

## Drug policy tightened

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Students attending Renfrew County Board of Education schools caught trafficking alcohol or restricted drugs or are found to be in possession of drugs or alcohol for the purpose of trafficking on school premises will be suspended for 50 school days.

That change in the RCBE's drug and alcohol abuse policy was approved during a board meeting last Wednesday evening in Pembroke.

The student would be suspended by the principal of the school and the incident referred to the Alcohol and Drug Education Committee. The committee is comprised of the principal, board superintendent responsible for the Alcohol and Drug Education Program, and the area trustee(s). The student and his or her parents would be requested to appear before the committee.

A student would not necessarily have to be caught trafficking on school premises. The same action would take place if the occurrence happened at school-related functions.

In another revision, evidence taken from the student by the principal, vice-principal or designate (it can only be taken in the presence of a witness) must be secured until which time it is turned over to the police.

Superintendent Terry Harkins said the changes have been approved by the principals, whom, he noted, totally support the program.

The RCBE tightened up its policy in an effort to cut the number of cases involving drugs and alcohol which have been thrown out of court because it was ruled the rights of students had not been adequately protected.

## Opeongo athletes shine in Ottawa

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Several Opeongo High School athletes registered first-place finishes at an indoor track meet last week in Ottawa.

Kelly McHale and Shelley Burwell ended up winning two individual events each.

McHale bested the field in the senior girls 300m run with a time of 44.4 seconds and in the long jump with a leap of 4.58m.

Burwell was tops in the junior girls 300m, sprinting home in 44.5 seconds. She won the 800m test with a clocking of 2.29 minutes.

McHale and Burwell, along with Rachel Valiquette and Sherri Coulas, won the senior 4x1 lap relay and Valiquette, Burwell, McHale and Sandra Dick were second in the 4x3 lap relay with a time of 4:10 minutes.

Finishing second as well was the Midget girls 4x1 lap relay squad, comprised of Lynda Buckwalt, Kerri Lynn Groskleg, Connie Afelskie and Kathleen Mottershead.

Sherri Coulas was number one in the junior girls high jump springing 1.45m and Connie Afelski earned a top ranking with a long jump of 4.51m in midget girls competition. Lynda Buckwalt won the midget girls shot event hurling the object 8.38m.

In the midget boy's shotput, Chris Lesway's throw of 12.37m was good for first and Terry Burwell's time of 2:04 minutes in the senior boys 800m run enabled him to break the tape ahead of the others.

Performances by the rest of the OHS team heeded well as the school prepares for another outdoor track season.

The boys' 4x3 lap relay team, consisting of Ted Wren, Wilf Kenny, Paul Breault and Terry Burwell was second with a time of 3:34 minutes.

Meanwhile the junior girl's 4x1 lap relay team notched a third-place finish. Running were Erin Warren, Tammy Boldt, Andrea Reinke and Susan Hobden.

Sandra Dick was second in the midget girls 800m race (2:40) and sixth in the 300 at 49 seconds. A second-place finish was also recorded by Rachel Valiquette in the junior girls 300m. Her time was 46.3 seconds.

The runner-up in the midget girl's hurdles was Kerri Lynn Groskleg at 8.99 seconds. She was sixth in the 300m, completing the sprint in 49 seconds even.

Afelski added to her first place ribbon a third place finish in the midget girl's high jump with a spring of 1.40m.

Lynda Buckwalt also competed in the midget girl's hurdles and she was third here with a time of 8.84 seconds.

Placing third in the midget girl's high jump was Kathleen Mottershead with a mark of 1.40m. She was sixth in the long jump at 4.14m.

A superb long-distance runner, Terry Burwell complimented his win

in the senior 800m with a second in the demanding 1500m race. He clocked a time of 4:17 minutes.

Finishing second in the junior shotput was Russ Stoppa after a toss of 12.29m.

Winston Caldwell ended up in third place in the senior 800m at 2:07 minutes and fourth place in the 1500m race with a time of 4:23. Chris Lesway was third in the midget 50m sprint.

Opeongo was fourth in the junior boy's shotput after Joel Hickey's throw of 11.37m and fourth place also went to Mike Shover in the midget high jump with a 1.50m leap. He was fifth in the shot put at 10.90m.

The third OHS runner to finish in the top four in the senior 800m race was Ted Wren who was fourth with a time of 2:07 minutes. Wilf Kenny was fifth in the senior 1500m after a clocking of 4:29.

In the junior events, David Ilgert was fifth in the hurdles (8:05m) and sixth in the 300m (41.53 seconds) while Bernard Kenny was fifth in the 1500m (4:38) and sixth in the 800m (2:13). John Delleaire was sixth in the hurdles, clearing the obstacles in just over eight seconds.

Opeongo will be hosting its annual invitational meet a week from today (Wednesday, April 23) opening the curtain on the outdoor track and field season.

## Whillans, ending 35 year career

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Lois McInerney.

After 11 years in Cobden, Mr. Whillans was transferred to the high school in Eganville where he taught for another six years. He became principal at Opeongo High School when it opened in 1968.

Along with his work in education, Don Whillans is well known throughout Renfrew County for his interest in politics. A proud supporter of the Progressive Conservative Party, he was nominated as the party's candidate for the riding of Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke in the 1984 federal election. He lost the seat to Liberal incumbent Len Hopkins by a close margin of just 38 votes.

Politics could play a role in Mr. Whillans' future he admits, but the only definite decision he has made is to "do something interesting." He is, for example, considering foreign teaching projects, possibly in South America or Mexico.

Mr. Whillans and his wife Lois have three children and they also plan to spend time visiting with them. Their eldest, Bob, is married and living in Lloydminster, Alberta where he works for Dome Petroleum.

Deborah, 28, is married and living near Thunder Bay. Kim, their youngest, is enrolled in the nursing program at Ottawa University.

Time will also be spent on Prince Edward Island where Mr. and Mrs. Whillans own a home. Another concern will be the tree lots in Bromley and Ross Townships where Mr. Whillans has owned for more than 20 years.

His work has kept him busy over the years, and Mr. Whillans says "I have a lot of catching up to do." But he has no regrets about devoting the last 35 years to education.

When asked what the high points of his career have been, Mr. Whillans answers quickly and simply. "Everyday is a highlight when you see a smile on a kid's face as they achieve their goals."