
DURHAM CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

CHAIR'S REPORT

TO: DCPIC, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SCHOOL CHAIRS, STAFF AND PARENTS
FROM: ROXANNE HORWITZ
SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 2014 REPORT
DATE: NOVEMBER 6, 2014

I am happy to report that the DCPIC has now attained full membership for all positions. At the October 9th election, an additional four parent members were voted in, with another two being added at today's meeting. The DCPIC can have up to 16 parent members and up to 3 community representatives. The non-voting members of the DCPIC are the director (or designate), a trustee, a principal, a teaching staff and a non-teaching staff.

The DCPIC members for the 2014-2015 school year are as follows:

2014-2015 DCPIC Membership			
	Name	Position	Term
Executive			
1	Horwitz, Roxanne	Chair	(2014-2016)
2	Newth, Christina	Vice Chair	(2014-2016)
3	Lo Presti, Rose	Secretary/Treasurer	(2014-2016)
Parent Members/Community Representatives			
1	Aitcheson, Trevor	Parent Member	(2014-2016)
2	Bevan, Melissa	Parent Member	(2014-2015)
3	Bright, Eileen	Parent Member	(2013-2015)
4	Cato, Dyan	Parent Member	(2014-2016)
5	Chapman, Tricia	Parent Member	(2014-2016)
6	Dodson Trchala, Linda	Parent Member	(2014-2015)
7	Halsall, Michele-Ann	Parent Member	(2014-2015)
8	Lyew, Liz	Parent Member	(2014-2016)
9	Palumbo, Paulette	Parent Member	(2013-2015)
10	Santiago Tan, Bernadette	Parent Member	(2014-2016)
11	Sgro (Carpenter), Nancy	Parent Member	(2013-2015)
12	Beatty, Kim	Community Representative	(2014-2015)
13	Karwowski, Stan	Community Representative	(2014-2015)
14	McGrorey, Jim	Community Representative	(2014-2015)
1	Lee- Fernandes, Susie	Principal Representative	N/A
2	Szent-Ivany, Chris	Principal Representative	N/A
3	MacLean, Joni	Teacher Representative	N/A
4	TBD	CUPE Representative	N/A
5	Stack, Margaret	Trustee Designate	N/A
6	Oldman, Janice	Trustee Designate	N/A
7	O'Reilly, Gerry	Board Resource	N/A
8	Ritchie, Patti	Board Resource	N/A

This past October 29, the DCPIC hosted another successful Orientation & Commissioning Mass with our principals and school council chairs/members. There were approximately 80 attendees. This annual tradition could not have been a success without the teamwork of this committee. There are many people who deserve the recognition for helping with the event such as:

- The DCPIC team (Paulette, Rose, Eileen, Liz, Jim, Dyan, Tina, Tricia, Melissa, Linda, Kim and Trustee Stack) for all of the planning and many hours putting this together, and to all the other team members who provided help during the event and suggestions prior to the event
- Superintendent O'Reilly and Patti Ritchie for all of their support and advise
- The various board staff members like the custodians and ICT department for their assistance.
- Father Keith Wallace for officiating the mass and Deacon Dominic Pulano for organizing and assisting with the mass
- Director O'Brien and Chair Leahy for their words of encouragement in person and by letter

Here is the update for this month:

November Report

- Subcommittees
 - a) Currently, we have 6 subcommittees, and they are all underway in fulfilling their objectives and goals for the school year.
 - b) Every DCPIC parent and community member is asked to serve on at least one subcommittee.
 - c) We are able to invite other parents or community members to join our subcommittees. It is a great option for those wishing to focus on a particular area, and who may not be able to do the level of commitment as DCPIC members.
- OAPCE (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education)
 - a) OAPCE's next quarterly meeting will be in January 2015.
 - b) The OAPCE conference will take place on May 24-25. It will be in Pembroke, Ontario
 - c) As the appointed member for OAPCE, I attended the Student Achievement Division Working Table Consultation on October 28. There were a varied number of education stakeholders present at this meeting, which allowed for a rich dialogue and interesting perspectives. Here are the topics discussed:
 - 21st Century Learning
 - Applied Literacy Strategy
 - Experiential Learning
- DCPIC Representative Per School
 - a) The division of schools by committee member will need to be revised with new incoming members, outgoing members and the upcoming election in October.
- Conferences/ Professional Development
 - a) Ontario College of Teachers – November 5-7 in Toronto
 - b) People for Education – November 8 in Toronto
 - c) Ministry of Education PIC Symposium – April 2015 in Toronto
 - d) OAPCE – May 24-25, 2015 in Pembroke, Ontario
- Upcoming Events
 - a) November 20 – Dr. Wicks Presentation on Faith Formation is now open for registration online. Please see our website (dcpic.ca) for details.
 - b) PRO Grant Initiatives – will begin sometime after the new year
 - c) Distinguished Catholic Volunteer Award Ceremony – mid April 2015