

Board Highlights

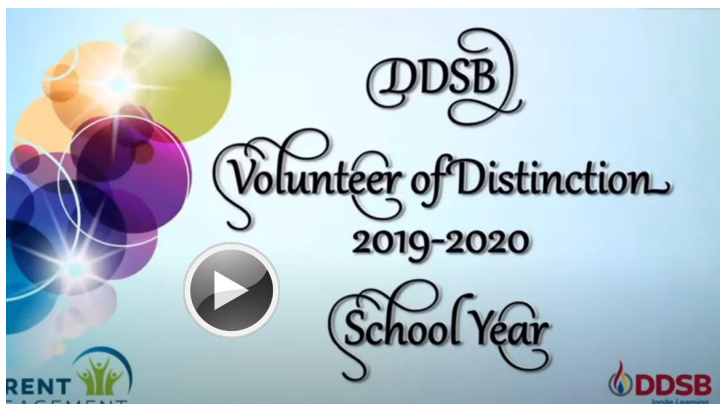
DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

On Monday, November 16, 2020, the Durham District School Board held its monthly Board Meeting. To view the streamed broadcast of the Board Meeting in its entirety click [here](#).

Ministry Memorandums and Information Update

Director of Education Norah Marsh informed the Board of Trustees that two recent memorandums were received from the Ministry of Education. The ministry sent a draft of the Policy and Program Memorandum regarding teaching and hiring practices, which was presented as a full report on item 13a during the Board Meeting. The second memo provided amendments to Regulation 463-97 which allows the Board to reintroduce virtual meetings, if needed effective immediately until November 2021.

Volunteer of Distinction 2019-2020



DDSB's presentation of the 2019-2020 Volunteers of Distinction, that was celebrated virtually.

Superintendent of Education Heather Mundy spoke about the importance of honouring the DDSB's volunteers who play a significant role in the success of students and school communities. Every year, the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) recognizes a Volunteer of Distinction from each school. The ceremony takes place every October and due to the pandemic, this year the volunteers were recognized virtually.

Treaties Recognition Week



Acting Superintendent of Education Erin Elmhurst, Indigenous Officer Denise Nickerson, Indigenous Education Facilitator Michelle Evans and Indigenous Education Coach Jennifer Henderson presented the highlights of Treaties Recognition Week to the Board of Trustees, which took place between November 2-6, 2020.

The following are a few actions that the DDSB has implemented to deepen their systemic commitment to reconciliation.

- **A Land Acknowledgement Procedure** was released and implemented in all schools as of November 2.
- **Professional Development** for school leaders about the Land Acknowledgement and treaty education.
- **Resources** were provided as the DDSB consulted with treaty partners and the Indigenous Education Team.

Next steps for the Indigenous Education Team will be to work on an Indigenous Education policy in the future.

DDSB Good News from the System



Click on the image to watch the Good News presented to the Board on Monday, November 16, 2020, narrated by Eastdale CVI students Samantha and Zaid.

Recommendations and Information Items

The Board approved the following recommendations:

- Report: Standing Committee Meeting of November 2, 2020
- Report: SEAC Meeting of September 17, 2020
- Clara Hughes PS Enrolment Update
- Eagle Ridge PS, Towne Manors Development, Town of Ajax
- Treasurer of the Board Appointment
- Financial Process and the 2019/2020 Financial Report
- Trustee Appointment Ad Hoc Committee
- Director Performance Review Ad Hoc Committee Report
- Notice of Motion Trustee Accommodation Policy
- Governance Report
- Trustee Distribution

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The following Information Items were brought forward:

Policy and Program Memorandum (PPM) – Teacher Hiring Practices

This report provided the Board of Trustees with the information on the development and implementation plan of the new PPM on Teacher Hiring Practices.

Transportation – DSTS Annual Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board of Trustees with the 2019–2020 Durham Student Transportation Services (DSTS) annual report.

COVID Testing – School Protocols (Verbal)

Acting Associate Director Jim Markovski presented information on how COVID-19 cases are handled. He outlined that the Ministry of Health provides legislative guidance to Boards of Health. Public health units are responsible for managing cases of COVID-19 in schools and provide support to school boards in the form of public health nurses, prevention measures, contact tracing, outbreak management and risk assessment, in addition to providing schools with communications materials to send to families where there is a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Regular Board and Committee Meetings

Board Meeting- Annual Elections

Monday, December 7, 2020
Public Session — 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

Monday, December 21, 2020 (tentative)
Public Session — 7:00 pm

Monday, January 18, 2021
Public Session – 7:00 pm

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting

Thursday, December 17, 2020
Public Session — 6:30 pm

Thursday, January 21, 2021
Public Session – 6:30 pm

Standing Committee Meeting

Monday, January 4, 2021
Public Session — 7:00 p.m.