

Highlights

from the March 25, 2019 Board Meeting

St. Joseph Catholic School Choir



Thank you to the St. Joseph Catholic School (Oshawa) choir for opening the meeting with O Canada before prayer and the Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory.

ShareLife: Learning and Living in Faith



Michael Penafiel, representing ShareLife, presented a plaque on behalf of his organization to all students and staff who participated in charitable activities in 2018. DCDSB raised over \$97,000 for ShareLife and the 43 agencies it supports with 100% participation across all schools for the 12th consecutive year. Mr. Penafiel noted Silent Voice, Catholic Family Services of Durham, Rose of Durham, and St. Augustine's Seminary as just some of the agencies that received support from the DCDSB community, thanks to a strong "willingness to embrace the gospel" and help those in need.

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Outdoor Education Projects and Partnerships



Tracy Barill, Superintendent of Education introduced a team of Teaching and Learning staff and partners who provided an overview on current outdoor education initiatives. Staff highlighted key programs that exemplify the partnerships that are being developed in support of outdoor education through Foggy River Farm Design and Enactus Durham College.

Phillip Collins, Landscape Architect at Foggy River Farm spoke about enabling students to create their own outdoor learning environments based on their own ideas, starting with site analysis and observation; mapping out social aspects of the school; and developing a concept and detailed design based on student interests.

Representing Durham College Enactus, the local chapter of a global organization on post-secondary campuses, colleges and universities across the world, Jay Fisher and Ryan Cullen recognize a need to educate people living in Durham Region about food issues. Through a series of workshops, students have had opportunities to follow the steps which allowed them to experience outdoor learning, community and social innovation.



Charlene, a student at St. Mary CSS representing the Outdoor Education Club complemented the presentation by sharing her passion for outdoor learning opportunities. "It's amazing to see students use the outdoor space as an outdoor classroom," she said.

Ministry Funding Update



Ryan Putnam, Chief Financial Officer presented an overview on the Multi-Year Budget Framework in relation to recent Ministry of Education funding announcements. The presentation addressed the Ministry's changes with respect to class size and programming; and the impact of these changes on the long-term budget. The board will continue with the budget consultation process, and staff will present

the first draft of the budget in May.

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Update from John Rinella, Chair of the Board



Tricia Chapman, Vice-Chair of the Board shared Chair Rinella's update with the Board of Trustees and meeting attendees. In his update, the Chair noted board-wide events from this past month, capturing some of the good news in DCDSB's Catholic communities.

Chair Rinella noted that on March 5, DCDSB chaplains and secondary students represented the board at the annual Ordinandi Luncheon along with other Catholic school boards, the Archdiocese of Toronto and the Office of Catholic Youth. Later that evening, trustees and senior staff supported those who have chosen the church as their vocation, celebrating the Ordinandi Class of 2019 at the annual celebration.

Chair Rinella also provided comment on the theme of charity, indicating that "it has been a joy to see the many acts of charity, inclusion and stewardship throughout our Catholic schools. Countless events, including Dimes 4 Time; World Water Day, World Down Syndrome Day and many other activities continue to provide opportunities for selfless giving and thoughtful reflection."

The Chair acknowledged a special group of leaders at DCDSB in honour of National Volunteer Week in April. The annual Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee's Volunteer Awards Ceremony will take place on April 2. "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, and promoting the importance of parent engagement," noted Chair Rinella.

He also mentioned the public meetings taking place this spring, including Boundary Review Open House sessions for St. Christopher Catholic School and St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School, and Educational Development Charges meetings. Information about all of our public meetings is available at dcdsb.ca.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chair Rinella wished families and friends a blessed Holy Week and Happy Easter.

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Update from Anne O'Brien, Director of Education



Director O'Brien welcomed students and staff back from March Break and acknowledged the Lenten season. She thanked chaplains, staff and parish communities for joining students and families in Durham Catholic schools in prayer and other Lenten activities.

The Director reminded trustees, staff and members of the community that tickets and sponsorship opportunities for the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation Gala on May 2 are available at durhamcatholicfoundation.ca. She also announced that Paul Ranger, former NHL player and DCDSB graduate will be speaking to guests about his personal journey.



The Director noted that on March 1, DCDSB launched the **Discovery 2023: Renewing the Vision** strategic planning process. Staff members were invited to attend a series of consultation sessions and additional meetings have been planned with employee groups, committees, students and the broader community.

Earlier in March, the Chair of the Board and Director of Education met with Our Most Reverend Bishop Nguyen for a discussion regarding the new multi-year strategic plan. "I look forward to ongoing collaboration with our partners," she said.



Director O'Brien acknowledged that next week DCDSB will join the movement for World Autism Awareness Day. "Our schools, trustees and staff will 'light it up' in blue, showing support for students and families in our communities and around the world," she said.

The Director asked everyone to keep in their prayers, the students preparing to write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) on March 27. "May they find strength in the power of these prayers as they have been guided by our teaching staff in their academic journeys," she said.

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Motions

- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive as information the Ministry Funding Announcement overview as presented by staff on March 25, 2019.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file the verbal report from ShareLife dated March 25, 2019.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file, for information, the International Student Fees 2019-2020 Report dated March 25, 2019.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board establishes International Student Fees in the amount of \$13,250 for an elementary student and \$14,250 for a secondary school student for the 2019-2020 school year.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the Current Roster of Policies and Administrative Procedures – March 25, 2019.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the Second Reading of the revised Equity and Inclusive Education Policy (PO216).
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the revised Equity and Inclusive Education Administrative Procedure (AP216-1).
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the Second Reading of the Disease Management and Prevention Policy (PO408).
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the Disease Management and Prevention Administrative Procedure (AP408-1).
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the Second Reading of the revised Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy (PO612).
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the revised Bullying and Prevention and Intervention Administrative Procedure (AP612-1).
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive as information the verbal report regarding Outdoor Education Projects and Partnerships dated March 25, 2019.

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- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the Strategic Plan Update.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the Trustee Code of Conduct (Article 3 and Appendix 4; Durham Catholic District School Board By-Laws), in accordance with Regulation 246/18.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board make available the Trustee Code of Conduct to the public on the Durham Catholic District School Board website.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information correspondence from His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins dated March 4, 2019.

Announcements

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

Retirements

Name	Current Position	Effective
Sharon Bird	Principal, St. Elizabeth Seton CS	June 28, 2019
Shelagh Carroll	Teacher, St. Andre Bessette CS	June 28, 2019
Debbie Cauley	PST, St. Francis de Sales CS	June 30, 2019
Lina Corsetti	Teacher, St. Mark the Evangelist CS	June 28, 2019
Jamie Dufresne	Vice-Principal, Elementary	April 30, 2019
Steven Landry	Teacher, Monsignor Paul Dwyer CHS	June 30, 2019
Gerard Mandville	Teacher, Monsignor John Pereyma CSS	June 28, 2019
Michelle Meraw	Teacher, Student Services Department	June 28, 2019
Colleen Morgulis	Curriculum Chair, All Saints CSS	June 30, 2019
Maureen Prendergast	Teacher, St. Christopher CS	June 30, 2019

Trustee Resignation

Name	Current Position	Effective
Paul Pulla	Trustee, City of Oshawa	Immediately

Minutes of the March 2019 Board Meeting will be posted on the board website as part of the agenda for the next Regular Board Meeting of Monday, April 29, 2019.