



# Highlights

from the March 19, 2018 Board Meeting

## St. Joseph Catholic School Band

Thank you to St. Joseph (Oshawa) Catholic School for opening the meeting with O Canada and a harmonic composition before prayers. It was an honour to have these students play on the Feast Day of St. Joseph, their school namesake.



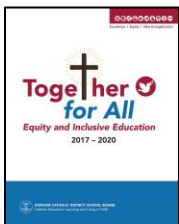
## ShareLife Campaign 2017-2018



Tim Lee Loy, Coordinator of Schools and Employee Campaigns and John Ecker, Advisory Board Member for ShareLife, extended thanks on behalf of the ShareLife charitable community through personal stories of hope and charity. They presented a plaque of appreciation to DCDSB for 100% participation by its schools for the past 11 years. Mr. Lee Loy thanked students, staff, trustees for their leadership in embracing ShareLife for over a decade, bringing the Gospel to marginalized societies. Thank you to

students, staff and families for making a difference. [Watch the video presented by ShareLife.](#)

## Equity and Inclusive Education for All



Janine Bowyer, Superintendent of Equity and Inclusive Education and Susie Lee-Fernandes, Principal, St. Bernadette Catholic School, presented an overview of the *Together for All Equity and Inclusive Education Action Plan* which addresses the broad goals outlined in the Ministry of Education's Equity Action Plan within the context of DCDSB. *Together for All* is based on the following key initiatives:

- School and classroom practices;
- Leadership, governance and human resources practices;
- Data collection, integration and reporting; and
- Organizational culture change.

One of the key actions of *Together for All* was to engage Durham Catholic schools and the community as partners in the creation of the *Together for Hope Action Plan* to ensure that all students have equitable access to rich learning experiences, especially those who have been impacted by poverty. The focus for the first year is Priority Neighbourhood schools.



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## Passport to Excellence: International Education



Michael Gray, Superintendent of Education, Human Resources/Administrative Services and International Education shared the framework on student recruitment from an international education perspective. The four goals from the Ministry of Education's Strategy for international education include:

1. Future-oriented learning for Ontario students.
2. High quality programs/services for K-12 international students studying in Ontario.
3. Opportunity for sharing/developing Ontario education expertise.
4. Pathway to post-secondary education, work and living in Ontario.

Superintendent Gray provided an update on international student recruitment in terms of the 2017-2018 budget, service delivery model, strategic focus, and recruitment activities.

## Dr. Bette M. Stephenson Recognition of Achievement



Congratulations to the St. Bernadette Catholic School community on receiving the Dr. Bette M. Stephenson Recognition of Achievement. This award recognizes school communities across the province that have made effective use of Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) data to support their students and create strategies that helped to strengthen student achievement. This year, the focus of the program was on the growth of literacy skills among students with special education needs.

## Global Gandhi Peace Program



Mike O'Neill, Principal at Father Fénelon Catholic School shared a recent announcement about the school's partnership with the Global Gandhi Peace Program. Father Fénelon is the first school in Canada to join this program, which has modules of learning around the theme of non-violence, peace, compassion and empathy.

This initiative was announced during the Prime Minister's recent visit to India, as Prime Minister Trudeau took some time to watch a video which Father Fénelon's Social Justice Club created to launch the program.



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### Update from Tricia Chapman, Chair of the Board



Chair Chapman acknowledged volunteers across all Durham Catholic learning communities. As part of National Volunteer Week in April, the annual Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Volunteer Awards Ceremony will take place on April 17. “We look forward to honouring our Distinguished Catholic Volunteers from each of our schools in recognition of the vital role they play in making our schools a safe and welcoming environment,” Chair Chapman said.

The Chair also acknowledged DCDSB student leaders for their role in initiating the Student Senate’s Lenten Walk of Faith which began on February 28 as secondary students shared a spiritual journey, handing over a special cross to each high school. She thanked the Student Senate for their leadership and guidance in organizing and setting an example of faith and unity for their peers.

The Indigenous Education Advisory Circle Meeting was held on Friday, February 23rd, 2018. With the Truth and Reconciliation Committee Calls to Action, Indigenous Education is an emerging priority in our Board and the Chair was pleased to attend as representative for members of the Board. This community group is made up of our Indigenous partners who advise us in matters related to our Indigenous population and enhances our understanding of indigenous cultures, history, and future paths.

Chair Chapman invited the Board of Trustees and all members of our Durham Catholic learning community to participate in a special milestone celebration on April 25 at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic School as they mark the 25th anniversary of the school.

