

Claims unqualified people teaching guidance in schools

Unqualified guidance teachers are operating in Halton County schools and this shouldn't be, according to co-ordinator of guidance services Jack Woolfrey.

"In many cases teachers have little or no training in guidance and there is a tremendous variation in effectiveness," Woolfrey told the Halton County Board of Education Thursday night.

Public misled

"The general public is being misled. They expect peak efficiency in guidance. Some teachers are not certified and are allowed to hang out their shingles as guidance teachers. I don't think this board should allow this," Woolfrey said.

Director of Education Jim Singleton retorted, "I'm sure Mr. Woolfrey doesn't mean what he has just indicated. You are saying this board should tell the public the guidance teachers are not trained, not qualified and not effective," the director said.

Need certificate

He indicated to do that would be to stop the program and stop what good is being done and might be done. Mr. Woolfrey felt it was mandatory guidance teachers be certified and take special courses in the field.

Mr. Woolfrey said all too often guidance was left for teachers who had extra time. He said guidance wasn't something every teacher could handle.

Personal qualities

The director agreed there is a wide variety of effectiveness but attributed the variety to the personal maturity and personal qualities of the individual.

"I don't know what magic there is in a five week course in the city of Toronto that would make an immature person mature and a person unable to communicate able to communicate," he said.

Several trustees attacked the report's recommendation and urged guidance councillors to confine themselves with vocational rather than emotional and social problems.

Earl Fletcher, a Burlington guidance teacher explained it was difficult to distinguish one from the other in some cases. "Often a home problem is causing a student to be unable to learn. We have to ask ourselves why," he explained.

Want ratio

The other recommendation that fell under attack from trustees was one asking for a ratio of one councillor for every 300 students in high schools and one for every 500 at the elementary level.

The report recommended that in future no guidance personnel be hired with less than Part 1 guidance certification; that each school have at least one guidance teacher with the part one certificate and that there be one guidance instructor for every 300 high school students and one for every 500 elementary students.

Recommendations

Other recommendations in the report called for proper facilities in each school for guidance and that greater liaison between the schools and community counselling and other referral



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agencies be established.

The report urged a pilot project be set up in no fewer than three junior schools to explore and evaluate various guidance techniques.

The Board accepted the rationale behind the report and will discuss the possible implementation of the recommendations at a later date.

Cleans up in tourney

Centennial School in Georgetown cleaned up in the Halton County volleyball championships Tuesday night, when they emerged victors in both the boys' and girls' tournaments.

The county-wide confrontation is an innovation in the elementary school sports curriculum and was supported by avid cheering sections from each of the three districts, the north, east and west divisions of the county.

Good facilities

The event was held at Ontario School for the Deaf in Milton and their spacious accommodations for volleyball came in handy for the meet.

Pineland girls won second place in their tournament while Oakville's Brookdale school grabbed second place in the boys' tournament.

The top four schools from each district competed in the tournament. Centennial and Martin St. girls from Milton competed, while Stewarttown and Centennial boys battled for the boys award.

From the West

In the west Pineview and Frontenac girls represented their area while Pineview and Tecumseh boys saw action.

Gladys Speers boys' and girls' teams competed from the west while New Central girls and Brookdale boys saw action from the east division.

Place candle on tree

In Germany the Christmas candle used to be placed on top of a wooden pyramid-like structure, adorned with glass balls and tinsel. But soon the people noticed that the Paradise tree itself was a beautiful and live pyramid. The next step was to take the lights, glass balls and tinsel from the wooden pyramid and put them on the Paradise tree.

The Christmas crib which had stood at the foot of the pyramid, was now put under the tree. The 'star of Bethlehem' from the top of the pyramid was now fastened on the tree. Thus our modern Christmas tree was born.

Understanding the origin of the Christmas tree should give the parents a chance to get in some religious teaching amidst all the Christmas preparations. No child should have to spend Christmas without learning the religious meaning of his Christmas tree, a reminder that Our Lord is his Light and the Light of the World.

Suggest revision

A by-law regulating the dumping of sludge on open land may be revised by Esqueping Council, next year.

Halton County Health Unit's issue of a dumping permit to Blue Springs Ltd., R.R. 5, Milton, provoked discussion among councillors at the last meeting. The permit allows the company to dump sludge on the farm of R. Michie, Lot 4, Con. 4.

By-law regulations

Questioned by deputy-reeve Tom Hill about regulations contained in the by-law, clerk-treasurer Delmar French informed council the by-law may describe the location sludge may be dumped, the hours within which it may be dumped, the type

of vehicle it may be transported in and the route such a vehicle may take. Location must be 1200 feet away from both the nearest dwelling and the nearest well.

Deputy-reeve Hill said he thought sludge should be either cultivated or buried under the earth in some way, within a specified length of time.

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