

Highlights

from the April 29, 2019 Board Meeting

St. André Bessette School Choir



Thank you to the St. André Bessette Catholic School choir for opening the meeting with O Canada before prayer and the Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory.

Excellence in Teaching



Hillary Rogers-Myhal, Grade 5 teacher at St. Patrick Catholic School in Ajax was recognized with the Ontario Council for Technology Education (OCTE) Award for Excellence in Teaching – Elementary Award. This award represents outstanding commitment to Science and Technological Education.

“Congratulations to Mrs. Rogers-Myhal on her achievement and commitment to teaching STEM in creative and innovative ways,” said Anne O’Brien, Director of Education.

Terry Fox Milestone Award



Director O’Brien shared a special token of appreciation DCDSB received from the Terry Fox Foundation by reading a statement received from the Foundation: “We are proud to announce the Durham Catholic District School Board family of schools has reached an incredible fundraising milestone of \$1,000,000 to date. Congratulations on this inspiring achievement!”

DOC Botics

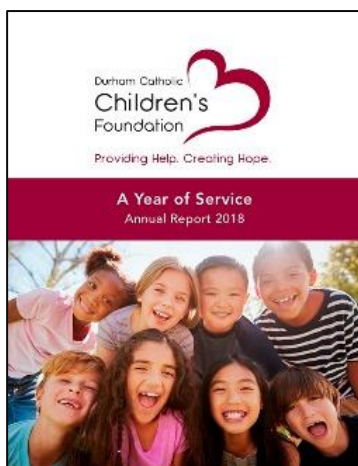


Students of the DOC Botics club at Archbishop Denis O’Connor Catholic High School were recognized for their recent success in various competitions, as they continue to lead the way for STEM initiatives in both the elementary and secondary levels. Thank you to school staff for encouraging the talented group to represent their school through these opportunities and for sharing the robot they produced through their dedication to the team.

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Durham Catholic Children's Foundation Annual Report 2018



Stan Karwowski, Chair, and Brian Miettinen, Vice-Chair of the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation, presented their 2018 Annual Report. The presentation outlined funds raised by the Foundation's annual events, such as the Gala, Fore-the-Kids Golf Classic and Community Run/Student Walk for Hope. They also outlined the impact of the Foundation through the Family Assistance Program, Emergency Fund and Student Bursaries. The most common categories of assistance include gift cards for food, clothing, medical expenses and extra-curricular activities. In terms of next steps, the Board of Directors looks forward to building new relationships with community partners. [Click here to view the report.](#)

Ministry Funding and Budget Update



Ryan Putnam, Superintendent of Business Services and Chief Financial Officer presented the Multi-Year Budget Framework, which included the board's current financial position, enrolment and utilization, provincial outlook, and anticipated cost pressures. The discussion included recent Ministry announcements with respect to a new vision for education, Grants for Student Needs, class sizes, programming and staffing. The final budget will be presented for approval in June.

Discovery2023: Renewing the Vision



Anne O'Brien, Director of Education provided an update on the **Discovery 2023: Renewing the Vision Strategic Plan**. The Director noted that all stakeholder groups have been invited to provide input through focused consultation sessions. Upcoming public consultation meetings are scheduled for May 8 and 9. All members of the community are invited to attend. In addition to Director O'Brien's update, staff provided a detailed overview on the strategic planning process and current data.

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Update from John Rinella, Chair of the Board



On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chair Rinella extended continued prayers to the Pulla family in light of the recent passing of Paul Pulla, former Trustee for the City of Oshawa. "His dedication to our Catholic learning communities in the role of Trustee will be remembered for generations to come," he said.

Upon entering the Month of Mary and Catholic Education Week - Living as Joyful Disciples, Chair Rinella noted that he looks forward to ongoing faith-based activities across the board as a time for renewal and affirmation of our Catholic values with Masses, family events, staff recognition and more.

The Chair acknowledged the Durham Catholic Distinguished Volunteers who were honoured at the annual awards ceremony in April. He thanked the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee for organizing the event, and all volunteers in Durham Catholic schools and communities.

Chair Rinella noted more milestone celebrations coming up, including 25-year service awards; and the ground breaking ceremony for the new St. Anne Catholic School to open in North Oshawa in December 2019.

The Chair said it was a pleasure to wrap up the end of April alongside fellow trustees at the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association's Annual (OCSTA) General Meeting and Conference. Based on the theme of Faith in Action, trustees heard from faith and education leaders, providing an opportunity to build on their ongoing advocacy for Catholic education in Ontario.

Chair Rinella thanked Chair Stan Karwowski, and Vice-Chair Brian Miettinen, who represented the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation with an update on the work of the Foundation in 2018. "It is great to see the Foundation making a difference for our most vulnerable students and families. I would also like to acknowledge all members of the Foundation Board of Directors and teams of staff who step up every year to make our signature events and fundraising activities a meaningful opportunity to give to the community," he said.

