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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:** ROXANNE HORWITZ  
**SUBJECT:** JUNE 2014 REPORT  
**DATE:** JUNE 12, 2014

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We are at the end of another school year, and what an incredible year it has been! For this committee, as we have been celebrating the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the DCPIC throughout the year, it has been very busy. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee for their contributions. To the officers, parent members, community representatives, staff members, trustee, director's designate and secretary – thank you for continuing to increase parent engagement at our school board, and all the work that you do. Thank you to Director O'Brien and the board of trustees continued support of this committee.

This month is the culmination of our anniversary celebration at the Gala Dinner and Award Ceremony. We have invited a cross section of education stakeholders to the event and representatives at the local and provincial level will be attending. This support is a testament to all parents and demonstrates the important partnerships in our children's education.

Thank you to all our parents and school councils for your suggestions and your participation in this committee's initiatives. We hope to always hear from you and work together. Don't hesitate to reach out to us anytime. Have a happy, and safe summer with your families!

Here is the update for this month:

#### June Report

- OAPCE (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education)
  - a) OAPCE celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with conference on May 23-24 in Mississauga. Cardinal Collins officiated the mass. It was a successful event with many different school boards represented and attendance from our own committee and parents from our schools.
  - b) Regional Updates
    - The next annual conference will be in Pembroke on May 29-30
    - Working Title of conference next year is "Poor No More"
- Distinguished Catholic Volunteer Award
  - a) Inaugural held at the gala celebration today. This award is
  - b) Honouring a parent from each of our schools who exemplify parent engagement voted by their school council
  - c) Plaques were ordered to be displayed at each school where each year, the award recipient's name will be added
- Upcoming DCPIC Events
  - a) Summer 2014 – Planning Session for the committee
  - b) October 14 – Dr. Jean Clinton at St. Mary CSS (re-scheduled date)
  - c) November – Annual Orientation & Commissioning Mass

For more details on these events, please refer to our website at [www.dcpic.ca](http://www.dcpic.ca)