



Board Highlights

On Monday, January 19, 2015, the Durham District School Board held its regular Board Meeting.

Donald A. Wilson SS Entertains!

Four talented students from Donald A. Wilson Secondary School started the meeting off on a high note. Under the direction of Teacher Amy Peck, the students played three numbers for an appreciative crowd. Thank you!

DDSB Receives Donation from Whitby Community Connection

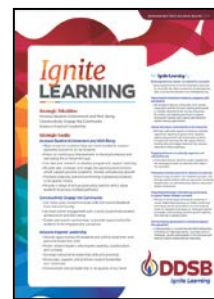
Community Connection is a non-profit organization that provides affordable recreational and special interest programs at 10 schools throughout the Town of Whitby. The program and partnership with the Town of Whitby allows for maximum use of school facilities and encourages community involvement.



Whitby Trustee Kim Zeppieiri, John Watkins, Supervisor of Community Development and Youth and Children Services, Cathy Marrinan, Director of Operations Community Connections, Jody Pierson, Committee Chair, Community Connections, DDSB Board Vice Chairperson, Donna Edwards and Whitby Trustee Christine Winters.

DDSB Officially Launches Strategic Plan and New Logo, Ignite Learning

The Durham District School Board (DDSB) is pleased to share its new strategic plan, Ignite Learning, and its new logo. The new plan outlines the strategic priorities, goals and beliefs that guide the direction and focus for the DDSB. The new logo



accompanies the plan and both honours the Board's history as well as supports its new mission statement and motto, Ignite Learning. The complete plan, the new logo as well as a [video](#) to mark the launch can be found on the [Board's website](#).

Director's Good News

Baagwating Community Association Donates to First Nation Literacy Partnership

Before the winter break, the Director attended the Baagwating Community Association Christmas cheque presentation on the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation. The Director thanked the Baagwating Community Association for its donation to the DDSB in support the First Nation Literacy Partnership Program (FNLPP). The FNLPP connects students and teachers from DDSB schools with students from First Nations in the North through books written by Aboriginal authors to engage in an exploration of different cultural traditions and perspectives to build a sense of pride. More than 150 students from grades four-to-six representing each of the five areas of the DDSB will participate in the FNLPP this school year. The Director thanked the Baagwating Community Association for their generosity that helps our students to be engaged and successful learners.

Director's Good News continued

DDSB Staff and Students Show Kindness and Caring Through Holiday Donations

The DDSB's culture of caring was shared through mitten and hat trees, food drives, toiletries for teens and many other generous acts of kindness. Through the Education Centre Staff Association's Adopt-a-Family program, DDSB staff donate gifts and raise funds to support students and their families in our school communities. As well, staff generously donated cereal and other foods and donations to help support the Make a Difference school breakfast program. Director Beckett thanked staff and students for demonstrating great leadership and citizenship and for continuing to support our school communities.

Canada's Children's Authors Share their Secrets at DDSB Teacher Librarian Conference

Some of Canada's best authors – not to mention some of Canada's best Teacher Librarians – were on hand for the DDSB's annual Teacher Librarian Conference last week. Author Eric Walter's key note opening address focused on the importance of connections made in literature for our students to the global community. Author Shane Peacock addressed Teacher Librarians in small break-out groups and dialogued with these groups on engaging male readers.

The conference highlighted, numeracy programs happening in our school libraries, technology and learning, library collection development, boys' reading engagement, library partnerships and inquiry. Some one hundred and twenty Teacher Librarians attended the conference held here at the Education Centre to explore learning, inquiry and to find new ways to help encourage a love of reading.

Director's Annual Report 2013-2014

Martyn Beckett, Director of Education and Secretary to the Board presented his annual report for 2013-2014 school year featuring the numerous achievements and achievements from the past school year.



The complete report can be found on the [DDSB's website](#)

Promotions and Transfers

It is recommended that the following be **transferred**, effective date as noted:

Elementary Vice-Principal

- **Stephanie Balogh**, Vice-Principal, Altona Forest P.S., to Vice-Principal, William Dunbar P.S. effective March 2, 2015.
- **Cathy Correll**, Vice-Principal, Glengrove P.S., to Vice-Principal, Queen Elizabeth P.S., effective February 17, 2015.
- **Rita Evans**, Vice-Principal, Applecroft P.S., to Vice-Principal, Whitby Shores P.S. effective April 7, 2015.
- **Dawna Wastesicoot**, Vice-Principal, Valley Farm P.S., to Vice-Principal, Village Union P.S., effective February 17, 2015.

Elementary Principal

- **Barry Bedford**, Principal, Sherwood P.S., to Education Officer, Equity, Diversity and Race Relations, effective February 17, 2015.
- **Jamie Bricker**, Principal, Bayview Heights P.S., to Principal, Beau Valley P.S. effective March 2, 2015.
- **Patrick Li**, Principal, Lincoln Avenue P.S., to Principal, Lester B. Pearson P.S. effective April 7, 2015.
- **Heather Mundy**, Principal, Lester B. Pearson P.S., to Principal, Bolton C. Falby P.S., effective April 7, 2015.
- **Bonnie Noble**, Principal, Bolton C. Falby P.S., to Principal, Unnamed Imagination P.S., effective April 7, 2015.
- **Renee Price**, Principal, Pringle Creek P.S., to Principal, Sherwood P.S., effective February 17, 2015.

