

# Highlights

from the June 10, 2019 Board Meeting

## All Saints Catholic Secondary School Choir



Thank you to the All Saints Catholic Secondary School choir for opening the meeting with O Canada and a harmonic performance before the Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory.

## Exceptional Student Award



Connor MacDonell, Grade 12 student at Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School was recognized for being selected by the City of Oshawa for the Exceptional Student Award to be presented in June. Anne O'Brien, Director of Education congratulated Connor. She also acknowledged Ms. Tessarolo, Chair of Program Support at

Dwyer, for taking the time to nominate and share his success story with the city as an outstanding candidate for the award.

## Skills Canada Achievement



Andrew Oliver, Grade 11 student at Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School was recognized for his first-place win at Skills Ontario in the Outdoor Power Equipment competition. In May, students from across Ontario gathered for the annual Skills Ontario Competition in Toronto. The win qualified him to compete nationally

in Halifax, Nova Scotia against other provinces, where he again placed first, achieving Gold for his category. Andrew's success story can be viewed in the June edition of the [Celebrating Student Success Newsletter](#).

## Gerd Reisenecker Teacher of the Year



As part of this year's Toronto Automotive Technology Competition, students were asked to nominate teachers to receive the prestigious Gerd Reisenecker Teacher of the Year Award. Mr. Carnovale, the transportation technology teacher at Father Leo J. Austin, was successful in winning the award. He is known for creating the annual Toronto Automotive Technology Competition as a means to

encourage high school students to explore and possibly pursue the skilled trades as a career. Congratulations Mr. Carnovale.

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## from the June 10, 2019 Board Meeting Student Trustee Recognition



John Rinella, Chair of the Board acknowledged Student Trustee Sofia Zamorano for being elected Board Council Vice-President for the Ontario Student Trustees Association. "We are pleased that Student Trustee Zamorano will return to the board meeting table for the 2019-2020 school year, and will play a leadership role in a broader capacity, as the association strives to empower students and work to improve Public and Catholic education across the province," Chair Rinella said.

## Healthy Schools Award



Yemi Aladesua, Public Health Nurse for Durham Region Health Department announced that 30 Durham Catholic schools were recognized with the Healthy School Award this year– an increase from 21 schools last year. A list of the schools is available at [durham.ca](http://durham.ca). Congratulations to DCDSB's Healthy Schools for creating an environment that supports health and well-being.

## Community/Business Accessibility Improvement Award



DCDSB was recognized by the City of Oshawa with the Business/Community Accessibility Improvement Award. This award recognizes local organizations for improving accessibility on multiple levels for people with disabilities. "Accessibility is an important priority for DCDSB and the province and we appreciate this recognition as we aim to provide equal opportunities for all in our Catholic learning communities," said Anne O'Brien, Director of Education.

Members of the DCDSB Accessibility Committee, Scott Grieve and Michelle Meraw, were recognized, representing DCDSB accessibility initiatives within school and building facilities, as well as meeting student needs for achieving success.

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## from the June 10, 2019 Board Meeting Expanding Pathways



John Mullins, Superintendent of Education and the Student Success team presented an update on recent Student Success data and initiatives, noting that DCDSB continues to be one of the leaders in the province with a 4-year graduation success rate of 89% and five-year rate of 92%. Other key highlights for 2018-2019 included:

- 17% of Grade 11 and 12 students were involved in a Dual Credit class.
- 21% of Grade 11 and 12 students were enrolled in Specialist High Skills Major Programs.
- 96% of potential credits were achieved within the Cooperative Education Program.
- Over 250 students were enrolled in the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP).
- Grade 8 Exit Surveys indicated 81% will attend a Catholic secondary school.
- Grade 12 Exit Surveys indicated 88% have a plan for achieving a post-secondary pathway.

## Intermediate Guidance Teacher Initiative



Tracy Barill, Superintendent of Education and a team of Intermediate Guidance Teachers within the Grade 7 to 12 secondary school model provided an overview of the intermediate guidance role, actions taken this year, successes and next steps. Some key highlights and activities included:

- Transition Trips
- Team Meetings
- Students with Assistive Technology Trips (SWAT)
- Gold Collar Trades Presentations
- College Visits
- Career Fairs
- Road Trips
- Parent Presentations
- Meet the Teacher Barbecues
- STEAM Projects focused on design and trades

The team shared measurable results, which indicated that overall, the initiative was successful.

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## Discovery 2023: Renewing the Vision



Director O'Brien provided an update on the strategic planning consultation sessions that have taken place with key stakeholders, including staff, employee group representatives, community members, committees, Catholic partners and students. "We look forward to presenting the new strategic plan in September," she said.

## Balanced Scorecard



Director O'Brien presented the 2018-2019 Balanced Scorecard, showing the cohesion and alignment between the key themes, goals and actions *Student Well-Being and Achievement Board Improvement Plan*. Guided by Excellence, Equity and New Evangelization, the Balanced Scorecard provides an ongoing opportunity to demonstrate transparency and accountability.

## Student Senate Year-End Report



Student Trustees Julia Cara and Sofia Zamorano presented the Catholic Student Senate Year End Report 2018-2019.

The team focused on two main initiatives: Building Community and Celebrating 50 Years of Faith.

### Building Community

- A snapshot of each school developed as puzzle pieces that fit together
- Engaging with students through school Instagram accounts
- Student Voice Forum

### Celebrating 50 Years of Catholic Education

- Promoting the Faith and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Video
- Walls of Joy throughout each secondary school
- Ontario Catholic Student Leadership Conference

The Senators also created the Student Senate Handbook and continued to advocate for Catholic education provincially.

