discussing topics that they are interested in and value.

Following the regular business of the Board, the meeting ended with mutual feelings that this indeed had been a successful and productive evening.

A very big thank you to Principal Kathleen Manderville and all those who made this such a successful evening.

For more detailed information, please go to HPEDSB.on.ca>Board and Committee meetings.

Remember, if you have any comments or concerns, please call me at (613) 962-3595 or email me at mbranthpedsb.on.ca

Respectfully submitted

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