



DURHAM CATHOLIC
Parent Involvement Committee

Strategic Planning Report

DURHAM CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

SCHOOL YEAR 2015 - 2016

Trillium Trails Conference Centre & Treetop Adventure Park

53 Snow Ridge Court, Oshawa

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The members of the Durham Catholic District School Board's Parent Involvement Committee gathered on Thursday, August 27th, 2015 at Trillium Trails Conference Center to hold their annual Strategic Planning Session for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year. This meeting was followed by a team building activity held at the Treetop Adventure Park.

The DCPIC serves to encourage, support, and enhance meaningful parent involvement to improve student academic achievement and well-being. The committee's goals for the day were to identify areas which they strive to improve upon, determine their main focuses for the year, and to then create related action items for the upcoming year. The discussions that took place during this session drafted the DCPIC's annual Strategic Planning Report.

The committee worked from two documents:

1. 2014-2015 Year End Annual Report
2. 2015 DCPIC Parent Survey Responses

These documents were analyzed to direct discussions and aid in the committee's decision making while creating their Strategic Planning Report. This report will document the goals and action plans the DCPIC members have prepared for the upcoming school year.

CALL TO ORDER

The Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee's 2015 Strategic Planning Session was called to order by Chair Roxanne Horwitz at 1:10 p.m. The committee immediately joined Joni MacLean in saying the Welcoming Prayer that she prepared. Following this, present members and guests briefly introduced themselves.

Chair Horwitz took this time to notify members that Superintendent of Education, Bob Camozzi, will be permanently joining the committee and taking over the DCPIC portfolio from Superintendent Gerry O'Reilly.

The meeting's agenda was then announced and distributed to everyone. Also included in this handout were copies of the 2014-2015 Year End Annual Report, the 2014-2015 Strategic Planning Report, and the 2015 DCPIC Parent Survey Results.

DCPIC 2015-2016 MEETING DATES

- October 8th, 2015
- November 5th, 2015
- January 7th, 2016
- February 4, 2016
- March 10th, 2016
- April 7th, 2016
- May 12th, 2016
- June 9th, 2016

DCPIC 2015-2016 OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

It was announced that the Annual Orientation will be held this year on October 28th, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Chair Horwitz began to form a subcommittee that will be responsible for planning the Orientation. Amanda McLaurin volunteered to become a member of this subcommittee. Other DCPIC members will be recruited by Chair Horwitz via e-mail in the weeks to come.

A draft plan is required to be completed by the orientation subcommittee by the first meeting on September 10th, 2015. Once the data list is received, listing everyone who is invited to attend the orientation, the subcommittee is also to e-mail save the dates.

Many committee members had suggestions in regards to the Annual Orientation. Melissa Bevan noted that it is tough for people to take the time off work required to attend the Orientation, and proposed that it start later or be moved to the evening. Vice Chair Linda Dodson Trchala vocalized that she believes the name of the event should be changed, as the nature of it does not resemble an orientation as much as it does a commission. Many other members agreed that the commission is important, but that a more hands-on orientation should also be held for parent council members. These recommendations will be further discussed in subsequent meetings.

It is also declared that a Volunteer Recognition will be held by the committee sometime in April during National Volunteer Week.

REVIEW OF 2014-2015 YEAR-END ANNUAL REPORT

Chair Horwitz explained that the financial statement in this document has been intentionally left blank as the numbers have not yet been finalized. The budget will be finalized between the middle and the end of September. Once the financials are made final, then it will be added into this document, and then posted on the website.

It was discovered that a committee member of the DCPIC, Joni MacLean, attended a professional development opportunity not currently listed on the Year End Annual Report. This event was entitled, "When Faith Meets Pedagogy."

REVIEW OF DCPIC PARENT SURVEY 2015 RESULTS

The DCPIC 2015 Parent Survey was comprised of 10 questions. A few questions determined respondents' basic demographics, while others inquired about parents' knowledge of DCPIC and its events, involvement within their children's schools, and which school related topics they would most like to learn more about.