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Update from Anne O'Brien, Director of Education



Director O'Brien noted several highlights for the month of April, including Easter celebrations with schools and parishes, World Autism Day, National Volunteer Week, Administrative Professionals Day and so much more. The Director stated that it was amazing to see over 100 Durham Catholic secondary school students gathered together for DCDSB's first ever Indigenous Student Summit. The event was organized by the student members of the Indigenous Education Advisory Circle (IEAC) as a way to share their Indigenous culture with fellow students.

Students participated in hands-on workshops focused on cultural activities, such as beading, lacrosse, Ojibwe language and Métis drumming.

Looking ahead, the Director acknowledged Children's Mental Health Week next week. "In keeping with DCDSB's renewed Mental Health Strategy, we want to acknowledge the importance of mental health awareness for our students as we recognize its role in their overall wellbeing and achievement," she said. Director O'Brien noted events coming up for parents and guardians through the Durham TAMI (Talking About Mental Health) Coalition and a joint partnership educating parents on Cannabis use among Durham students.

The Director looks forward to celebrating Catholic Education Week May 5 to 10: Living as Joyful Disciples. The five sub-themes for the week include:

- Monday: Rooted in Prayer
- Tuesday: Living in Community
- Wednesday: Doing Justice & Creating Hope
- Thursday: Journeying Together in Faith
- Friday: Sharing the Good News

The board will honour DCDSB's Durham Catholic Distinguished Educator and Leader award recipients on May 7; in addition to the Distinguished Catholic Alumni Award recipients at the 6th Annual Durham Catholic Children's Foundation Gala on May 2. Staff looks forward to the system wide Mass on May 6, and other great opportunities to come together with friends and colleagues to celebrate the DCDSB community.

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Motions

- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive as information the Ministry Funding and Budget Update as presented by staff.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive as information the 2018/2019 Second Quarter Budget Status Report.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file the Annual Facility Partnership Opportunities Report dated April 29, 2019.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the Discovery 2023: Renewing the Vision Strategic Plan.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive as information the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation 2018 Annual Report.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information, the revised Trustees Attendance Report for the period January to December 2018.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the following correspondence:
 - Durham Catholic District School Board letter to Minister of Education dated April 15, 2019
 - Ministry of Education letter dated April 15, 2019.

Announcements

John Rinella, Chair of the Board, made the following announcements:

Retirements

Name	Current Position	Effective
Gillian Arlidge	Teacher, St. John Paul II CS	June 30, 2019
Lisa Coghlan	Teacher, Student Services	June 30, 2019
Beth Corrigan Jenish	Teacher, St. John Bosco CS	May 15, 2019
Sandy Coscarella	Principal, St. Catherine of Siena CS	June 30, 2019
Christopher Gainey	Teacher, Monsignor Paul Dwyer CHS	June 30, 2019
Paul Gilray	Teacher, Father Joseph Venini CS	June 28, 2019
Patrice Joly	Teacher, St. Paul CS	June 30, 2019
William Joly	Teacher, St. Paul CS	June 30, 2019
Elvira Just	Teacher, St. Mark the Evangelist CS	June 28, 2019
Suzanne Karwowski	Teacher, St. Mark the Evangelist CS	June 29, 2019

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Lainey Kennedy	Teacher, St. John Bosco CS	June 30, 2019
Rhonda Laginski	Teacher, All Saints CSS	June 30, 2019
Annamarie Mahura	Teacher, Good Shepherd CS	June 28, 2019
Karen Manis	Teacher, St. Josephine Bakhita CS	June 30, 2019
Lesley Nightingale	Teacher, Notre Dame CSS	July 1, 2019
Helen O'Reilly	Teacher, St. Mary CSS	June 30, 2019
Anjalee Panday	Teacher, St. Elizabeth Seton CS	June 30, 2019
Kathy Regier	Teacher, St. Patrick CS	June 30, 2019
Mary Anne Rekuta	Teacher, St. James CS	June 30, 2019
John Rose	Teacher, St. Mark the Evangelist CS	June 30, 2019
Janice Roy	Teacher, St. Matthew the Evangelist CS	June 30, 2019
Angela Ryan	Teacher, Arch. Denis O'Connor CHS	June 30, 2019
Carmela Sheehan	Teacher, St. Theresa CS	June 30, 2019
Diane Van Hoof	Teacher, St. Bernadette CS	June 30, 2019
Patricia Whitelock	Teacher, St. Paul CS	June 30, 2019
Sonia Wylie	Vice-Principal, All Saints CSS	June 30, 2019

Resignation

Name	Current Position	Effective
Karen Bycok	Teacher, Monsignor Philip Coffey CS	June 28, 2019

Appointment of Superintendent of Education Effective June 3, 2019:

Name	Current Position	New Placement
Jim Wilson	Secondary Principal	Facilities Services

Minutes of the April 2019 Board Meeting will be posted on the board website as part of the agenda for the next Regular Board Meeting of Monday, May 27, 2019.