
DURHAM CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

CHAIR'S REPORT

TO: DCPIC, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SCHOOL CHAIRS, STAFF AND PARENTS
FROM: ROXANNE HORWITZ
SUBJECT: MAY 2015 REPORT
DATE: MAY 14, 2015

Recently, we hosted the 2nd Annual Distinguished Catholic Volunteer Award on April 13. It was a wonderful evening of honouring one parent from each of our schools for their exemplary service. We thank everyone who made the event successful from the board staff and trustees, students and Knights of Columbus. I would like to recognize the DCPIC members for all of their help.

We celebrated Catholic Education Week during the first week in May. This year's theme is Exploring Paths of Joy. How do you define joy? His Holiness, Pope Francis tells us, "Joy adapts and changes, but it always endures, even as a flicker of light born of our personal certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved." As partners in Catholic education, some committee members attended the Bishop's Dinner (or the annual Durham Catholic Children's Foundation Dinner). It was a good evening where home, school, church and community came together to promote equity in our schools.

Beginning this month, the DCPIC will be opening 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](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/dcpic2015).

Lastly, this month we will be opening the Parent Resource Centre. Everyone in our school community is invited to attend the Grand Opening and Blessing at 1003 Giffard Street, Whitby. Please see our website, dcpic.ca, for more details. We look forward to seeing you there!

Here is the update for this month:

May Report

- DCPIC Membership
 - a) 2 positions are vacant for the Parent Members of the DCPIC, and we are waiting for application submissions from any parent with a child attending one of our schools.
 - b) Advertising for the Community Representatives of the DCPIC begins this month. There are up to 3 available positions and term begins on July 1.
- OAPCE (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education)
 - a) OAPCE's next meeting will be in May 2015.
 - b) As OAPCE Director, I will be attending the Ministry of Education's, Student Achievement Division Working Table on May 21.
 - c) The OAPCE conference will take place on May 29-30. It will be in Pembroke, Ontario.
- Conferences/ Professional Development
 - a) OAPCE – May 29-30, 2015 in Pembroke, Ontario
- Upcoming Events
 - a) May 26 – Grand Opening of DCPIC Parent Resource Centre