
DURHAM CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE
CHAIR'S REPORT

TO: DCPIC, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SCHOOL CHAIRS, STAFF AND PARENTS
FROM: LINDA DODSON TRCHALA
SUBJECT: OCTOBER 2016 REPORT
DATE: October 6, 2016

It is election time again and this year we have 9 parent member positions available for nominations. We have advertised using various media outlets to attract parent/guardians to join the DCPIC and share their time and talents with us. 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 26th, the DCPIC will be hosting the Annual Commissioning Mass for school council chairs/members and principals. This tradition allows us to come together as one and build on our foundation working together as a unit to strengthen our school communities.

The DCPIC is looking forward to this school year so we can engage more parents/guardians in their children's education and school. On August 25, 2016, we spent part of the day reflecting on this past year's achievements and planning for the year ahead. Our strategic planning report will be made available shortly on our website.

Here is the update for this month:

October Report

- Commissioning Mass
 - a) Plans are underway to host this annual event with school council chairs and principals.
 - b) The date will be on Wednesday, October 26 in the morning.
 - c) The whole DCPIC committee will assist with the help of a lead.

- Orientation/Bootcamp
 - d) Plans are underway to either host this event with school council members.
 - e) The date will be confirmed once we decide if it will be held the same day of the Commissioning Mass.
 - f) The whole DCPIC committee will assist with the help of a lead.

- Planning Committees (Entire DCPIC – with a Lead)
 - a) School Council & Parent Outreach
 - b) Faith Formation
 - c) PRO Grant

- OAPCE (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education)
 - a) OAPCE's is conducting an action plan based on the Consultant's Report.
 - b) Ensure all school councils have an OAPCE representative as per regulation.
 - c) The next OACPE conference will be hosted by Kingston Catholic.

- PRO Grant
 - a) We received \$12,500 from the Ministry of Education regarding our Engage Every Parent application. We applied for \$30,000 and will now have to review our original plans.

- Conferences/Professional Development
 - a) October 27-29 – When Faith Meets Pedagogy
 - b) October 2016 – CPF Ontario
 - c) November 10 – Cardinal's Dinner
 - d) November 12 – People for Education
 - e) April 2016 – Ministry of Education PIC Symposium