

Highlights

from the February 25, 2019 Board Meeting

Monsignor Philip Coffey Catholic School Choir



Thank you to the Monsignor Philip Coffey Catholic School choir for opening the meeting with O Canada and a joyful melody before prayer and Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory.

Community Builders



Students from St. Christopher Catholic School were recognized for being selected as finalists for their submission to the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association's (OCSTA) short video contest along the theme of "Community Builders." The video highlights the school community's commitment to renewing the promise to bring joy and be the face of Christ for others. [Click here to view all video finalists.](#)

Stand Up to Bullying Pink T-Shirt Logo Contest



Winners of the board's Pink Shirt Day Logo contest were acknowledged for their winning entries. Congratulations to Gemma Porter, a Grade 5 student from St. Theresa Catholic School for her winning logo: "You have the

Power to Stop Bullying". The runner up for the logo contest was Misha Wilson, a Grade 5 student from St. Josephine Bahkita Catholic School whose design was turned into a poster to be displayed in all schools.

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from the February 25, 2019 Board Meeting Safe and Accepting Schools



Janine Bowyer, Superintendent of Safe Schools shared an overview of the Board's Safe and Accepting Schools initiatives which fall under the four pillars of the Wellbeing Strategy: Equity and Inclusive Education; Safe and Accepting Schools; Healthy Schools; and Positive Mental Health. Some of the initiatives include:

- School Improvement Planning
- Aligned and Integrated Model (AIM) for School Mental Health and Well-Being
- Safe and Accepting Schools Week
- System Level Training
- Teaching and Reinforcing Pro-social skills

Superintendent Bowyer also shared results from the Safe and Inclusive Schools Survey completed in November 2018. Some of the data reported includes two sections on Equity and Inclusive Education; and Bullying Prevention.

Multi-Year Budget Framework



Superintendent Ryan Putnam presented the updated Multi-Year Budget Framework. The framework projects the board's overall financial position for the next five years. Significant factors incorporated in the framework include Ministry funding, student enrolment, staffing, benefits, multi-year contracts, absence related costs and legislative requirements such as the Employment Standards Act. Following consultation with the broader community, staff will present the first draft of the budget in May with final approval by the Board of Trustees being sought at the June Board meeting.

Community Use of Schools Rates 2019-2020



Facilities Services staff presented an overview of Community Use of Schools (CUS) Rates for 2019-2020. The team reported on the status of costs related to CUS activities and hourly charges. The proposed rates reflect board costs of various components, such as utilities, waste disposal, custodial and maintenance duties, operations, insurance, renewal and administration. Staff proposed to share rate changes with partners and permit holders at the CUS and Partnership meeting in June 2019.

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from the February 25, 2019 Board Meeting Update from John Rinella, Chair of the Board



In recognizing that February is commonly known for expressions of love, there have been many opportunities to mark these celebrations through a faith-filled lens. Chair Rinella noted that most recently, he was joined by community partners, fellow trustees and staff at the Annual Heart to Heart Gala, a signature event for Catholic Family Services of Durham. “By participating in charitable acts and events like these, there is no better way to express love as we know that the funds raised support members of our community. May the spirit of giving to those in need continue to dwell in our hearts,” Chair Rinella said.

The Chair recognized the importance of family with recent Family Day celebrations across the province. “On behalf of the Durham Catholic District School Board of Trustees, I hope everyone across the system had a peaceful and memorable Family Day. While we are committed to our roles as Catholic educators and leaders, we firmly believe in the strength and power of family connections, and encourage you to celebrate your milestones and successes together, and support one another through difficult times,” he said.



The Chair invited everyone to join him in celebrating 50 years of Catholic education with the St. John XXIII Catholic School community, on Tuesday, February 26, as they host an evening for their 50th anniversary. “We look forward to reuniting with many past and present students, staff and family members from St. John XXIII – a school with a long and endearing history in our school board,” the Chair said.

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

The Chair acknowledged the upcoming Lenten season, “with Ash Wednesday next week, may our prayerful reflections strengthen our relationship with God as we remain true to our calling as leaders in Catholic education. May God bless you and your families on your Lenten journeys,” he said.

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Update from Anne O'Brien, Director of Education



Director O'Brien thanked students and staff for hosting Black History Month celebrations and activities, full of enriched learning opportunities through inspiring speakers, presentations, talent shows, announcements and other events that honoured black history and culture. She also acknowledged Stand Up to Bullying Week this week in all Durham Catholic Schools. "In connection with our Year of Joy, the theme is *Living as Joyful Disciples to Promote a Positive School Community*," she said.



The Director acknowledged the Employee Wellness Committee for initiating the Keeping the Elephant in the Room Campaign Alive with a contest to ensure the continuation of stigma-free zones in schools and offices when it comes to talking about mental health. She congratulated Father Leo J. Austin CSS and All Saints CSS. Both schools showed how they are Keeping the Elephant in the Room alive through their school wellness boards, videos, and other initiatives, as well as having the elephant mascot visit the school regularly. "These actions speak volumes about our participation in the conversation about mental health and reducing stigma," Director O'Brien said.