The Chair noted a number of public meetings coming up – open house sessions as part of the Boundary Review regarding the new Unnamed North Oshawa Catholic School; as well as meetings at St. Marguerite d’Youville and St. John the Evangelist Catholic School with respect to the new building replacement for St. Marguerite d’Youville. Information has been shared with families and the community.

The Chair encouraged everyone to continue their service and social justice initiatives in schools and communities throughout the rest of the Year of Service; and extended best wishes to all Durham Catholic families and friends for a Blessed Holy Week and Easter weekend.



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## Update from the Director of Education



Director O'Brien welcomed students, staff and families upon returning from March Break, acknowledging our Catholic learning community's continued pursuit of deepening our Lenten journeys through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Director O'Brien thanked Deacon Dominic for organizing prayer services in the Chapel of St. Francis of Assisi throughout this Lenten season. She also thanked school chaplains, staff and parish communities for joining students and families in prayer and other Lenten activities.

The Director acknowledged the St. Bernadette Catholic School community in Ajax for being recognized with the Dr. Bette M. Stephenson Recognition of Achievement. "The school's leadership and collaboration is an exemplary model on how EQAO data can be used to improve student well-being and achievement," she said.



Director O'Brien extended an invitation to all to join DCDSB staff for the next Feasting on Faith event on Wednesday, April 5, featuring Father Tom Rosica as guest speaker with his reflection on service in the teaching of Pope Francis, from an insider's perspective. Father Rosica founded the Salt and Light television station and is a member of the Vatican's communication office.



The Director noted that tickets for the annual Foundation Gala on May 3, 2018 can be purchased online at [durhamcatholicfoundation.ca](http://durhamcatholicfoundation.ca). Those who purchase by April 6 will be entered into the Early Bird prize draw to win an iPad donated by LifeTouch Canada.

She also encouraged families to sign up online for the Community Run for Hope in support of the Foundation. The 4K Run or Walk takes place on Sunday, May 27 starting and finishing at Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School.



Moving into Holy Week, Director O'Brien noted that Durham Catholic schools will be filled with prayerful activities in anticipation of the resurrection of Jesus. She extended best wishes to all students, staff and families for a faith-filled Easter.



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### Motions

- That the Durham Catholic School Board receive and file as information the Together for All Equity Action Plan.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the Together for Hope Poverty Action Plan.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file the report regarding international education as part of the Passport to Excellence Program.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the Current Roster of Policies and Administrative Procedures – March 19, 2018.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the First Reading of the Supporting Children and Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and/or Epilepsy) in Schools Policy (PO601).
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the First Reading of the revised Anaphylactic Students (Protection of) Policy (PO608).
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the revised Anaphylactic Students (Protection of) Administrative Procedure (AP608-1).
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the First Reading of the revised Asthma Friendly Schools Policy (PO615).
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the revised Asthma Friendly Schools Administrative Procedure (AP615-1).
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive as information the Foreign Student Fees 2018/2019 Report dated March 19, 2018.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board establishes Foreign Student Fees in the amount of \$12,500 for an elementary student and \$13,750 for a secondary school student for the 2018/2019 school year.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive as information the report entitled Long Term Accommodation Plan 2018-2022 Update dated March 19, 2018.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive as information, the Draft Revised Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines Report dated March 19, 2018.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the following correspondence: - Letter to Member of Parliament, Erin O'Toole from Chair Tricia Chapman regarding Canada Summer Jobs Program.



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### Announcements

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

### Retirements

Name	Current Position	Effective
Cynthia Holliday	Teacher, St. Joseph CS (Oshawa)	June 30, 2018
Michael Ward	Teacher, St. Wilfrid CS	February 28, 2018

### Elementary Principal Placement (Acting) for the period Tuesday, April 3, 2018 to Friday, June 29, 2018

Name	Current Position	New Position
Geraldine Borg	Vice-Principal, St. Christopher CS	Acting Principal, St. Paul CS

### Placement of Elementary Vice-Principal (Acting) for the period Tuesday, April 3, 2018 to Friday, June 29, 2018

Name	Current Position	New Position
Catherine Patterson	Program Support Teacher, St. Christopher CS	Acting Vice-Principal St. Christopher CS

**Minutes of the March 2018 Board Meeting will be posted on the Board website as part of the agenda for the next Regular Board Meeting of Monday, April 23, 2018.**