



On Monday, October 19, 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

Acting Director of Education Norah Marsh informed the Board of Trustees that three recent memorandums were received from the Ministry of Education. The first was on Assessment Evaluation and Reporting noting that at secondary schools it would be left to boards as to whether students would be participating in a final summative assessment task. The second memorandum focussed on COVID-19 funding for high priority areas to assist in reducing class sizes or support remote learning. The third memo was an update on teacher hiring practices and noted that as of October 29, 2020 regulation 274 will be revoked and an interim policy provided by the Ministry of Education.

Mike will do whatever it takes to ensure the health and safety of everyone in the school and exemplifies positive leadership with his custodial team. He takes immense pride in the Carruther’s Creek community and student body. He has been described as much more than the custodian at a school, he is a mentor and pillar of the school community.

Operational Plan 2020-2021: Activating the Ignite Learning Strategic Plan

Educational Services Staff Award 2020



Mike Carter, Chief Custodian at Carruther’s Creek PS accepts the 2020 Educational Services Staff Award

Mike Carter has been at Carruther’s Creek since 2014. He has been described as a kind, caring, compassionate, dedicated and reliable staff member who leads many programs with teachers such as the recycling club, Terry Fox Run, and the “boys on bikes club during his lunch hour. He greets each student and staff member he crosses paths with by name.



Acting Director of Education Norah Marsh, Acting Associate Director of Academic Services Jim Markovski, Acting Superintendent of Education Erin Elmhurst, and Superintendents of Education Heather Mundy, Stephen Nevills, Jack Nigro, Gary Crossdale, Georgette Davis, Margaret Lazarus, Mohamed Hamid, and Andrea McAuley presented to the Board of Trustees with updates regarding the Ignite Learning Strategic Priorities and Operational Goals Action Plan to support the implementation of the Ignite Learning strategic priorities.

Operational Plan continued

They discussed the following topics:

- Four Final Stages of Implementation
- Setting High Expectations and providing support to ensure students and staff reach their full potential
- Goals for each strategic priority: Success; Well-Being; Leadership; Equity; Engagement; and Innovation

Staff will report back to the Board on the stage of implementation of the operational goals and provide supporting data in both January and June 2021.

DDSB Good News from the System



Click on the image to watch the Good News presented to the Board on Monday, October 19, 2020, narrated by Anderson CVI students Trinity and Nolan.

DDSB Response to Trip Cancellations

General Legal Counsel Patrick Cotter responded to a public query regarding over 300 DDSB families who have been pursuing a refund for cancelled spring trips due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The DDSB has no legal standing in this matter but has retained external legal counsel to assist families and help facilitate reimbursement. A dedicated email account has been setup to support communications with families.

Recommendations and Information Items

The Board approved the following recommendations:

- Report: Standing Committee Meeting of October 5, 2020
- Report: SEAC Meeting of July 7, 2020

The following Information Items were brought forward:

CE Broughton PS Modified Calendar Enrolment Update

This report provided the Board of Trustees with the enrolment statistics for September 2020 enrolment, highlighting the efforts to increase enrolment and the effects of those efforts.

Unnamed North Ajax French Immersion Public School Boundary Consultation Process, Town of Ajax

The purpose of this report is to commence a public consultation process in accordance with the Regulation on School Boundaries with regards to establishing boundaries for the Unnamed North Ajax French Immersion PS, located at 270 Williamson Drive West in Ajax.

Unnamed North Whitby Public School Boundary Consultation Process, Town of Whitby

The purpose of this report is to commence a public consultation process in accordance with the Regulation on School Boundaries with regards to establishing boundaries for the Unnamed North Whitby PS at 51 Lazio Street in Whitby.

Staffing and Enrolment 2020-2021

This report provided Trustees with an overview of elementary and secondary enrolment staffing.

Regular Board and Committee Meetings

Standing Committee Meeting

Monday, November 2, 2020
Public Session — 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

Monday, November 16, 2020
Public Session — 7:00 p.m.