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The Kenora Catholic District School is pleased to announce that at our Inaugural Board Meeting held on Tuesday, December 7th the annual elections for the position of Chair and Vice Chair was held. Mike Favreau was elected as Chair and Frank Bastone was elected as Vice Chair.

Favreau has been a trustee with the Kenora Catholic District School Board since 1996 and Vice Chair for the past two years. Favreau has served as Chair and Vice Chair numerous times over the course of his 14 year tenure with the board. Favreau accepted the gavel with opening remarks..... *"Winston Churchill the famous war time Prime Minister of Great Brittan was well known for his passionate nation rallying speeches but he also said in one of his briefest comments ever – two short lines which I think are still appropriate for today...."We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." We are all made to be of service and I feel that I am truly blessed to be able to work together with such a special group of people who continue to be leaders in our Catholic education system in Northwestern Ontario. We must ensure that on our watch we do not rest on our laurels but continue to push ahead in these next four important years. Please always take time to remember....in happy moments praise God, in difficult moments seek God, in quiet moments worship God, in painful moments trust God, and in every moment thank God."*

Favreau then formally acknowledged and welcomed newly acclaimed trustees Brenda Bye and Vaughn Blab to the board of trustees.

Vice Chair Frank Bastone was first elected a Kenora Catholic District School Board Trustee in 2006 and also held the position of Chair in 2008. Following the elections Frank Bastone commented....*"I am thankful for the confidence of my fellow trustees to allow me to serve as Vice Chair for the Kenora Catholic District School Board. Christian values may not be unique to Catholic schools, but they are deeply imbedded in everything that our schools stand for – in our teaching, in our character formation, in athletics and in all of our extracurricular activities. We don't claim to be perfect, or without fault, in our witness to these values, but we also don't try to "water them down" simply because they are difficult or counter-cultural. These values are the foundation for every Catholic school curriculum. They also form the basis for our schools' strong commitment to service in the Church and in the wider community. Because we are human, we are not perfect in our witness to these values. But we insist that they remain as fundamental principles that challenge all of us – students, parents, teachers, administration, trustees and religious leaders – to make these values our own and to share them joyfully with others. We believe that schools built on this foundation make a difference. Better families, better businesses and better communities are the result. We can see that in a world so in need of values, our schools are making a difference one student at a time"*

Phyllis Eikre, Director of Education congratulated Favreau and Bastone on their elections to the position of Chair and Vice Chair. *"I am extremely happy and proud of both of them. Mike Favreau and Frank Bastone have been very strong advocates of Catholic Education for our board during their service. Our board has truly been blessed tonight with a dedicated group of trustees with diverse backgrounds and skills to lead us in the next four years. I have full confidence that our students will continue to thrive and excel both academically and spiritually under the Catholic leadership of our board of trustees."*

The inaugural meeting also saw the swearing in of trustees including newcomers Vaughn Blab from Red Lake and Brenda Bye from Kenora, as well as returning trustees Paul Landry, Teresa Gallik and Josie Kipling. Adrian Boivin is the student trustee for the 2010/11 year.

Phyllis Eikre
Director of Education

Mike Favreau
Chair of the Board