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NCDSB Hires Two New Vice-Principals for 2007-08

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce the following two Vice-Principal appointments.

Betty Pichette began her new role as Vice-Principal for both St. Paul School and O’Gorman Intermediate Catholic School in Timmins. Mrs. Pichette brings over fourteen years of teaching experience in the primary grades and for the 2006-2007 school year, she was Acting Administrator for St. Paul School. In addition to her teaching and leadership roles, she has worked as a Special Education Resource Teacher.

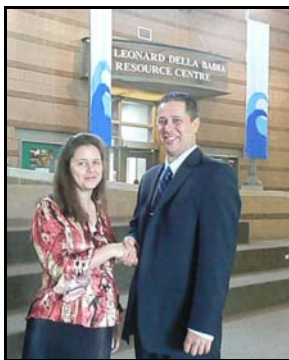
Mrs. Pichette obtained her Bachelor of Science from University of Waterloo and her Bachelor of Education, Junior/Intermediate Science Division from Nipissing University. Her further qualifications include Special Education Part 1, 2, and 3, Bachelor of Education degree in the Primary Division as well as Specialist in P.E.

Betty Pichette’s personal philosophy of education states, “As a leader, I aspire to be a positive influence in the lives of the children entrusted in my care. I hope to inspire staff, students, parents and those in the community by being a role model in faith, teaching commitment and work ethics. I intend to lead by example, setting high standards both academically and spiritually, never expecting from others what I would not give of myself.”



Mr. Weltz, Principal at OICS, welcomes Mrs. Pichette.

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board also wishes to welcome Sharon Maisonneuve to the position of Vice-Principal at O’Gorman High School, Timmins. With over fifteen years teaching experience, Mrs. Maisonneuve held the position of Department Head of Social Studies at O’Gorman High School, and has taught English, History, and Religious Studies.



Mr. Berthier, OHS Principal, welcomes Mrs. Maisonneuve to her new role.

She received her Bachelor of Arts in English and History from University of Western Ontario and her Bachelor of Education from St. Francis Xavier University. Mrs. Maisonneuve has continued to further her qualifications by completing an Honours Specialist in English and History, Cooperative Education Part 1 and 2 and the Principal Qualification Program Part 1. She is also a Religious Studies Specialist.

Sharon Maisonneuve’s personal education philosophy states, “Education must be geared to develop the whole person, so he/she may become an independent, life-long learner who is able to adapt to change and who contributes to his/her community with a genuine concern for the common good. The students who enter our classrooms need teaching professionals who nurture their God-given gifts with a variety of learning activities that enhance their intellectual, social, emotional, and spiritual development.”



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"Both Mrs. Pichette and Mrs. Maisonneuve, bring years of service to their role as Catholic education leaders. They are welcomed members of our principals' team and have much to offer in terms of their mandate related to instructional leadership. We are grateful to have their expertise and experience serve our Catholic school communities." Karen Rowe, Superintendent of Education for the Northeastern Catholic District School Board.

Mrs. Maisonneuve succeeds Lisa Yee, who has recently been transferred to the position of Assistant Supervisor of Student Pathways to Success and will oversee Student Success initiatives for the Board office.

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