



Highlights

from the December 18, 2017 Board Meeting

Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School

Thank you to the Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School choir for opening the meeting with O Canada and a harmonic arrangement of Amazing Grace.



Year of Service

Witnessing Faith



Rosemary Leclair, Superintendent of Education provided an overview of DCDSB's New Evangelization Plan and an update on the Year of Service, a social movement across the system, schools, classrooms and individual spiritual journeys. Superintendent Leclair shared some of the activities that have taken place in honour of the Year of Service, including:

- Year of Service statues blessed and delivered to all school communities;
- Scriptures placed on branded banners and shared with each school – “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.” (Matthew 25:40);
- School-based activities, including food drives, knitting scarves for seniors, raking leaves for a local parish, collecting personal hygiene products for the homeless, donating for hurricane relief funds and more;
- The production of a [Year of Service video](#) featuring commentary from His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins and Durham Catholic students.

Hurricane Relief

A Call to Serve

Director O'Brien made a special announcement regarding a call to serve within the Durham Catholic District School Board. Marking the Year of Service in the fall, DCDSB focused on helping people in need. “This year we answered a call to service by setting up a Hurricane Relief Fund for people who have been impacted by the natural disasters around the world,” Director O'Brien said. A total of over \$23,000 was collected from



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Durham Catholic schools and office communities, and submitted for Hurricane Relief through the Canadian Red Cross, Development and Peace, and Jesuit International this fall. Thank you to students, staff, volunteers and leaders for demonstrating service at a time when the world was in need of your support.

Community Innovation Lab

Serving in Partnership



Superintendent Camozzi introduced Brenna Ireland, representing the Community Innovation Hub. Ms. Ireland shared an overview of the various programs and opportunities for youth and aspiring entrepreneurs through its programs, including:

- The Refinery – a business accelerator for female entrepreneurs;
- Neet Youth Incubator - a start-up incubator for aspiring youth entrepreneurs;
- Social Enterprise Accelerator – the first of its kind in Durham Region in partnership with Ontario Centres of Excellence;
- Co-iLab Hub – opened November 17 at Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School as a place for entrepreneurs to come, convene, collaborate and co-create solutions.

Ms. Ireland noted that the recent Grand Opening of the Co-iLab Hub welcomed over 110 attendees. The event featured Karen Petrie, Special Advisor to the Premier for Community Hubs, as guest speaker about what's happening in the province.

Annual Financial Overview

Update from the Chief Financial Officer



Ryan Putnam, Chief Financial Officer and Superintendent of Business Services presented the Annual Financial Overview outlining the Board's current financial position, enrolment and utilization of schools, provincial outlook, revised estimates, budget framework and next steps.



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Update from Tricia Chapman, Chair of the Board



Trustee Chapman thanked fellow Trustees for supporting her in the role of Chair of the Board for 2018; and congratulated Vice-Chair Forster on fulfilling her new leadership role. "Together with our colleagues on the Durham Catholic Board of Trustees, we look forward to further advancing our strategic plan for Catholic education, serving our students and families with excellence, in the light of Christ," she said.

Chair Chapman extended her gratitude to staff and Trustees for the work that has taken place this past year:

- celebrating system-wide faith activities such as the Year of Community; Year of Service; and Catholic Education Week celebrations in 2017 under the theme of Walking Forward Together;
- the ongoing transformation from libraries to 21st century learning commons in our schools, creating equitable opportunities for all students;
- the roll-out and implementation of the Board's Long-Term Accommodation Plan;
- the completion of the Whitby secondary school study and development of the Grade 7 to 12 Arts and Media Program coming to All Saints Catholic Secondary School;
- the expansion of child care centres in Durham Catholic schools;
- Trustees' participation in many community outreach activities and initiatives across Durham Region.

Trustee Chapman thanked Trustees, staff and families for a wonderful year. "I look forward to continuing our Year of Service together in 2018 - a year in which we as Trustees will follow the footsteps of Jesus, in our commitment to student well-being and achievement," she said. She wished everyone in the Durham Catholic family a joyful and peaceful Advent season.



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Update from Anne O'Brien, Director of Education



Director O'Brien thanked to all who attended a special Celebration of the Eucharist with Our Most Reverend Bishop Nguyen on December 4 at our Inaugural Board Meeting as Trustees were guided in their Right of Renewal. She also thanked Chair Tricia Chapman and Vice-Chair Monique Forster for accepting leadership positions for 2018.

Director O'Brien extended gratitude to the Board's Catholic learning community for a wonderful 2017. "It has been an amazing year as staff, students and families witness, celebrate and proclaim the Good news of the Gospel through their daily service," she said. She acknowledged that the Board has made great strides in the implementation of the *Discovery 2020 Strategic Plan* and that Trustees have had opportunities at Regular Board Meetings throughout the 2016-2017 school year to see some of the work that is taking place through various presentations on the plan's 10 key themes. She noted that the Director's Annual Report will be posted to the Board's website in January, featuring many of these featured activities and more from the 2016-2017 Year of Community, captured through the guiding principles of Excellence, Equity and New Evangelization.

The Director noted that during the Advent season she had the opportunity to see many Durham Catholic school communities participate in the spirit of giving through prayers, liturgies, donations to families in need, and other charitable acts. She thanked all participants for their charitable acts of service. She asked everyone, in this final week of Advent, to remember how blessed we are to celebrate the season as a community with joy and anticipation; and to send extra prayers for those who may be facing challenges at this time.

Director O'Brien extended best wishes to all Durham Catholic families for a joyous Christmas and Happy New Year. She concluded her updated with a biblical quote from Romans 15:13 for the holidays in this Year of Service: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."



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- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file the 2017/2018 Revised Estimates.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the 2017/2018 Revised Estimates.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive as information the Annual Chief Financial Officer Overview.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive as information the Annual Audit Committee Activity Report.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the update on activities in support of the Durham Catholic District School Board's Year of Service.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive as information the written report on Music Programs of December 18, 2017.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the Community Innovation Lab Partnership presentation.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive as information the Unnamed North Oshawa Catholic Elementary School Boundary Report dated December 18, 2017.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive as information the 'Capital Renewal Program Priorities 2017-2020' dated December 18, 2017.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receives as information the report entitled Accommodation and Utilization 2017-2027 dated December 18, 2017.

Announcements

Monique Forster, Vice-Chair of the Board, made the following announcements:

Conversion of Acting Elementary Vice-Principal Status to Permanent Probationary Elementary Vice-Principal effective January 29, 2018:

Name	Current Placement
Joni MacLean	St. James Catholic School



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Retirements

Name	Current Position	Effective
Maureen Parker	Teacher, Elementary Teacher	January 31, 2018
Anne Smegal	Teacher, Monsignor Paul Dwyer CHS	January 31, 2018

Minutes of the December 2017 Board Meeting will be posted on the Board website as part of the agenda for the next Regular Board Meeting of Monday, January 22, 2018.