

## Highlights from the Regular Board Meeting of May 25, 2020



**DURHAM CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
*Learning and Living in Faith*



### **2019-2020 Board of Trustees Left to Right:**

- Kathleen Lefort - Scugog, Uxbridge and Brock
- Janice Oldman (Chair) - Ajax
- Robert De Souza - Oshawa
- Morgan Ste. Marie (Vice-Chair) - Oshawa
- Monique Forster - Ajax
- Jim McCafferty - Pickering
- Tricia Chapman - Whitby
- Sofia Zamorano - Student Trustee
- John Rinella - Whitby
- Annika Dela Torre - Student Trustee

## **Celebrating Excellence: Award Presentations**

### **25 Years of Service**



DCDSB staff members who have provided 25 years of service were recognized as Tracy Barill, Director of Education, announced each of the 48 employees by name in a live virtual presentation. Trustees thanked the 25-year service members for their long-time commitment and dedication to Catholic education.

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### **Board Award of Merit**



Chair Oldman announced the 2020 Durham Catholic District School Board Award of Merit. Congratulations to this year's recipient, Mary Kay Boase, a retired DCDSB principal. Mrs. Boase was recognized for her strong commitment to the broader Catholic

community and evangelizing our Catholic faith.

Since her retirement, Mrs. Boase assumed the role of Director of New Evangelization at Holy Family Parish in Whitby. In that role, she has supported the development of a culture of discipleship through organizing and leading yearly conferences in the parish that supported the formation of Catholic leaders. She created an invitational environment by fostering a hospitable culture for her parish. It has been said that the image of Holy Family parish has been completely renewed since Mary Kay has taken on this role.

Along with a very vibrant team of lay ministers, she has created new opportunities for parishioners to participate in their faith and the faith life of the church, including the creation of a Hospitality Ministry, Bible studies, small-groups meetings, the Alpha course and the re-imaging of the Children's Liturgy program. She also supports the sacramental preparation programs for students in Durham Catholic schools associated with Holy Family Parish. Congratulations Mrs. Boase and thank you for supporting the broader Catholic community!

## Trustee Youth Awards



Secondary: Renuka Premnath  
Notre Dame Catholic Secondary  
School



Elementary: Osasu Edokpayi  
St. Bernadette Catholic School

## Reverend John Markle Award for Outstanding Communication





Secondary: Archbishop Denis  
O'Connor Catholic High School



Elementary: St. Patrick Catholic  
School

## 2019-2020 Student Senate

Ryleigh Aman  
Simon Van Hezewyk  
Daryn Tardio  
Yasith Weerasinghe  
Caitlin Jeffs  
Dianne Ogundare  
Jaden White  
Mark Homeniuk  
Ethan Ormonde  
Morgan Anderson  
Candice Williams  
Danielle Noronha  
Jade Mendonca  
Sean Rose



## Celebrating Excellence: Staff Recognition

Tracy Barill, Director of Education congratulated DCDSB staff members who were recently recognized in the broader community for outstanding contributions.



**Lewis Morgulis, Manager of  
Planning and Admissions**

Congratulations to Lewis Morgulis for being recognized with the 2020 Ontario Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) McCordic Award for outstanding contribution to the service of school business across the province. "Lewis has been a valuable member of our management team and I am personally grateful for the countless hours, deep knowledge and trusted guidance he has shared over the years. Thank you Lewis for your lifelong dedication to our students and families,"

## Michael Paglia, Instrumental Music Teacher

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Congratulations to Michael Paglia, teacher at All Saints Catholic Secondary School, for being nominated and placing second in the Music Teacher of the Year category of the Oshawa Music Awards.

Mr. Paglia teaches instrumental music in the Regional Arts and Media Program. He teaches students to become competent, confident musicians, providing opportunities to hear from and connect with professionals within the Canadian music scene, such as music engineers, producers, managers and performing artists.



"Congratulations Mr. Paglia and thank you for inspiring our students who share your love and passion for music.," Director Barill said.

## Updates



### Janice Oldman, Chair of the Board

acknowledged that May - the Month of Mary - is a beautiful time to pray and express gratitude. "I count my blessings every day as I turn to our Catholic faith and the dedication of our staff and families, who amaze me in so many ways," she said.

The Chair thanked everyone involved in organizing and participating in the board's virtual celebrations, allowing opportunities for students, staff, families and trustees to engage in joyful experiences during this period of social distancing.

"Although we have not been able to enter our buildings, there has been a great deal of activity on our social media feeds,



### Tracy Barill, Director of Education

congratulated the 48 staff members whose names were announced in a virtual presentation in honour of their 25-year service awards; as well as Mary Kay Boase, retired principal and recipient of the 2020 Durham Catholic District School Board Award of Merit.

She also extended congratulations to the Distinguished Catholic Educators who were announced earlier this month in a virtual presentation, at which time the recipient of our 2020 Distinguished Catholic Leader Award was also announced. Congratulations to Jim Raper, Principal of St. Luke Catholic School on receiving this prestigious award.



promoting student well-being and success. Some of these include Catholic Education Week messages of Igniting Hope; Children's Mental Health Week; and individual awards and achievements.

Moving into June, we look forward to the plans to be rolled out by our Indigenous Advisory Circle's for Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous Peoples Day," Chair Oldman said.

The Chair shared that she was pleased to see school construction projects have resumed, with appropriate safety precautions in place.

Chair Oldman thanked board committee members for their commitment to our students and the Catholic learning community during a challenging year; and staff for supporting the ongoing operations of the board in a virtual environment.

