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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:** MARCH 2015 REPORT  
**DATE:** MARCH 5, 2015

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As part of our Regional PRO Grant, funded by the Ministry of Education, the DCPIC hosted Dr. Bruce Ferguson at St. Mary CSS this past February 24. Dr. Ferguson spoke to parents about how we can help our children succeed. We had approximately 70 participants at this event and it was well received. Some of the positive comments were, *"it helped me to learn different ways I can help my child"*, *"practical advice; personal stories that helped make things understandable"* and *"humour/ different approach to making our kids successful"*.

For all the PRO Grant events and other events, please visit our website at [www.dcpic.ca](http://www.dcpic.ca), for all the details.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Distinguished Catholic Volunteer Award ceremony will be on April 13. It is confirmed that MP Pat Perkins will be the keynote speaker. We also have the Knights of Columbus joining us to escort or form an honour guard for our award recipients. Many exciting plans are underway to make this a special evening for the outstanding parent volunteers from each of our schools!

In April, the DCPIC will be opening the online survey for parents as part of our annual plan. We hope to take the survey results and apply it during our strategic planning session this summer.

Here is the update for this month:

#### March Report

- DCPIC Membership
  - a) All positions are filled for the Parent Members of the DCPIC, as we are confirming the new members at this month's meeting.
- OAPCE (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education)
  - a) OAPCE's next quarterly meeting will be in April 2015.
  - b) The OAPCE conference will take place on May 29-30. It will be in Pembroke, Ontario. Identify DCPIC members who will be attending
  - c) Send memo to school councils about the conference and sponsoring of registration fee.
- Conferences/ Professional Development
  - a) Ministry of Education PIC Symposium – April 24-25, 2015 in Toronto
  - b) Bishop's Dinner – May 8 in Oshawa
  - c) OAPCE – May 29-30, 2015 in Pembroke, Ontario
- Upcoming Events
  - a) March 24 – Elevated Grounds Theatrical Production on Mental Health at Notre Dame CSS
  - b) March 31 – Family Easter Craft Night at Blessed Pope John Paul II
  - c) April 13 - Distinguished Catholic Volunteer Award Ceremony
  - d) April 18 – Conference on Youth Mental Health featuring Ann Douglas
  - e) May 13 – Dr. Alex Russell
  - f) May 20 or 21 – Grand Opening of DCPIC Parent Resource Centre