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## **DURHAM CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT**

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**TO:** DCPIC, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SCHOOL CHAIRS, STAFF AND PARENTS  
**FROM:** LINDA DODSON TRCHALA  
**SUBJECT:** SEPTEMBER 2016 REPORT  
**DATE:** September 8, 2016

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I would like to welcome everyone back to school and the DCPIC!

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.

We would like to welcome to the DCPIC, Cynthia Mackey. She is the secretary to Superintendent Rosemary Leclair. We, at the DCPIC, are looking forward to working with Cynthia Mackey.

Here is the update for this month:

### September 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.
  
- Subcommittees
  - a) Communications
  - b) Budget
  - c) Policy
  - d) We are able to invite other parents or community members to join our subcommittees.
  
- Planning Committees (Entire DCPIC – with a Lead)
  - a) School Council & Parent Outreach
  - b) Faith Formation
  - c) PRO Grant
  
- Elections
  - a) Election date is on October 6. It will take place during our regular DCPIC meeting.
  - b) Advertisements for the 8 vacancies are being posted this week. They will be shared with principals for school websites and distribution. They will be put on both websites, the Board and the DCPIC. As well, as parish bulletins.
  
- OAPCE (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education)
  - a) OAPCE's next meeting will be in September 16 & 17.
  - b) 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.
  
- 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