The survey was offered online and collected via Survey Monkey. It was opened to DCDSB parents in April, and was closed the day before the Strategic Planning Session.

An apparent issue whose attention was immediately brought to the committee was that only 25 parents responded to the DCPIC 2015 Parent Survey, compared to the 143 parents who responded to last year's survey. The survey covered the same topics and was distributed in the same way as it was in the previous year. This sparks a discussion revolving around how the committee can generate more survey responses for next year.

Action Items for Better Survey Responses for 2016

1. Provide a link to the survey in the April, May and June newsletters for each school
2. Arrange for IT to create a DCPIC Parent Survey button on the front page of school websites beginning in April, providing a link to the survey
3. Set up a SynerVoice to call and inform parents about the survey a few days before it is made available
4. Receive an updated list of all those subscribed to the newsletter from IT monthly

Other Suggestions for Better Survey Responses for 2016

1. Ensure parents are aware that they should be taking the survey every year, as to compare experiences from previous years
2. Change the order that the survey questions are presented in
 - Ask important questions first and demographics later
3. Make paper copies of the survey available to parents
 - Chair Horwitz raises the issue of cost

- Who will take responsibility for this? – Joni MacLean and Christina Dodds volunteer

QUESTION 1: WHICH SCHOOL(S) DOES YOUR CHILD OR CHILDREN ATTEND?

The majority of schools within the Durham Catholic District School Board were not represented in the DCPIC 2015 Survey because there were no respondents from 31 of the 45 schools. This informed the committee that it is necessary to ensure more schools are more informed about the DCPIC and what they do. An interesting demographic revealed in this question was that over 50% of survey responses came from St. Mark the Evangelist.

QUESTION 2: WHAT GRADE(S) IS YOUR CHILD OR CHILDREN IN?

72% of responses came from elementary school parents, meaning that 28% of responses came from high school parents. This demographic was expected from the DCPIC as high school parents are usually encouraged to allow their children to take more responsibility for their education. Naturally they would be less involved and therefore less inclined to complete the survey.

QUESTION 3: ARE YOU AWARE OF THE DURHAM CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (DCPIC) AND WHAT WE DO?

The committee was pleased that only 12% of respondents were not aware of the DCPIC, as this is a significant decrease from last year. Nonetheless, they still acknowledged that 40% of respondents are unsure about what the DCPIC does for parents, which means that they must create more ways to inform schools and parents about themselves.

QUESTION 4: HOW WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM THE DCPIC?

The majority of respondents indicated that they prefer to be contacted by e-mail. This told the DCPIC that their action plan items for generating more responses for next year's survey are on the right track, as the committee plans to retrieve updated database e-mail lists monthly from IT. Chair Horwitz also suggests as a result from this response that the Communications Committee send out more reminders through group lists, such as those on Mail Chimp and Eventbrite.

QUESTION 5: IN THE PAST YEAR, WHICH EVENTS HOSTED BY THE DCPIC DID YOU ATTEND?

56% of respondents did not attend any DCPIC events. Chair Horwitz advised that they are unable to hold more events each year because the budget will not allow it, as the committee has been functioning on surplus from past years.

QUESTION 6: WHAT ARE THE BARRIERS FOR ATTENDING EVENTS, MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, OR VOLUNTEERING IN THE SCHOOL?

The majority of survey responses indicated that many parents did not attend any events because they were either too busy or because of a lack of information regarding the events. This notified the DCPIC that they need to ensure parents are receiving the necessary information about events. Some suggest including these events on newsletters and on school calendars to get as much exposure as possible.

12% of respondents did not attend any events because they did not feel welcome. The DCPIC made it known that they want all parents to feel welcome to become involved. The committee discussed ways that this unwelcome barrier can be broken. Christina Dodds suggested that schools be provided with tools and resources that will welcome parents. Many members branched off from this idea. Linda Dodson Trchala and Joni MacLean recommended that parent councils be educated on how to make other parents feel welcome. Susie Lee-Fernandes also brought up the idea of including a question on next year's survey directly asking parents what can be done to make them feel more welcome.

