

Hinton suggests VD problem in schools

Trustee Bert Hinton thinks Halton Health Unit should be doing something to stamp out Venereal Disease in high schools across the region.

At Thursday's meeting of Halton Board of Education, Hinton brought up the subject of VD during a discussion of Health Unit services to secondary schools.

He asked Health Unit of-

ficials what the VD rate was in Halton high schools, suggesting the problem could be serious since it is reaching "epidemic" proportions at Ontario colleges.

Chairman Rev. Garry Morton admitted Hinton had a valid point but didn't think the topic should be discussed at that time since it wasn't the problem at hand.

Dorothy Craig of the Halton Health Unit, requested she be allowed to answer the question. She admitted off the top of her head she didn't have any figures.

She said she wouldn't anticipate Halton high schools would be free from the problem of VD since many other schools in Ontario have reported problems with the disease.

Mrs. Craig said the health unit tries to tackle VD in every area of society and does provide information about the disease to Halton high schools so they can pass the information on to students.

"Our high schools probably aren't any different than others in Ontario. VD is a problem all over," she declared.



THE TOUGH LOOK is modelled by Duane Weaver and Scott Kennedy, both aged 9. The two were out in Tuesday's cold without even hats.

Hold back dues

Appoint Judy to O.P.S.T.A.

Halton Board of Education appointed last year's chairman, Judy Alexander, as its representative to the Ontario Public School Trustees' Association (OPSTA) Thursday but held back on paying dues.

The board owes the OPSTA and Ontario School Trustees Council \$11,966 in dues for 1977.

Georgetown Trustee Don Long and other new board members wondered why the board is a member of the two groups.

Mrs. Alexander noted the Halton board's membership on the two bodies goes back several years. She explained the two bodies allow trustees

across the province to speak as one voice on occasion and also affords an opportunity to exchange ideas.

Mrs. Alexander said membership is valuable when everyone agrees on something and wants to put forth a point of view to the public or the Ministry of Education.

New trustee Cam Jackson, who compared the two bodies to a trustees' provincial lobby, wondered how efficient the two groups were and what benefits membership has brought to Halton.

Chairman Rev. Garry Morton said the board could delay authorization of dues payment for a week so more information can be put

Return vice-principals to classroom — Board

Halton vice-principals are to be encouraged to return to the classroom when there no longer is a challenge, instead of staying on the job hoping for a principalship. Openings for principals will become rarer in the future.

In a report on administrative organization presented to the Halton Board of Education, Thursday, Em Lavender, director of education, said in the past the job of vice-principals has been viewed as a training ground for moulding potential principals.

He observed this system

has worked well since Halton has many fine principals but with declining elementary enrolment and enrolment at the high school level expect to start slipping before the end of this decade, the need for more principals simply won't exist. In addition, fewer new schools will be built and the average age of Halton's principals is lower than in the past.

"For all these reasons some principals-in-training will never be principals even though they are worthy leaders. Being a principal in training is one thing; being a career vice-principal is another. Lessening amounts of fresh challenge, increased awareness of few promotion opportunities, the weariness that comes from being consumed in the fires of vice-principal administration can lead to stagnation," Lavender reported.

He urged the board to approve plans to encourage vice-principals to return to the classroom.

Lavender said this might be done if everyone viewed such a move as a positive career step and that a vice-principal's pay be phased out to a teacher's pay over three years. He warned the board shouldn't force vice-principals back to the classroom but instead leave the decision up to the individual. He noted the difference between the pay the highest qualified teacher makes and a vice-principal receives isn't much, so a change in status wouldn't be a financial crisis, especially if it is phased.

In future all vice-principals will be appointed for three year terms only. Then the

board will consider further extensions to the appointment.

At the same meeting Lavender proposed the number of primary-junior consultants be reduced from eight to seven as of next September bringing the total number of consultants being chopped from the roster to three.

At the same time he urged the trustees to appoint a special education consultant for a three year term.

Lavender asked the board to appoint part-time consultants for family studies, social studies and a part time evaluation officer.

On the whole Lavender's proposal would add two-and-a-half consultants while three are being removed.

"We don't want to lose our investment in core-curriculum development by not having the resources for implementation and evaluation," he explained.

The trustees approved all of Lavender's proposals.

Delays suit

A lawyer engaged to bring a lawsuit against Halton Board of Education over its motion of censure against Halton Renaissance and Renaissance founder Ken Campbell, has been instructed to delay action on the suit.

Mr. Campbell, in an announcement Friday, said he has told the lawyer to hold up the case "until we have thoroughly explored with the new board all possibilities for honorably resolving the dispute, without the necessity of court action."

The Board censured Campbell and Renaissance in December of 1975. Its motion rebuked the man and the organization for "persistent dishonesty and personal abuse in the deliberate misinformation of the public." Campbell denies he has ever been "dishonest" or "malicious".

"Learn basics"

Define curriculum Hinton tells board

Trustee Bert Hinton wants Halton Board of Education to sit down and clearly define what core curriculum is, once and for all.

He told the board, Thursday, "I have heard so much about Halton leading in core-curriculum development but everyone seems to have a different definition of what core is."

He said in his view core-curriculum is the basics: reading, writing, arithmetic and grammar.

"It is important students learn these in elementary school so they can cope with high school," Hinton declared.

He called for the board to come up with a "real" defini-

tion of core-curriculum so all trustees can discuss the subject properly.

Chairman Rev. Garry Morton said he thought Hinton's suggestion was good and it would be very valuable for the new trustees to get into the meat of core-curriculum.

Director of Education Em Lavender said in the past the board has had special meetings at which the board doesn't deal with any specific business but delves into subjects like Hinton's concern about a definition of core-curriculum. He promised he would check over board agendas for the next few months to see if a special meeting can be arranged.

School reorganization is teacher contract issue

The subject of reorganization of nine Halton High Schools will be an issue in contract talks between the board and its teachers.

Halton branch of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation informed the board this week they want to negotiate a new collective agreement for 1977-78 to replace the old one which expires at the end of August.

Besides wages and reorganization the teachers want to negotiate revision of some clauses of the collective agreement.

The subject of reorganization has caused a dispute between the board and teachers which has led to the OSSTF issuing an embargo stating none of its members can apply for chairmanship positions with the board. The

board, in turn, has filed a grievance over the Pink list embargo.

The board wants to abolish the old department head system in nine Halton schools, including Georgetown and Milton high schools, next September with chairman.

Former board vice-chairman Bill Ierd will serve as chairman of the salary negotiation committee with Georgetown Trustee Doug Long, last year's chairman Judy Alexander and Trustees Fred Arncliffe, Bill Priestner and Jim Clelland all sitting on the committee.

Herd noted at Thursday's board meeting that for the first time ever, officials of the Provincial OSSTF will join the local teachers in negotiating the new contract, a comment which annoyed Acton and Esqueping Trustee

Bert Hinton.

Hinton branded the comment "unfair". He pointed out the teachers and board are in a management versus labor situation when it comes to contract talks and observed the teachers have the right to do whatever they please in trying to reach an agreement.

"We don't want unfair publicity going about for either side."

The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation yesterday named its nominee to a three man board of Arbitration.

The board is to decide on the legality of the OSSTF's positions of responsibility embargo in Halton Region.

Elliott Posen, a Toronto lawyer, is the federation's choice.

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