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Highlights of the second regular meeting of the *Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario*

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North Bay, November 21 – The *Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario* (CSDNE) held its second regular meeting of the school year on October 27, 2007, by videoconference.

At this meeting, Ghislaine Girouard, the PLC (Professional Learning Community) Project Officer, presented a new CSDNE initiative: The CSDNE League of Cultural and Community Ambassadors. This initiative is designed to encourage and promote the involvement of young leaders in the various communities served by CSDNE. Each of the Board's five secondary schools has recruited three students to act as ambassadors and to develop strategic activities involving their respective schools and communities.

The PLC Project Officer also described the role of the school cultural pedagogy leaders, who act as liaisons between the Board's cultural pedagogy facilitators and the school staff. In fact, they work with the students throughout their school projects, such as the public speaking competition, the *Radio-chaud* music contest, the leadership camps, and the League of Ambassadors. Moreover, through school radio and television broadcasts, these leaders are working in collaboration with the school staff and students to create a Francophone space within the school.

In addition, the Board trustees received information on a pilot project entitled *The School Effectiveness Framework* funded this year by the Ministry of Education. This pilot project, designed to assist the schools and the Board with improvement planning, will be overseen by Ghislain Beaupré, Superintendent of Education. The CSDNE will thus hire one or more consultants (under the supervision of the Superintendent) to ensure the management of various educational projects.

The Board also received a letter from the school council of *École publique des Navigateurs* requesting the completion of the French language public school system in the region of Temiskaming Shores. As a result, the Board will examine the request for a Grade 9 program in this region. It should be noted that there is a high demand among Francophones in Ontario for French language public education. This growing demand is the major reason why CSDNE enrolment has increased. In fact, enrolment figures for the *Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario* have now climbed to 1,624, a 9% increase since June 2007.

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