
DURHAM CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

CHAIR'S REPORT

TO: DCPIC, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SCHOOL CHAIRS, STAFF AND PARENTS
FROM: ROXANNE HORWITZ
SUBJECT: OCTOBER 2015 REPORT
DATE: OCTOBER 8, 2015

It is that time of year again – elections. This year we have 8 parent member positions that are up for election. We have advertised in multiple ways and hope to attract many parents in joining the DCPIC. This committee is essentially a committee that is led by parents for parents. The DCPIC can have up to 16 parent members and up to 3 community representatives. The non-voting members of the DCPIC are the director (or designate), a trustee, a principal, a teaching staff and a non-teaching staff.

This month, on October 28, the DCPIC will be hosting the Annual Commissioning Mass for principals and school council chairs/members. This yearly tradition allows a rich dialogue between principals and school council chairs (or members) in how we can work together to make our schools that much better. It also serves as an opportunity for school councils to exchange ideas and share best practices.

Here is the update for this month:

October Report

- Annual Commissioning Mass & Bootcamp for School Councils
 - a) Plans are underway to host this annual event with school council chairs and principals
 - b) The date will be on Wednesday October 28 in the morning.
 - c) Bootcamp for School Councils is in the evening of Nov.25 at St. Bernadette.
- Elections
 - a) Election date is on October 8. It will take place during our regular DCPIC meeting.
 - b) Advertisements for the 8 vacancies have been posted. They have been shared with principals for school websites and distribution. And on both websites, the board and the DCPIC. As well, on parish bulletins.
- OAPCE (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education)
 - a) OAPCE is conducting a report on Special Education.
 - b) Each school council is asked to have an OAPCE representative as per legislation.
 - c) On October 30, attending the Student Achievement Working Table at the Ministry of Education.
 - d) The 2016 OAPCE Conference will take place on May 6 & 7. It will be in Toronto. Mass celebrated by Cardinal Collins.
- PRO Grant 2015-2016
 - a) We have received approval for \$15k for our initiative on webinars this year. We applied for \$30k and will now have to trim down our original plans.
- Conferences/ Professional Development
 - a) October 22-24 – When Faith Meets Pedagogy
 - b) October 24 – CPF Ontario
 - c) November 5 – Cardinal's Dinner
 - d) November 7, 8 – People for Education (Nov 8 for PIC chairs/networkers)
 - e) April 2016 – Ministry of Education PIC Symposium
 - f) May 6-7 – OAPCE