



Board Highlights

On Monday, December 7, 2015, the Durham District School Board held its Annual Elections Board meeting.

S.A. Cawker PS School Gives an Outstanding Performance!

S.A. Cawker PS's intermediate choir, performing "The Soaring Eagles Chorus," opened the meeting on a high note and performed with passion "Blackbird" written John Lennon and "Believe" from the Polar Express. Special thanks to Jackie Crawford, accompanist and Teachers Julie Renwick and Hanna Ovsenek, the directors.

Thank you to the family, friends and fans for joining attending the board meeting to support the choir.

Administrative Transfers and Promotions

The following administrative **transfers** are effective January 1, 2016 unless otherwise noted:

Transfers Vice-Principal Elementary

- Greta Davis**, Vice-Principal, to Vice-Principal, Vimy Ridge PS, effective March 1, 2016.
- Rachel Harland**, Vice-Principal, Lester B. Pearson PS to Vice-Principal, Uxbridge PS
- Craig Marlatt**, Vice-Principal, Oshawa Central CI, to Vice-Principal, Sunderland PS

Transfers Vice-Principal Secondary

- Eugenie Samara**, Vice-Principal, O'Neill CVI, to Vice-Principal, Oshawa Central CI

Acting Vice-Principal Elementary

- Kim Bourque**, Teacher, da Vinci PS, to Acting Vice-Principal, Lester B. Pearson PS

It is recommended that the following be promoted, effective January 1, 2016 unless otherwise noted:

Vice-Principal Promotions Secondary

- Joslynn Dicks**, Teacher, Pine Ridge SS, to Vice-Principal, Eastdale CVI, effective January 31, 2016.
- Pamela Koster, Program Facilitator, Education Centre, to Vice-Principal, O'Neill CVI

Principal Promotions Secondary

- Jeff Maharaj, Vice-Principal, Eastdale CVI, to Principal, Eastdale CVI, effective January 31, 2016.

Director's Good News

Director Beckett shared that the DDSB's Education Centre played host to the inaugural Geo Day 2015 engaging young minds in the discovery and adventure of Canadian Geography.

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Director's Good News *continued*

The Durham Geography Teachers' Association started Geo Day to ignite geographic learning amongst DDSB students with the goal to inspire students to think about geography as more than just a compulsory subject. More than 130 grade nine secondary students from O'Neill CVI, Uxbridge SS, Pickering HS, Donald A Wilson SS, Anderson CVI, Eastdale CVI, and Sinclair SS, attended the day of fun learning centred on local and national geographic study units.

Geo Day began with a key note discussion from Parks Canada. Students attended sessions on geospatial technologies, Canadian geography, food security in Durham, waste diversion programs and energy production. Students also explored actions they can take as individuals to make Durham more sustainable. Students were put to the test at the end of the day with geography related trivia games. Uxbridge Secondary School succeeded to bring home the maiden, Geo Day trophy.

The Director thanked the grade 12 geography student volunteers and the Durham Geography Teachers' Association for their passion and planning of Geo Day 2015.



Director Beckett seen in photo on right, recognized Superintendent of Education/Employee Relations, Janet Edwards (centre) on her 25 years of dedicated service to the Durham District School Board. Oshawa Trustee and Chair of the Board Michael Barrett (left) also offered his congratulations.

Director Beckett wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season. He also took the opportunity to thank all DDSB staff and students and our school communities for their generous support of those less fortunate. Whether it was through a hat and mitten tree, food drive or by adopting a family – the DDSB school communities and our staff continue to demonstrate caring, generosity and leadership in our schools and offices.

Annual Trustee Election Results

The Board of Trustees hold internal elections for its Chair, Vice Chair, Vice Chair of Standing Committee and committee representatives annually.

- Oshawa Trustee Michael Barrett was acclaimed as Chair of the Durham District School Board for a second consecutive term.
- Scugog Trustee Carolyn Morton was voted Vice Chair.
- Ajax Trustee (Wards 3&4) Donna Edwards was voted as the Vice Chair of Standing Committee.
- Brock and Uxbridge Trustee Elinor Hansen was acclaimed Chair of Education Finance Committee.



Oshawa Trustee Michael Barrett (left) was acclaimed as Chair of the Durham District School Board for a second consecutive term and Scugog Trustee Carolyn Morton (right) was voted Vice Chair at the annual Board Elections Meeting.

Committees

Special Education Advisory Committee

Town of Ajax (Wards 1 & 2) Trustee Patrice Barnes
Oshawa Trustee Linda Stone

Ontario Public School Boards' Association

Oshawa Trustee Linda Stone
Town of Ajax (Wards 3 & 4) Trustee Donna Edwards

Audit Committee

Pickering Trustee Paul Crawford
Oshawa Trustee Larry Jacula
Townships of Brock & Uxbridge Trustee Elinor Hansen

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Annual Trustee Election Results cont

Committees

Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL)

Townships of Brock & Uxbridge Trustee Elinor Hansen
Township of Scugog Trustee Carolyn Morton

Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)

Whitby Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri
Whitby Trustee (Alternate) Christine Winters

Code of Conduct Committee

Oshawa Trustee Larry Jacula
Whitby Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri

The complete list of Board committees, alternates and Trustee representatives will be posted on the DDSB's website, www.ddsb.ca

Regular Board and Committee Meetings

Special Standing Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 17, 2015
Public Session — 6:00 p.m.

Standing Committee Meeting

Monday, January 4, 2016
Public Session — 7:00 p.m.

Student Senate Meeting

Monday, January 4, 2016
4:15 pm – 6:00 pm

Board Meeting

Monday, January 18, 2016
Public Session — 7:00 p.m.



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