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Board Maintaining Enrolment Figures

Declining enrolment not as severe as anticipated

The looming specter of lower birth rates across North America continues to hamper school boards as they try to balance their budgets. Fortunately for the Thunder Bay Catholic Board that phenomenon appears to continue to stave off.

The Board enrolled more than 70 students than it projected for the 2016 school year.

“For us, that’s great news,” says Sheila Chiodo, Superintendent of Business and Corporate Services.

“We saw increases in both the elementary and secondary panels.”

Mrs. Chiodo added that these numbers are preliminary with the final figures due to the Ministry of Education in early October.

“Still, we find these numbers very encouraging, not only for today but for years to come,” she said.

“The bottom line is that it’s good news for our Board and the community as a whole.”

She added that the higher numbers will require hiring new staff.

ELEMENTARY	No. of Students
Actual Opening Day 2016	5,535
Projected 2016	5,484
Difference (from projections)	+ 51
SECONDARY	No. of Students
Actual Opening Day 2016	2,313
Projected 2016	2,293
Difference (from projections)	+ 20
TOTAL ENROLMENT	No. of Students
Actual Opening Day 2016	7,848
Projected 2016	7,777
Difference (from projections)	+ 71

New Staff Welcomed

Last week’s Board meeting saw two young, beaming faces of our newest employees.

Trustees welcomed our new IT technicians, Cody Rozic and Matt Goetz.

Cody will be dedicated to Special Education, and is responsible for all technical issues, iPad deployment and implementation and general IT support.

Matt Goetz will be in charge of Cloud services, as well as Apps for Education administration, implementation of high performance cloud architecture, documentation for staff and students, email administration and general IT support.



Welcome A-Board: The Board typically introduces new staff at the September Board meeting and Monday night was no exception. The Board welcomed two computer technicians with Cody Rozic (left) and Matt Goetz.