QUESTION 7: HOW INVOLVED HAVE YOU BEEN WITH THE SCHOOL COUNCIL AT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL?

The majority of survey responses came from parents who are already members of the school council. This informed the committee that they should be reaching out to more parents who are not involved with their children's school.

A parent comment made in relation to this question was that, "St. Joseph Uxbridge has the principal as chair which is a conflict of interest in my opinion." It was decided that the parent who left this comment was mistaken, as this is not the reality.

QUESTION 8: IN THE PAST YEAR, HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU DISCUSSED YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL WITH OTHER PARENTS FROM THE SCHOOL?

Survey responses indicated that most people discuss their children's school with other parents at least a few times throughout the year, and as often as weekly. Only 4% of respondents almost never discuss their children's school with other parents from that school.

A parent comment left in relation to this question was that, "High school students have more autonomy and therefore less opportunity to meet other parents." The committee discussed that this is normal because parents are taught to let their children have more responsibility once they reach high school.

QUESTION 9: WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO LEARN ABOUT?

Over half of survey respondents indicated that they would like to learn more about math. Many others also wanted to learn more about literacy, healthy schools, safe and accepting schools, social media and kids, and homework help. The committee was pleased with this because they will be focusing on math and literacy this year.

QUESTION 10: CONTACT INFORMATION

18 out of the 25 respondents chose not to leave their contact information.

DCPIC'S 3 AREAS OF FOCUS FOR 2015-2016

Chair Horwitz asked the committee what format they would like to see the Strategic Planning Report presented in this year. The consensus among the group was to centre the report around the DCPIC's 3 areas of focus. In previous years, these 3 areas of focus were set as communication, faith formation, and parent councils.

Chair Horwitz then asked the committee whether they would like to retain these 3 focuses, or change one or all of them for the upcoming year. Christina Dodds suggested changing one of the areas of focus to safety. The committee discussed this possibility, but agreed that safety can be included within one of the initial 3 areas of focus. Ultimately, the DCPIC decides to fully reinstate their 3 areas of focus from the previous year.

The committee thoroughly discussed each focus, taking the time to identify what worked well within each of them, which they will carry over this year, as well as problems within them,

which they attempted to create solutions for them. These became the action items that the committee will strive to achieve this upcoming school year.

COMMUNICATION

Increasing communication through all avenues will always be a goal of the DCPIC. This is crucial because they serve as the direct link between parents, Catholic School Councils, and the Board.

Action Items to Increase Communication through E-mail

The committee discussed how they would like to become more efficient and simplify the chain of communication by streamlining into a single database with central management. They believe that this will work much better than managing several databases, each differently.

Many members recommended that DCPIC allow parents to receive more e-mails from them, as this was indicated in the survey to be the form of communication the majority of parents favour. It was pointed out that many parents only receive e-mails from the DCPIC when there is an available position to be filled. The committee wants to change this and communicate more with parents through this avenue.

Some issues were brought up in relation to e-mailing parents, such as working around the board's policy. Superintendent Camozzi is now looking into a form that will satisfy this by allowing parents to sign up to receive information from both the school and the DCPIC. The board can then share their e-mail list with the DCPIC.

Action Items to Increase Communication In-Person

Last year, the committee targeted and continually visited 5 schools. This year, one of their goals is to visit more schools than they did in 2014-2015. They decide that these schools should be those that did not receive representation in the survey, schools that are undergoing big changes or are new, and schools that do not apply for PRO grants. These schools will be decided upon at the DCPIC's first meeting on September 10th. Committee members are to think about which schools they would like to visit.

Committee members will also aim to attend more of their school's events throughout the year to receive more exposure for the DCPIC. Each member is responsible for visiting a few schools throughout the year.

A contingency plan is also determined for occasions when committee members are unable to be present at events. DCPIC information cards will be made available for parents on these event nights, so that they can still receive the necessary information in a different form.

Action Items to Increase Communication through Websites

The committee decided that the DCPIC website would benefit from a newer look and feel. More credibility would be established and parents may therefore spend more time on the website.

