

Board Meeting Highlights

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Slam Poetry ... A poetry slam is a competition at which poets read or recite original work. These performances are then judged on a numeric scale by previously selected members of the audience.

Reynolds Secondary School – Poetry Slam

Chair Ferris welcomed Alana Charlton, Principal and Brad Cunningham, English teacher from Reynolds Secondary School. Principal Charlton acknowledged and thanked the Board of Education for their clear understanding of student engagement and for their continuing support and attendance at so many events at Reynolds School. Principal Charlton stated that Mr. Cunningham is a teacher who instructs Slam Poetry, adding that he helps connect students to their learning and increases their sense of community.

Slam Poetry is a form of poetry where the students strongly connect to open words. Reynolds has an open mike every month where 50 to 120 students participate of their own volition. This year there will be a championship with ten high schools competing.

During the presentation, a group of five Reynolds students shared Slam Poetry readings with the Board. Following this, Chair Ferris thanked the Reynolds students for taking the time to share their poetry with the Board.



Lansdowne Middle School – 2011 Prime Minister’s Award for Teaching Excellence

Teacher Kristy Kilpatrick of Lansdowne Middle School
with Board Chair, Tom Ferris

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Chair Ferris began by stating that it is a great honour to speak about the Prime Minister’s Award for Teaching Excellence. He stated that people around the country have made a point about individualized learning and new ways of teaching, adding that Kristy Kilpatrick exemplifies the best in teaching. Kristy is recognized for ensuring that students are given a reason to learn and for giving our community a future. Chair Ferris then presented Ms. Kilpatrick with the Teaching Excellence Award.



Trustee Holland presented a Prime Minister’s Award to Lansdowne Principal Ken Andrews for the school’s “Outstanding Support of Teacher Excellence”. Lansdowne has worked hard to create a very effective and valuable teaching team and is committed to the success of their students.