

NOCCC NOCCC. WHO'S THERE? PRINCIPALS FROM NORTH BAY TO MOOSONEE!

Principals from as far as North Bay and Moosonee are gathering in Timmins this week to meet with their peers from other English Catholic school boards for an enlightening conference on leadership and the law. This annual event is coordinated by the Northern Ontario Catholic Curriculum Cooperative (NOCCC) and hosted by the Northeastern Catholic District School Board this year.

Director of Education Paul Toffanello welcomed the group to the Timmins area and encouraged them to take the time to interact with their counterparts who have travelled great distances for this wonderful learning opportunity. He stressed the importance for school and board administrators to be well versed in all aspects of legislation, policies and legal principles that surround the educational sector, and assured them that they would gain valuable insight from the presentations.



Sue Berlinger of Sacred Heart School in Kirkland Lake interacts with presenters Philip Rocco and Hugh Connelly.



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The goal of the conference is to provide participants with a pragmatic understanding of the theory and practice of educational leadership in challenging times. They will have the opportunity to apply various theories to the everyday challenges of Catholic leaders in their attempts to develop professional learning communities and to respond to public demands for accountability. The sessions are being provided by Hugh Connelly, a school board lawyer, and Phil Rocco, an experienced senior educator.

Over the two-day schedule, they will use a number of case studies to address custody and access issues in a school situation, elements of negligence and release of student information limitations.

The training continues tomorrow for the fifty-three participants at the Days Inn in Timmins. They represent Catholic schools in the communities of North Bay, Sudbury, Cobalt, New Liskeard, Englehart, Kirkland Lake, Timmins, Iroquois Falls, Cochrane, Kapuskasing and Moosonee.

NOCCC (Northern Ontario Catholic Curriculum Cooperative) is one of Canada's smallest yet most prolific producers of classroom-ready curriculum materials. NOCCC exists as a mechanism to provide direct support to Northern Ontario teachers, in Catholic schools, in their efforts to implement The Ontario Curriculum in their classrooms. It does this through researching and developing integrated curriculum units, and other curriculum materials, and providing in-service education in support of those products. They also provides workshops for administrators, consultants and teachers. The Northeastern Catholic District School Board is a member of NOCCC.

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