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## Update from John Rinella, Chair of the Board



Chair Rinella congratulated Robert De Souza, DCDSB's newly appointed Trustee for the City of Oshawa who was sworn in by oath at the meeting. He expressed his gratitude to the Board of Trustees for selecting him as Chair for 2019. "While we are committed to advocating for Catholic education for our students daily, this year in particular, was an exciting time to fulfill the role, largely due to the many exciting celebrations that took place in honour of our special milestone year," he said.

The Chair also acknowledged the important role of student council members, senators, retreat leaders, trustees, and other forms of leadership taken on by students and thanked the Student Trustees for bringing the student perspective to the table. "We wish you all the best on your leadership journeys, as you continue to lead in the light of Christ," he said.

In addition to celebrating the board's 50<sup>th</sup> commemorative year, Chair Rinella noted other milestones, awards and accolades which demonstrate a commitment to Excellence, Equity and Evangelization over the last five years. Highlights noted for the 2018-2019 school year included:

- The grand opening of the new New Regional Arts & Media Program at All Saints Catholic Secondary School;
- The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. John XXIII Catholic School;
- The ground breaking of the new St. Anne Catholic School in North Oshawa;
- Construction for Grandview Children's Centre at Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School;
- Continued focus on Student Success, Numeracy, Mental Health, Long-Term Accommodation, Equity, Inclusion, Indigenous Education, Technology and many other important priorities.

The Chair thanked all staff and fellow trustees for their dedication to DCDSB. He acknowledged Tricia Chapman, Vice-Chair of the Board and Liz Beckstead, Executive Officer of Governance, for their dedication and support; along with Director O'Brien, the Senior Administrative Team, and all employee groups.

He wished all Durham Catholic families a peaceful summer break, a time for reflection and opportunities to reconnect with family and friends.



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## Update from Anne O'Brien, Director of Education



Director O'Brien thanked Father Laszlo Nagy for guiding trustees and staff in prayer earlier in celebration of the end of the board's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year and Year of Joy. She noted the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Family Picnic on June 2. "What an incredible day of prayer, community, celebration, entertainment and laughter for all ages," she said, acknowledging the organizing committee for planning the event, and the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee for their sponsorship. She thanked all individuals and groups who volunteered and contributed to the day, including Father Keith Wallace, Deacon Dominic Pullano, Knights of Columbus, All Our Relations Métis Drum Circle, secondary students and staff, Continuing Education, Indigenous Advisory Circle and the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School choir. Click here to view [highlights of the 50th Anniversary Picnic](#).

The Director noted another special milestone for DCDSB, indicating that 2019 is the final year of the *Discovery 2020* five-year strategic plan. "I wanted to extend my sincere gratitude to the Senior Administrative Team for overseeing each of our 10 key themes to ensure that we remain focused on our goals. I also thank our trustees for supporting the plan and all staff who worked diligently with our strategic directions, and our guiding principles of Excellence, Equity and Evangelization, embedded into everything we do," she said. The new multi-year strategic plan will launch in September.

Director O'Brien announced that 2019-2020 will open DCDSB's Year of Hope – a year of renewal that builds on the board's previous themes of Joy, Service, Community, and Witness.

In planning for the summer months, Director O'Brien extended an invitation for the annual Durham Catholic Children's Foundation Golf Classic to take place on August 20, 2019. Registration and sponsorship information is available at [durhamcatholicfoundation.ca](http://durhamcatholicfoundation.ca).

The Director reminded everyone that the online school registration program remains open over the summer, encouraging families who have not yet registered their child for Kindergarten; or those who may be moving into the jurisdiction from other areas, to register for September at [dcdsb.ca](http://dcdsb.ca). For our adult learners who wish to upgrade their skills or explore new opportunities – DCDSB's Continuing Education centres are open through the summer.

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## Motions

- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file, for information, the International Student Fees 2019-2020 and 2020-21 Report dated June 10, 2019.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board establishes International Student Fees in the amount of \$13,800 for an elementary student and \$14,900 for a secondary school student for the 2019-20 school year.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board establishes International Student Fees in the amount of \$14,550 for an elementary student and \$15,550 for a secondary student for the 2020-21 school year.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the Current Roster of Policies and Administrative Procedures – June 10, 2019.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the First Reading of the revised Policy Development and Implementation Policy.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the revised Policy Development and Implementation Administrative Procedure (AP210-1).
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the revised Accessible Student Transportation Administrative Procedure (AP424-10).
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the Third and Final Reading of the Catholic Curriculum and Education Policy (PO517).
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the Catholic Curriculum and Education Administrative Procedure (AP517-1).
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the verbal report regarding Expanding Pathways dated June 10, 2019.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive as information the verbal report regarding Intermediate Guidance dated May 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 and file as information the Student Well-Being and Achievement Board Balanced Scorecard 2018-2019.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file the verbal report from the Student Trustees regarding the Catholic Student Senate Year End Report for 2018-2019.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information correspondence from The Regional Municipality of Durham dated May 28, 2019.

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## Announcements

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

### Retirements:

Name	Current Position	Effective
Nancy Gallagher	Teacher, St. Mary Catholic Secondary School	June 30, 2019
Donald Murphy	Teacher, St. Mary Catholic Secondary School	June 30, 2019
Josephine Raponi	Teacher, St. Mary Catholic Secondary School	June 30, 2019
Sharon Singh-Charan	Teacher, St. Mary Catholic Secondary School	June 30, 2019
Suzanne Sosna	Teacher, All Saints Catholic Secondary School	June 30, 2019
Theresa Wright	Teacher, St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School	June 30, 2019

**Minutes of the June 2019 Board Meeting will be posted on the board website as part of the agenda for the next Regular Board Meeting of Monday, September 23, 2019.**