The Director announced that tickets for the Annual Foundation Gala on May 2 can be purchased at www.durhamcatholicfoundation.ca. "We look forward to celebrating Our Most Reverend Bishop Vincent Nguyen and our 2018 Distinguished Catholic Alumni," she said. Director O'Brien also reminded the community to save the date for June 2, 2019 for the 50th Anniversary Community Picnic at Lakeview Park and Jubilee Pavilion in Oshawa. Details will be announced soon at www.dcdsb.ca.

Director O'Brien advised that over the next few months, DCDSB is embarking on a new strategic plan to build on the goals and actions that emerged from Discovery 2020, the board's 2014-2019 strategic plan. Trustees, students, staff and members of the community will be invited to participate in the consultation process which will launch after March Break.

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Motions

- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the Safe and Accepting Schools Update.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive as information the Multi-Year Budget Framework as presented by staff on February 11, 2019.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive as information the 2019-2020 School Year Calendar report dated February 25, 2019.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the 2019-2020 School Year Calendars for elementary and secondary schools, subject to final approval by the Ministry of Education.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive as information the report entitled Community Use of Schools Rates 2019-2020 dated February 25, 2019.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the Community Use of Schools Rates effective September 2019.
- That the Durham Catholic School Board receives for information, the St. Christopher Catholic School and St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School Boundary Report dated February 25, 2019.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board approves 'In Principle' the proposed boundary revisions for St. Christopher Catholic School and St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School outlined in the report dated February 25, 2019.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation of the Naming of Schools Committee to name the New Unnamed Oshawa Catholic School St. Anne Catholic School.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board accept the written report of the February 19, 2019 Naming of Schools Committee Meeting.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information, Trustees Attendance Report for the period January to December 2018.

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Announcements

Tricia Chapman, Vice-Chair of the Board, made the following announcements:

Appointments to Elementary Vice-Principal Roster Effective February 26, 2019:

Name	Current Placement
Corrie-Lyn Plommer	Student Services Coordinator
Jennifer VanHezewk	Program Support Teacher, St. Wilfrid CS

Appointment and Placement of Interim Vice-Principal Effective March 1, 2019:

Name	Current Placement	New Placement
Corrie-Lyn Plommer	Student Services Coordinator	Interim Vice Principal Msgr. John Pereyma CSS

Conversion of Interim Elementary Vice-Principal to Permanent Probationary Elementary Vice-Principal Effective March 1, 2019:

Name	Current Placement	New Placement
Jennifer Principe	Interim Elementary Vice-Principal St. Wilfrid CS	Permanent Probationary Elementary Vice-Principal St. Wilfrid CS

Appointments to Secondary Principal Roster Effective February 26, 2019:

Name	Current Placement
Shawn O'Hare	Secondary Vice Principal, St. Mary CSS
Stacey Ritchie	Vice-Principal Arch. Anthony Meagher Catholic Continuing Education Centre

Appointment to Secondary Vice-Principal Roster Effective February 26, 2019:

Name	Current Placement
Janel Langstaff-Mullet	Experiential Learning Coordinator

Appointment of Interim Secondary Vice-Principal Effective March 1, 2019:

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Janel Langstaff-Mullett	Experiential Learning Coordinator	Interim Secondary Vice-Principal Arch. Denis O'Connor CHS

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Appointment of Acting Secondary Vice-Principal Effective March 1, 2019:

Name	Current Position	New Position
John Neundorf	Secondary Teacher St. Mary CSS	Acting Secondary Vice-Principal St. Mary CSS

Conversion of Interim Secondary Vice-Principal to Permanent Probationary Secondary Vice-Principal Effective March 1, 2019:

Name	Current Placement	New Placement
Michelle Kettrick	Interim Secondary Vice Principal All Saints CSS	Permanent Probationary Secondary Vice-Principal All Saints CSS

Secondary Vice-Principal Transfers Effective March 1, 2019:

Name	Current Placement	New Placement
Shawn O'Hare	St. Mary CSS	Notre Dame CSS
Kathryn Remiz	Msgr. John Pereyma CSS	Notre Dame CSS

Resignation

Name	Current Position	Effective
Jonathan Di Ianni	Vice Principal, Notre Dame CSS	February 28, 2019

Retirements

Name	Current Position	Effective
Martin Drobot	Teacher, Arch. Denis O'Connor CHS	May 31, 2019
Jo-Anne McKeag	Teacher, Good Shepherd CS	June 28, 2019

Minutes of the February 2019 Board Meeting will be posted on the board website as part of the agenda for the next Regular Board Meeting of Monday, March 25, 2019.