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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:** MAY 2013 REPORT  
**DATE:** MAY 9, 2013

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There is less than 2 months left of the school year!

While we are proud of what we have accomplished this year, there is much to be done. Our priority at this year-end is to assist with 2013-14 PRO Grant applications, ensure that all schools spend their Ministry funds of \$500 given to school councils and 2012-13 PRO Grant funds before the deadline of June 30.

Another successful event for the Demystifying Mental Health series that was facilitated by Dr. Mendlowitz at St. Bernadette in Ajax. Thank you to our PRO Grant Subcommittee co-chairs for this event, Jim McGrorey and Connie Samson and the rest of the team for all your efforts!

Here is the update for this month:

#### May Report

- Financial Records
  - a) Superintendent LePage will be providing an updated financial record at this month's meeting. The last one that the DCPIC received a copy of, was in February. There was a verbal update at the April meeting.
  - b) Need to decide on what to spend DCPIC funds on especially for portion that has deadline of June 30 (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) Consensus from DCPIC conducted by email – agreed to sponsor two parents from each school to attend the conference. We will formally vote at tonight's meeting.
  - c) OAPCE rebate – approx. \$900 given to us to spend for building parent engagement. An idea of a team building activity for DCPIC before next school year begins. Perhaps late August
- Community Representatives
  - a) Superintendent LePage has provided a sample copy of the application form by email this past week. We will proceed with placing advertisement as previously agreed on.
  - b) Need to determine criteria for selecting applicants – this will be done by the Nominations Subcommittee then for approval by entire DCPIC.
- PRO Grant Carousel
  - a) Invitation was sent to all schools to attend tonight's meeting, and share their PRO Grant ideas and submissions.
  - b) DCPIC's role is to assist any schools who would like help (ie. ran out of ideas, time, etc)
  - c) There is now a Master List for our board for all PRO Grants for the years 2008-2013. We can share this information with all schools to exchange ideas.
  - d) Need to review schools that have never submitted any applications – perhaps they are not aware

- DCPIC Representative Per School
  - a) Need to do a roundtable update from each DCPIC member regarding their schools. Everyone will have 2-3 minutes to share any events, suggestions, etc.
- DCPIC website
  - a) It is now ready to go! Communications subcommittee will present at today's meeting.
- DCPIC PRO Grant
  - a) Another successful event for the Demystifying Mental Health series that took place at St. Bernadette in Ajax last April 30.
  - b) PRO Grant subcommittee will provide update at tonight's meeting.
  - c) We need to think of our application for next school year, 2013-14.
- Staff News
  - a) Director Paul Pulla will be retiring at the end of August.
  - b) As well, our own resource to the DCPIC, Superintendent Mitch LePage will be retiring at the same time.
  - c) Need to discuss tribute.
- Meeting Dates
  - a) A reminder that we added a meeting in June. It is for Tuesday, June 11.