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## DURHAM CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

### CHAIR'S REPORT

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**TO:** DCPIC, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SCHOOL CHAIRS AND PARENTS  
**FROM:** ROXANNE HORWITZ  
**SUBJECT:** APRIL 2013 REPORT  
**DATE:** APRIL 4, 2013

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Spring is finally here, and I hope everyone had a blessed Easter!

It has been a busy time for the DCPIC, as we continue to work on fulfilling the strategic plan such as improving communications and also the PRO Grant speaker series on mental health. The first speaker series with Kevin Cameron was a success! There were over 250 attendees and was well received. Thank you to our co-chairs for this event, Jim McGrorey and Connie Samson and the rest of the team for all your efforts!

Personally it has been busy for my family as well, as we welcomed a baby boy this past February 24. We are thankful, happy and exhausted!

Here is the update for this month:

#### April Report

- Financial Records
  - a) Superintendent LePage provided the financial records at the last meeting in February. It was agreed that each DCPIC member would think of ways in how we can support our parents/schools. There is a substantial amount that we need to spend before June 30.
  - b) Superintendent LePage had also agreed to ask the finance/accounting department about breaking down the amount per school. For both the \$500 for each school council as well as the PRO Grant for each school.
  - c) A great way to get ideas for parent building strategies is through the Toolkit – Building Parent Engagement that we all received at the Orientation Session this past December.
  - d) Need to do roundtable discussion on what to spend DCPIC funds on (not just from DCPIC members but from the rest of attendees at meeting, and from our larger parent network)
  
- OAPCE
  - a) Reminder that the OAPCE conference is on May 24-25.
  - b) I have reserved 10 rooms at the Holiday Inn in Peterborough for the May 24-25 OAPCE Conference. So far, there are 6 DCPIC members attending.
  - c) Need to vote on extending conference funding for 2 parents from each school.
  - d) OAPCE rebate --. I have applied for rebate which is approximately \$900 given to us by OAPCE. Does anyone have suggestions on what to spend it on? I am hoping we can do a team building or training activity.
  
- Community Representatives
  - a) Superintendent LePage will provide an status update on the application form and criteria for the community representatives.
  
- DCPIC Representative Per School
  - a) A few DCPIC members have reached out to their designated schools, and have attended local school council meetings. Our presence and support to these schools have been welcomed and appreciated.

- b) Need to do a roundtable update from each DCPIC member regarding their schools.
- DCPIC website
  - a) The communications sub-committee continues to work on adding information. Recently, the welcome page has been filled in.
- Meeting Dates
  - a) A reminder that we added a meeting in June. It is for Tuesday, June 11.