

education

Sex bias study plan gets thumbs down



Marg McKee

Teacher pact OK'd

The three-year agreement negotiated with elementary school teachers has been ratified by the Peel Board of Education.

The board reviewed and adopted the proposed agreement in public session last week.

Chief board negotiator Fawn Currey said the three-year pact, the longest ever for elementary teachers, would allow both instructors and the board to concentrate on educational problems.

Teachers will meet in September to discuss and vote on the agreement. Bob Sinclair of the Peel Educators' Association says teachers will be looking for some action on proposed study committees before a final vote is taken. Committees to study staffing, transfer and surplus procedures, grievances and a deferred salary leave plan have been agreed to.

No new funding

The Peel Board of Education has received no new funding for capital projects from the Ministry of Education and some trustees are upset about it.

Brampton trustee Gary Heighington wants to know how growth in the Bramalea area is to be accommodated in the next two years without new schools.

Planning and resources superintendent Frank Hughes explained that Ontario has given no new money this year, but has switched the approval of funds to allow construction of a Meadowvale West junior public school. Ontario awarded \$65.4 million in capital funds. Of that, \$50 million was for projects approved in earlier years.

Once the level of enrolment in September becomes clear, the Peel board will likely make another appeal to the Education Ministry for capital funds, Hughes said.

Applewood leased

Applewood Public School will be leased to the Dufferin-Peel Separate School board this school year for \$92,000.

Parents in the Huron Park area had first balked at having their children bused to Applewood but later accepted it for a one-year period.

By JOHN STEWART
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The Peel Board of Education has rejected a wide-ranging examination of the status of its women employees.

The board voted 13-4 last week not to adopt a proposal by ward 9 trustee Norah Busby to prepare a full report by February, 1981.

Although several

trustees acknowledged statistics which indicate women have great difficulty in achieving positions of power, most felt the proposed study was not well enough defined.

Ward 8 trustee Fawn Currey said the board had the responsibility to see that women are given the same opportunities to advance that men have.

Although warning that the problem must be addressed, Currey voted against Busby's motion, which she found too broad "without a clear idea of what we want to accomplish."

Ward 1 trustee Marg McKee didn't feel that in her experience on interviewing committees, that women were discriminated against. A

board committee won't change sex roles determined by society, she argued. "I personally don't feel put down by being a mother," she added. McKee said independent thinking women did not want "special treatment."

Brampton trustee Ralph Greene said applicants for senior positions should be selected on the basis of qualifications, regardless of sex, race, color, or creed.

Statistics introduced by Busby show that none of Peel's 19 superintendents is a woman, all 25 secondary school principals are male, there are 46 male secondary vice-principals but only three female, 110 male elementary prin-

cipals and 10 female, 55 male elementary vice-principals and 13 females. Female resource persons outnumber males 21 to 10 and female consultants hold 10 positions while men hold six.

No clothes for CAS

The Children's Aid Society of Peel isn't accepting used clothing any more, CAS spokesman Yvonne Johnston announced last week.

Johnston said the CAS doesn't have enough room in its new location on Highway 10. Used children's clothing is being processed for the CAS by the Salvation Army.

Used clothing can be dropped at the Salvation Army Thrift Store at 80 Lakeshore Rd. East or in drop boxes at Square One, on Cawthra Road north of Dundas Street or at Dundas Street and Dixie Road.

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