



Board Highlights

On Monday, April 18, 2016, the Durham District School Board held its regular Board meeting.

Outstanding Student Performance by Dr. S.J. Phillips Public School

With thanks to the Dr. Phillips Public School jazz band for starting the meeting off on a high note with an outstanding musical performance. Ten talented students, led by Teacher Samina Malik, provided an excellent start to the meeting for an appreciative and impressed audience.

Promotion and Short List Announced

Melissa Comes, Acting Principal, College Hill PS to Principal, College Hill PS effective April 19, 2016.

Elementary Vice-Principal Short List:

- Kelly Arbeau, Forest View PS
- Amy Atkinson, Literacy Coach
- Jordie Hofstede-Barker, Gordon B. Attersley PS
- Rema Sara Saati, Capt. M. VandenBos PS

Elementary Principal Short List :

- Stephanie Balogh, William Dunbar PS
- Melissa Comes, Beau Valley PS
- Jennifer Fisher, Sir William Stephenson PS
- Laura Noone, Dr. CF Cannon PS
- Kim Rankine, Gordon B Attersley PS/Harmony Heights PS
- Tami Rayner, Seneca Trail PS
- Brenda Young, McCaskill's Mills PS

Secondary Vice Principal Short List:

- Dawn White, J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate
- Janet White, Pickering HS

Secondary Principal Short List:

- James Klodnicki, Maxwell Heights PS

Director's Good News

Interim Director of Education Luigia Ayotte, congratulated **O'Neill CVI** students Kevin Zheng and Marvin Giang on their recent win at the Durham Regional Science Fair. The students' project entitled: *Headphones: A catalyst or scapegoat for youth hearing loss*, the grade 11 students won the competition and an all-expenses paid trip to represent Durham Region at the Canada-wide Science Fair which will be held in Montreal in May 2016.

The Interim Director also congratulated **Cartwright Central Public School** student, Ryan Warrener, on being chosen to compete at the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies, Speakers' Idol competition.

Ryan, a grade seven student at **Cartwright Central PS**, was one of the 100 students chosen to participate in this annual event held on March 31st, 2016.

The event brought an audience of dignitaries and important figures in human rights advocacy. Ryan, delivered his speech with confidence and personality, incorporating the powerful message of a quote by Simon Wiesenthal. He spoke about the dangers of history repeating itself and highlighted the importance of visiting museums to improve our understanding of history. To Read more about this story visit our website at:

Congratulations to Ryan!

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Director's Good News continued

The DDSB recently held its annual [Student Recognition Night](#) on April 14, 2016 at **Eastdale CVI**. The evening is always a very special one as it puts the spotlight on dedicated and exceptional students for making outstanding contributions to their school communities and for demonstrating great resiliency by overcoming obstacles.

Three students from each DDSB secondary school were nominated by school staff and the awards were presented at a special ceremony.

Interim Director Ayotte offered her congratulations to all the honourees and thanked the many families, friends, trustees and staff who attended the event to celebrate these outstanding young people.

The Interim Director also thanked Eastdale CVI for hosting and the DDSB's communications department for organizing an outstanding event to celebrate students. To read more on this event, please visit our website at: <http://www.ddsb.ca/MediaDesk/SchoolNewsHighlights/Pages/2015-2016/2016-04-20.aspx>

Congratulations to Education Officer, [Martine Robinson](#) who was recently awarded a [Champions Award from PFLAG Durham Region](#). Martine received the award at a recent banquet in recognition of her efforts as an ally of the LGBTQ community.

PFLAG Canada-Durham Region, helps all persons within their reach who are struggling with issues of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. They also support, educate, and provide resources to parents, families, friends, and colleagues with questions or concerns regarding these issues.

Robinson has worked alongside PFLAG Durham for a few years and values the importance of helping young LGBTQ students who may feel disengaged or marginalized.

On behalf of the DDSB, Interim Director Ayotte congratulated Martine on her award and thanked her for her commitment to equity and supporting all students.

The Interim Director announced the recently-elected student trustees for the 2016-2017 school year.

- Representing Oshawa-Whitby – **Kevin Zheng, O'Neill CVI**
- Representing Ajax-Pickering - **Avery Jackman, Dunbarton HS**
- Representing Brock-Scugog and Uxbridge – **Kofi Richter, Port Perry HS**

Interim Director Ayotte thanked all of the students who participated in the electoral process and in particular, to those who ran for the position of student trustee – you are all to be commended on your leadership! The incoming student trustees begin their term in the new school year.

Financial Reporting- Second Quarter

The Board received a report detailing operating expenditures for the period ending Feb 29, 2016 (second quarter) are 49 per cent of the 2015-2016 revised estimates amount of \$712, 353, 211. Overall expenses are consistent with prior year and it is anticipated that a balanced budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year will be achieved.

Motion from Special Board Meeting Held on April 4, 2016

- a) That the Durham District School Board approves the establishment of a Pupil Accommodation Review for Epsom PS, Greenbank PS, Prince Albert PS and SA Cawker PS.
- b) That the Durham District School Board approves the establishment of an Accommodation Review Committee for Epsom PS, Greenbank PS, Prince Albert PS and SA Cawker PS.
- c) That the Durham District School Board approves the mandate of the Accommodation Review Committee, as outlined in Appendix A, Terms of Reference (TOR), section 3.1 "To review the Board's Initial Staff Report and provide comments on the Options, including the Recommended Option or provide options not identified in the Initial Staff Report for consideration."
- d) That the Durham District School Board approve the appointment of the Chair and Secretary of the ARC, as being the Superintendent of Education/Brock, Uxbridge, Scugog Schools and the Supervisory Officer for Facilities Services or delegate, respectively.

More information regarding the [ARC – Township of Scugog Elementary](#) may be found on our website or by clicking this link.



Durham District School Board's 'One in Four: Fund the Need' Campaign



The DDSB's Board of Trustees recently launched its **Fund the Need** campaign to highlight that **One in Four** or 15,000 students taught by the DDSB has special needs, but the funding required to meet those needs is not keeping pace. **Fund the Need** is a public awareness campaign highlighting the challenge facing the DDSB.

The funding gap is growing and impacts the services provided to more than 15,000 of our most vulnerable students and their families. The DDSB's Trustees are deeply concerned about the critical importance of funding the need and this is why they have undertaken this public awareness campaign.

Students with special needs are those who require support services because they have one or more needs related to developmental, physical, mental health, cognitive and/or behavioral challenges.

The number of students with special needs is growing. Adding to the challenge, student needs are more complex requiring increased resources and programming. For example, the number of students with very high needs requiring assistance by more than two adults, has tripled.

To learn more about the [DDSB's Fund the Need campaign](#) and how you can help, visit the DDSB's website at www.ddsb.ca.

Regular Board and Committee Meetings

Standing Committee Meeting

Monday, May 2, 2016
Public Session — 7:00 p.m.

Student Senate Meeting

Monday, May 2, 2016
4:15 pm – 6:00 pm

Board Meeting

Monday, May 16, 2016
Public Session — 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

**Board Annual Retirement Dinner:
Monday, May 30, 2016**



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