An issue identified by Vice Chair Dodson Trchala was that school websites are very inconsistent and are not updated nearly enough. As a result, the committee is going to try to work towards establishing more consistency among these websites, as well as setting standards and update minimums to ensure they are always up to date for parents and students who are visiting them.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith formation is a focus which the DCPIC wants to work on to help parents help their children. They want to provide parents with more information and tools to ensure that they have the resources they need to teach their children about faith.

Action Items

Based on the incredible reception received from parents and children regarding the Easter Craft Night last year, the committee decided that they would like to hold another craft night this year during the Advent Season. They must ensure that the date they choose does not conflict with individual schools' events so as many people can attend as possible. The possibility of holding 2 events on the same night, one in South Oshawa, will also be considered by the faith formation subcommittee while planning the event.

The DCPIC also wants to look into the possibility of booking Jeanne Hunt, author of, "Raising a Moral Child," as a guest speaker for an event. Parents usually receive guest speakers very well, and tend to prefer them to webinars and other forms of presentation. Chair Horwitz contacted Jeanne Hunt last year and she presented reasonable costs. The committee would have to pay for her airfare and hotel accommodations. Once the DCPIC's budget is received this can be considered further.

A guest of the Strategic Planning Session, Deacon Dominic Pullano, recommended that the committee create a "Faith Formation" tab on their website. Within this tab, he suggests including a list of resources that parents will be able to access. Another guest, Richard Damianopolous, suggested separating these resources by age or grade to further aid parents. Deacon Dominic and other members will providing ideas for these resource lists. This idea is strongly favoured among the committee.

Vice Chair Dodson Trchala also brought up the idea of posting the sacrament dates for different areas and schools under this new tab on the website. Each committee member is going to be responsible for finding out the dates for their assigned schools. Another member also suggests listing community partnerships that are available under this tab. Chair Horwitz sets a deadline of September 30th. By this date, everything for the Faith Formation tab will be complete and fully functional on the DCPIC website.

PARENT COUNCILS

The constant improvement of parent councils are also very important to the DCPIC. One of the committee's four mandates states that the DCPIC communicate with and support school councils, which is what they will continue to do this year.

Action Items

As previously discussed in relation to the Annual Orientation, the committee would like to hold a "boot camp" for parent council members. This event would teach them different skills to help them improve their school councils. The boot camp would be held separately from the Annual Orientation.

Committee members Melissa Bevan and Nancy Carpenter have been working on tip sheets that will be handed out to school councils. These will focus on different areas within parent councils and will serve as resources to help them improve.

The DCPIC also believes that it is very important to recruit new parents to become engaged within their children's schools and join parent councils. They discussed a few ways in which they can do this. Christina Dodds suggested that they create a poster that will be placed in the front of schools explaining how parents can get involved. This will help to eliminate the barrier of parents not knowing how to become engaged. As discussed earlier in relation to the unwelcome barrier, schools should be trained and provided with resources to create a more welcoming atmosphere. In addition, other opportunities that bring parents together, such as meet the teacher night, will be used to engage and recruit people.

OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED

Kim Beatty sparked a discussion about the resource center that is currently available from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. She raised the concern that the center's current hours are not ideal for working parents and suggested that evening hours become established.

Bob Camozzi referenced the budget in response to this, as volunteers and a custodial staff would be required. He also mentioned that custodial contracts may not allow them to work in the evening.

Chair Horwitz suggested that they determine what the cost of the custodial staff will be before the meeting that will take place on September 10th, when this can be further discussed. Bob Camozzi is also going to check on the evening classes scheduled at the Giffard Center because if there are later classes held, DCPIC members can use the centre.

DCPIC SUBCOMMITTEES

The DCPIC is broken down into 6 main subcommittees for this year, each with different responsibilities. Each committee member must be enlisted in at least one subcommittee.

The previous Chair of the Student Council and Parent Outreach Subcommittee had to stepdown, so Melissa Bevan stepped up to become the new Chair. Paulette Palumbo also took over as Chair for the Faith Formation Subcommittee, replacing Rose LoPresti.