Beyond the board and committees, the Chair thanked provincial, regional and municipal partners for their efforts to communicate with stakeholders on a regular basis. With the re-opening of some local businesses and services, Chair Oldman expressed her gratitude for the safety measures that are in place to prevent the spread of illness. She reminded everyone that each and every one of us has a responsibility to continue following the guidance of public health advisories, and to ensure that safety is a number one priority for all.

"With faith, hope and care for everyone in our Durham Catholic learning community, may the strength of Mother Mary remain in your hearts," Chair Oldman

The Distinguished Catholic Alumni and Community Service Award recipient were also recognized during Catholic Education Week celebrations, and the Director looks forward to honouring them along with all DCDSB award winners, graduates, and retirees in person in the future.

The Director said she was pleased that over 1,000 DCDSB staff and their family members signed up for the 45 Day Fitness Challenge that kicked off on Victoria Day and will continue until Canada Day. "Not only are we promoting physical fitness and mental well-being in a time where getting out is a challenge; but the level of engagement and encouragement I am seeing on social media in support of one another is an inspiration. Thank you to our staff leaders in the Teaching and Learning Department and Wellness Committee for promoting this, along with other well-being tips and initiatives throughout the year," she said.

With the provincial government's recent announcement to extend school closures for the remainder of the school year, the Director noted that staff is currently working on various protocols to address student and staff access to schools for gathering personal belongings; the return to schools and offices; and other safety considerations. "I would like to thank our partners in the Durham Region Health Department for their support in guiding us through these challenges, and thank our families and staff members for their cooperation and patience as we determine these next steps. Please keep checking

concluded.

your e-mail, and/or our website for updates," she said.



Director Barill commended all students and expressed her empathy for the students currently in Grade 8 and 12 who are missing out on some of the experiences traditionally associated with those years. She assured students that graduations will be rescheduled for the fall and that schools will be working to recognize Grade 8 closing ceremonies virtually in June, with a possible reception to also be held in the fall if permitted.

The Director expressed her gratitude for Gerry O'Reilly, Superintendent of Education, upon accepting his retirement notice. "Mr. O'Reilly is an admired and respected educator and leader who has made an impact in every community where he worked. He holds high standards and finds practical ways to meet those standards with integrity and a well seasoned sense of humour. Thank you for being a model of that joy and service for our board," she said.

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## Motions

- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the Stewards of Sustainability Follow Up Report dated May 25, 2020.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the 2020-2021 Budget Update report dated May 25, 2020.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the report entitled Long Term Accommodation Plan 2020-2024 Update dated May 25, 2020.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the following correspondence: Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association correspondence dated May 1, 2020.

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## Announcements



**Janice Oldman, Chair of the Board, made the following announcements:**

**Appointment to Elementary Principal**

- Steve Beltrano, Vice-Principal, St. Elizabeth Seton CS  
Principal, Good Shepherd CS, August 31, 2020

**Appointment to Elementary Vice-Principal**

- Frank Porco, Teacher, Monsignor John Pereyma CSS  
Vice-Principal, St. Matthew the Evangelist CS, August 31, 2020

**Elementary Vice-Principal Transfers**

- Catherine Faria, Vice-Principal, St. Matthew the Evangelist CS  
Vice-Principal, St. Hedwig CS/St. John XXIII CS, August 31, 2020
- Elizabeth Torok-Orban, Vice-Principal, St. Hedwig CS/St. John XXIII CS;  
Vice Principal, St. Elizabeth Seton CS, August 31, 2020

**Appointment of Secondary Vice-Principal to Secondary Principal**

- Stacey Ritchi, Vice-Principal, Arch. Anthony Meagher Catholic Continuing  
Education Centre; Principal, Arch. Anthony Meagher Catholic Continuing  
Education Centre, August 31, 2020

**Secondary Vice-Principal Transfers**

- Michelle Kettrick, Vice-Principal, All Saints CSS Vice-Principal, Father  
Leo J. Austin CSS, August 31, 2020
- Sonya Melim, Vice-Principal, Monsignor Paul Dwyer CHS  
Vice-Principal, All Saints CSS, August 31, 2020

**Morgan Ste. Marie, Vice-Chair of the Board, made the following announcements:**

**Retirements**

- Edie Anderson, Teacher, St. Catherine of Siena CS, June 30, 2020
- Erin Breaugh, Teacher, St. Mary CSS, June 30, 2020
- Patrizia Bortoluzzi, Teacher, St. Matthew the Evangelist CS and St.  
Theresa CS, June 30, 2020
- Jacqueline Careen, Teacher, St. Elizabeth Seton CS, June 30, 2020
- Paul Cascini, Teacher, St. Mark the Evangelist CS, June 30, 2020
- Marianne Clemits, Teacher, Arch. Denis O'Connor CHS, June 30, 2020
- Rosemary Finn, Teacher, St. Wilfrid CS, June 30, 2020
- Georgiana Hamilton, Teacher, Msgr. Paul Dwyer CHS, June 30, 2020
- Jill Jacobson, Principal, Good Shepherd CS, June 30, 2020
- Brendan Kennedy, Vice-Principal, Fr. Leo J. Austin CSS, June 30, 2020
- Lorraine Lynch, Teacher, St. Theresa CS, June 30, 2020
- Gerry O'Reilly, Superintendent of Education, August 31, 2020
- Emily Pinto, Teacher, St. Catherine of Siena CS, June 30, 2020
- Patricia Sheppard, Teaching and Learning, June 30, 2020
- Thomas Uhlig, Teacher, St. André of Bessette CS, June 30, 2020

**Resignation**

- Christine Fahim, Teacher, May 6, 2020

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 25, 2020 will be posted on the board website as part of the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of Monday, June 15, 2020.**