
DURHAM CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

CHAIR'S REPORT

TO: DCPIC, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SCHOOL CHAIRS, STAFF AND PARENTS
FROM: ROXANNE HORWITZ
SUBJECT: JUNE 2015 REPORT
DATE: JUNE 11, 2015

On May 26, 2015, we opened the Parent Resource Centre. By making this centre available to all parents in our school board, our committee hopes that it serves to inform parents of our publicly funded Catholic education system on areas such as faith formation, numeracy, literacy, youth mental health, navigating the school system, homework help, special education, and much more. We want to provide tools and resources, through this centre, that will enable parents to support student achievement and well-being. We want parents to let us know what other resources you would like to find in the centre (there is a survey box in our centre that will take your input, as well as sending anyone of us an email or phone call about your needs.) I would like to thank Director O'Brien, Superintendent O'Reilly, Chair McCafferty, Vice Chair Corless and the Board of Trustees and staff for their support of the Parent Resource Centre. Thank you to the DCPIC team who helped with the preparation and opening of the centre. Thank you to Father Damian Ali for blessing the centre.

Lastly, the DCPIC continues to look for your feedback through the online survey for parents as part of our annual plan. We value your input. We will apply the survey results during our strategic planning session this summer. Please complete our year end parent survey found online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/dcpic2015>.

As the end of the school year draws near – I would like to thank all of the parents, trustees, staff and partners in education for helping this committee fulfill its mandate. We are here to support student achievement and well-being through the partnership of home with our school and parish. Thank you to the DCPIC team as always and for those not continuing on next year – best wishes, and thank you for your contributions to this committee. (Note: A full year end report will be distributed and posted on our website in September 2015 – this is done as accounting will not be completed until that time).

Here is the update for this month:

June Report

- DCPIC Membership
 - a) 2 positions are vacant for the Parent Members of the DCPIC
- OAPCE (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education)
 - a) OAPCE's next meeting will be on July 10-11, 2015.
 - b) The 76th OAPCE conference occurred on May 29-30 in Pembroke, Ontario. It was a successful event where a new student award was announced – to begin at next year's conference.
 - c) The next OAPCE conference will be hosted by Toronto Catholic, it will be in May 2016. Cardinal Collins will be celebrating the mass.
- Conferences/ Professional Development
 - a) When Faith Meets Pedagogy – October 22-24, 2015
 - b) People for Education – November 7, 2015
- Upcoming Events
 - a) August 2015 – Strategic Planning Session for DCPIC