Other committee members who were not present will be contacted by Chair Horwitz, meaning subcommittees will grow and change over the next few weeks.

Communications

- Nancy Carpenter (Chair)
- Roxanne Horwitz
- Linda Dodson-Trchala
- Melissa Bevan
- Trevor Aitcheson
- Amanda McLaurin
- Kim Beatty

Faith Formation

- Paulette Palumbo (New Chair)
- Rose LoPresti (Previous Chair)
- Roxanne Horwitz
- Melissa Bevan
- Deacon Dominic Pullano
- Richard Damianopolous
- Joni MacLean

School Council & Parent Outreach

- Melissa Bevan (New Chair)
- Roxanne Horwitz
- Linda Dodson-Trchala

- Christina Dodds
- Tom Brennan
- Rodney Romain
- Chris Szent-Ivany

Budget

- Rose LoPresti (Chair)
- Linda Dodson-Trchala
- Roxanne Horwitz

Policy

- Linda Dodson Trchala (Chair)
- Roxanne Horwitz
- Rose LoPresti
- Richard Damianopolous
- Jonathan Clancy
- Kim Beatty
- Susie Lee-Fernandes

PRO Grant

- Jonathan Clancy (Chair)
- Amanda McLaurin
- Kim Beatty

SUMMARY THOUGHTS

The Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee's Strategic Planning Session allowed for the development of several very exciting and promising ideas for the 2015-2016 school year. All members seemed pleased with the suggestions that were made and were eager to get started on their action plans.

DCPIC Chair Horwitz thanked all committee members for their participation and input. The committee again joined Joni MacLean in saying the Closing Prayer that she prepared. The 2015 Strategic Planning Session was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. The committee then moved into their team building activity at the Treetop Adventure Park.

Appendix 1
DCPIC 2014-2015 Year End Report

DURHAM CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

2014-2015 YEAR END REPORT

Region Location	Durham Region includes Ajax, Pickering, Oshawa, Whitby, Uxbridge, Scugog and Brock Township
Number of Students	22,218 (plus 1,447 for Continuing Education)
Number of Schools	47 schools (40 elementary and 7 secondary) plus Fr. Don MacLellan C.S.S. Alternative Education Sites & Arch. Anthony Meagher Catholic Continuing Education Centres
Meeting Dates	<p>September 11, 2014 October 9, 2014 November 6, 2014 January 8, 2015 February 5, 2015 March 5, 2015 April 9, 2015 May 7, 2014 June 11, 2015</p>
Membership	<p><i>Officers</i> Roxanne Horwitz, Chair Tina Newth, Vice Chair (until May 2015) Linda Dodson-Trchala, Vice Chair (effective June 2015) Rose LoPresti, Secretary</p> <p><i>Parent Members</i> Trevor Aitcheson Melissa Bevan Eileen Bright Nancy Sgro (Carpenter) Dyan Cato Tricia Chapman Jonathan Clancy Christina Dodds Rachel Ezechiels Michelle Halsall Liz Lyew Ken Lyons Amanda McLaurin Paulette Palumbo</p>

	<p>Bernadette Santiago Tan</p> <p><i>Community Representatives</i> Kim Beatty Stan Karwowski Jim McGrorey</p> <p><i>Trustee & DCDSB Staff</i> Gerry O'Reilly, Director's Designate Margaret Stack, Trustee (until December 2015) Janice Oldman, Trustee (until December 2015) Jim McCafferty, Trustee (effective December 2015) Theresa Corless, Trustee (effective December 2015) Susie Lee-Fernandes, Principal Representative Joni MacLean, Teacher Representative Chris Szent-Ivany, Principal Representative</p>
<p>Regional Council Name/Format</p>	<p>Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (DCPIC) formerly known as the Durham Regional Catholic School Council was formed in 1998 and maintains its primary purpose to promote effective parent involvement - enabling parents to play a stronger role in supporting student achievement and well-being.</p>
<p>Financial Statement</p>	<p>The DCPIC receives annual funding from the Ministry of Education which is \$5,000 plus \$0.17 per student (\$3520) to a total of \$8520.</p> <p>The DCPIC added monies to this year's budget due to previous year's carryovers in the amount of \$ 24,999.22. The total budget was \$ 56,019.22 for 2014-2015. Included in this amount was \$22,500.00 for PRO Grant funding received from Ministry of Education.</p> <p>The DCPIC spent \$ 44,753.90 in the 2014-2015 school year, and this brings the DCPIC carry forward amount of \$ 11,265.32 to the 2015-2016 school year budget.</p> <p>Please contact the DCPIC for more details.</p>

Parent involvement in our region is led by the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (DCPIC). This committee is composed of up to 16 parent members, up to 3 community members, trustees, the director (or designate), a principal, teaching staff and non-teaching staff - whose mandate is to promote parent engagement in our school board.

In particular this committee continues to work from a strategic plan that focuses on three areas: communication, faith formation and school council outreach (parent engagement). We are exploring the many different forms of communication to reach parents such as a website, newsletter, emails, social media and face to face encounters. We host events and workshops to build on our faith formation. We seek our school councils' and parents' input for ways to address barriers to parent involvement and how we can help them do the work they do– and this is done through surveys, emails and through discussions from events such as the Annual Orientation & Commissioning Mass.

For more information on the DCPIC, please visit our website at www.dcpic.ca. As well, please follow us on Twitter @DCPIC and on Facebook: DurhamCPIC

We had plenty of exciting and meaningful celebrations planned throughout the year. These events continued to assist parents in our community to keep being involved in their children's education. They are:

- Annual Orientation & Commissioning Mass
- Dr. Christopher Wicks
- Dr. Sandra Mendlowitz
- Dr. Bruce Ferguson
- Elevated Grounds
- Conference on Youth Mental Health
- Distinguished Catholic Volunteer Award ceremony
- Dr. Alex Russell
- Grand Opening of Parent Resource Centre

Beyond the many events that the DCPIC has hosted this year, we look for other ways to fulfill our mandate. Our strategic plan is divided into three areas of focus which are communications, faith formation and school council and parent outreach. The achievements this year for these areas are:

Communications:

- Published the third and fourth editions of the DCPIC Newsletter and distributed a hardcopy to every family in our schools
- Launched a Facebook account
- Strong presence on social media, like Twitter and tripled the number of followers
- Developed many marketing materials such as banners, brochures, table displays, notepads and pens – all branded with our logo to help parents recognize the committee
- Made significant additions to our website
- Increased communication with school chairs and sharing of information
- Dedicated IT & Communications board staff on our committee

Faith Formation:

- Commissioning mass for school chairs/members and principals
- Advent gathering with committee
- Hosted Lenten activity for students and families

- Invited feedback from school community

School Council and Parent Outreach:

- Annual Orientation & Commissioning for School Chairs & Principals
- Distributed the School Council Handbook to each school chair
- Regularly asking for input
- Assigning each DCPIC parent and community member to a group of 3-4 schools for more personal contact
- Sharing board information such as policy and meetings
- Presentations from board consultants to help better inform parents (such topics like numeracy, literacy, technology)

As part of our mandate, the DCPIC continually seeks to build the skills of its members through various networking and professional development opportunities. Our members attended events such as:

- Ministry of Education's Annual PIC Symposium in April 2015
- People for Education Conference in November 2014
- When Faith Meets Pedagogy in October 2014

It has truly been a busy year! I want to particularly thank all the DCPIC members for their tireless commitment to parent engagement. All of the team's collective efforts have only served to better public education in our region.

We give thanks to everyone who has supported parent involvement in Durham region in our school board. With special thanks to the Board of Trustees, the Director of Education and all the board staff. We look forward to continuing our work for parents (to help them help their children with student achievement and well-being) and making it a positive experience for all.

Appendix 2

DCPIC Parent Survey 2015

DCPIC Parent Survey 2015

1. Which school (s) does your child or children attend?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
All Saints	4.0%	1
Archbishop Denis O'Connor	0.0%	0
Blessed Pope John Paul II	0.0%	0
Brother Andre	0.0%	0
Father Fenelon	4.0%	1
Father Joseph Venini	0.0%	0
Father Leo Austin	16.0%	4
Good Shepherd	0.0%	0
Holy Family	0.0%	0
Immaculate Conception	0.0%	0
John XXIII	0.0%	0
Mother Teresa	4.0%	1
Msgr. Philip Coffey	0.0%	0
Msgr. Paul Dwyer	4.0%	1
Msgr. John Pereyma	0.0%	0
Notre Dame	0.0%	0
Sir Albert Love	0.0%	0
St. Bernadette	0.0%	0
St. Bernard	0.0%	0
St. Bridget	0.0%	0

St. Catherine of Siena	0.0%	0
St.Christopher	0.0%	0
St.Elizabeth Seton	8.0%	2
St.Francis de Sales	0.0%	0
St.Hedwig	4.0%	1
St.Isaac Jogues	0.0%	0
St.James	0.0%	0
St.John Bosco	4.0%	1
St.John the Evangelist	4.0%	1
St.Joseph,Oshawa	0.0%	0
St.Joseph, Uxbridge	4.0%	1
St.Josephine Bakhita	0.0%	0
St.Jude	0.0%	0
St.Leo	0.0%	0
St.Luke the Evangelist	0.0%	0
St.Marguerite d'Youville	0.0%	0
St.Mark the Evangelist	52.0%	13
St. Mary	4.0%	1
St.Matthew the Evangelist	0.0%	0
St.Monica	0.0%	0
St.Patrick	8.0%	2
St.Paul	0.0%	0
St.Theresa	0.0%	0
St.Thomas Aquinas	0.0%	0
St.Wilfrid	4.0%	1
answered question		25

<i>skipped question</i>	0
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2. What grade(s) is your child or children in?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Kindergarten	20.0%	5
Grade 1 -3	56.0%	14
Grade 4 -6	32.0%	8
Grade 7- 8	48.0%	12
High School	28.0%	7
<i>answered question</i>		25
<i>skipped question</i>		0

3. Are you aware of the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (DCPIC) and what we do?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, I am aware and know what the DCPIC does for parents	48.0%	12
Yes, I am aware but do not know what the DCPIC does for parents	40.0%	10
No, I am not aware of the DCPIC	12.0%	3
If you would like to be added to our communication distribution list, please add your email here:		3
<i>answered question</i>		25
<i>skipped question</i>		0

Number	Response Date	If you would like to be added to our communication distribution list, please add your email here:
1	Jun 18, 2015 5:02 PM	veniferns@yahoo.ca
2	Jun 15, 2015 1:17 PM	Nathalie_and_tyler@yahoo.com
3	May 29, 2015 6:44 PM	jwvmckinney@gmail.com

4. How would you most like to receive information from the DCPIC?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
E-mail	72.0%	18
Phone	8.0%	2
Flyer	8.0%	2
Newsletter	4.0%	1
DCPIC Website	8.0%	2
Board Website	16.0%	4
Twitter	4.0%	1
Facebook	16.0%	4
School Council	12.0%	3
SynerVoice	0.0%	0
Comments		3
<i>answered question</i>		25
<i>skipped question</i>		0

Number	Response Date	Comments	Categories
1	Jun 18, 2015 7:19 PM	School website	
2	Jun 2, 2015 2:21 AM	Not enough info for those not on you lists...	
3	Jun 2, 2015 2:21 AM	Not enough info for those not on you lists...	

5. In the past year, which events hosted by the DCPIC did you attend?			
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count	
Orientation & Commissioning Mass	16.0%	4	
Dr. Wicks on Perspectives	8.0%	2	
Dr. Sandra Mendlowitz	20.0%	5	
Dr. Bruce Ferguson	8.0%	2	
Elevated Grounds	12.0%	3	
Family Easter Craft Night	8.0%	2	
Distinguished Catholic Volunteer Award	16.0%	4	
DCPIC Youth Mental Health Conference	24.0%	6	
Dr. Alex Russell	20.0%	5	
I didn't attend any of the events	56.0%	14	
Comments		2	
<i>answered question</i>			25
<i>skipped question</i>			0

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1	May 14, 2015 3:03 AM	Dr. Russell was great! Really enjoyed the talk. Thanks for your work throughout the year. I have to attend most of them due to being the Chair (lol)
2	Apr 29, 2015 1:23 PM	

6. What are the barriers for attending events, meetings, workshops, or volunteering in the school?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
child care	8.0%	2
lack of information	44.0%	11
language	0.0%	0
too busy	40.0%	10
transportation	0.0%	0
location is inconvenient	8.0%	2
time is inconvenient	28.0%	7
do not feel welcome	12.0%	3
no barriers for me	12.0%	3
Comments		5
<i>answered question</i>		25
<i>skipped question</i>		0

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1	Jun 18, 2015 7:19 PM	time is always tight and choices get made; haven't been able to match a free night with an event I'm interested in
2	Jun 2, 2015 2:21 AM	No informed
3	Jun 2, 2015 2:21 AM	No informed
4	May 29, 2015 6:44 PM	Board reliance on parents providing a police background check for parent volunteers. Although I do not reject the idea of using background checks, it is more likely security through obscurity. Just because someone doesn't have a criminal record doesn't mean they are safe to be at the school as a volunteer. ..more so, the children are busy and nights there are presentations. But please keep having them, I'm bound to make them sooner or later!
5	May 14, 2015 1:16 PM	

7. How involved have you been with the school council at your child's school?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count

I'm a member of the school council	44.0%	11
I attend one or more school council meetings but I'm not a member	20.0%	5
I don't know about the school council	4.0%	1
I'm not sure how to get involved with school council	12.0%	3
I'm unable to be involved with the school council	20.0%	5
Comments		1
<i>answered question</i>		25
<i>skipped question</i>		0

Number	Response Date	Comments
1	May 29, 2015 6:44 PM	St.Joseph Uxbridge has the principle as chair which is a conflict of interest in my opinion.

8. In the past year, how often have you discussed your child's school with other parents from the school?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Almost never	4.0%	1
Once or twice	16.0%	4
Every few months	36.0%	9
Monthly	16.0%	4
Weekly or more	28.0%	7
Comments		1
<i>answered question</i>		25

<i>skipped question</i>	0
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1	Apr 29, 2015 1:23 PM	high school students have more autonomy and therefore less opportunity to meet other parents

9. Which of the following topics would you most like to learn about?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Faith Formation	4.0%	1
Early Learning	8.0%	2
Math	52.0%	13
Literacy	32.0%	8
School Council 101	20.0%	5
Communication	20.0%	5
Navigating the School System	20.0%	5
Mental Health	20.0%	5
Special Education	16.0%	4
Healthy Schools	32.0%	8
Safe and Accepting Schools	32.0%	8
French Immersion	32.0%	8
Post Secondary Transition	24.0%	6
Social Media & Kids	32.0%	8

Fundraising	24.0%	6
EQAO	16.0%	4
Homework Help	36.0%	9
Music/ Art	16.0%	4
School Board Administration	4.0%	1
Outdoor Education	28.0%	7
21st Century Learning	20.0%	5
Comments		1
<i>answered question</i>		25
<i>skipped question</i>		0

Number	Response Date	Comments
1	May 9, 2015 2:45 AM	Mental health first aid for parents. Restorative practises refresher course for parents. Celebration of inclusion events. Inspirational speakers.

10. Contact Information (optional)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Name	71.4%	5
City/Town	85.7%	6
Email Address	85.7%	6
Phone Number	57.1%	4

<i>answered question</i>	7
<i>skipped question</i>	18

Number	Response Date	Name	Categories	City/Town
1	Jun 18, 2015 5:02 PM			Whitby
2	Jun 15, 2015 8:48 PM			Whitby
3	Jun 15, 2015 1:17 PM			Whitby
4	Jun 7, 2015 12:58 AM			
5	May 25, 2015 2:42 PM			Pickering
6	May 14, 2015 1:16 PM			Whitby
7	Apr 29, 2015 1:23 PM			Oshawa