Secondary Vice-Principal

- **Christopher Barrowclough**, Vice-Principal, G.L. Roberts C.V.I., to Vice-Principal, Pine Ridge S.S. effective February 2, 2015.
- **Craig Marlatt**, Vice-Principal, Pine Ridge S.S., to Vice-Principal, G.L. Roberts C.V.I., effective February 2, 2015.
- **Greg Scotchburn**, Vice-Principal, Henry Street H.S., to Vice-Principal, Unnamed Brooklin S.S. effective July 1, 2015.

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Promotions and Transfers *continued*

It is recommended that the following be **promoted**, effective date as noted:

Elementary Vice-Principal

- **Doug Ferris**, Teacher, Lakeside P.S., to Vice-Principal, Colonel F.E. Farewell P.S., effective February 17, 2015.
- **Evelyn Ferris**, Teacher, Applecroft P.S., to Vice-Principal, Valley Farm P.S. effective February 17, 2015
- **Tanya Hawthorne**, Teacher, da Vinci P.S., to Vice-Principal, Altona Forest P.S. effective March 2, 2015
- **Tracy Kryz**, Teacher, Pringle Creek P.S., to Vice-Principal, Glengrove P.S., effective February 17, 2015
- **Ryan Pittman**, Teacher, Blair Ridge P.S., to Vice-Principal, Applecroft P.S., effective April 7, 2015

Elementary Principal

- **Jennifer Brusselers**, Vice-Principal, Queen Elizabeth P.S., to Principal, Sunset Heights P.S., effective February 17, 2015.
- **Joe Cook**, Vice-Principal, Whitby Shores P.S., to Principal, Lincoln Avenue P.S., effective April 7, 2015
- **Mhairi Johnston**, Vice-Principal, Colonel J.E. Farewell P.S., to Principal, Pringle Creek P.S., effective February 17, 2015.
- **Greg Marlow**, Vice-Principal, William Dunbar P.S., to Principal, Bayview Heights P.S., effective March 2, 2015

Motions

- Eva Kyriakides to be Special Education Advisory Council representative and Cathy Walsh to be the alternate for Easter Seals Ontario
- That Trustees Larry Jacula and Kim Zeppieri be appointed to Code of Conduct Committee.
- That the English program at Uxbridge PS move in its entirety to Quaker Village PS for September 2015 with no change to the French Immersion boundary.
 - That the Quaker Village PS boundary be expanded to include that which was the Uxbridge PS English program boundary, effective September 2015.

Motions *continued*

- That the Durham District School Board approves the establishment of the Pupil Accommodation Review for the R.S. McLaughlin CVI, Oshawa Central CI and Eastdale CVI.
 - That the Durham District School Board approves the establishment of an Accommodation Review Committee for the R.S. McLaughlin CVI, Oshawa Central CI and Eastdale CVI.
 - That the Durham District School Board approves the mandate of the Accommodation Review Committee as requiring the Committee to review and make recommendations concerning accommodation option for R.S. McLaughlin CVI, Oshawa Central CI, and Eastdale CVI, including school closures and consolidations and that the Accommodation Review Committee's Report and Recommendations on the accommodation options be submitted to the Director of Education by October 2015.
 - That the Durham District School Board approve the Pupil Accommodation Review of the following schools: R.S. McLaughlin CVI; Oshawa Central CI Eastdale CVI
 - That the Durham District School Board approve the appointment of the Chair and Secretary of the ARC, as being the Superintendent of Education/Program Services/Staff Development/Media and the Superintendent of Education/Facilities Services, respectively.
- That the Durham District School Board approves the establishment of a Pupil Accommodation Review for Epsom PS, Greenbank PS, Prince Albert PS and S.A. Cawker PS.
 - That the Durham District School Board approves the establishment of an Accommodation Review Committee for Epsom PS, Greenbank PS, Prince Albert PS and S.A. Cawker PS.

Motions *continued*

- That the Durham District School Board approves the mandate of the Accommodation Review Committee as requiring the Committee to review and make recommendations concerning Epsom PS, Greenbank PS, Prince Albert PS and S.A. Cawker PS accommodation options including school closures and consolidations and that the Accommodation Review Committee's Report and Recommendations on the accommodation options be submitted to the Director of Education by December 2015.
- That the Durham District School Board approve the Pupil Accommodation Review of the following schools: Epsom PS; Greenbank PS; Prince Albert PS; S.A. Cawker PS
- 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 Superintendent of Education/Facilities Services, respectively.
- That the DDSB authorize staff to commence in the Fall of 2015 with Regulation 3313 to review the Boundary for Donald A. Wilson SS.

Upcoming Events

- Clara Hughes will be on hand to help officially open the Oshawa public school named in her honour. The official grand opening ceremony is set Thursday, January 29, 2015 starting at 10 a.m.

Ms. Hughes has visited the students and staff at her namesake school in the past and continues to inspire us with her message of optimism and perseverance. We look forward to welcoming Ms. Hughes back to officially open her namesake school.

- The community is invited to help name the new secondary school located in Brooklin. The unnamed Secondary School in Brooklin is located at 20 Carnwith Drive West. Submissions will be accepted up to Friday, January 30, 2015.
- French Immersion Parent Information Night will be held on February 4, 2015 at all elementary schools offering the French Immersion program – 7:00 p.m.

More information on this and other news items can be found on the Board's website at www.ddsb.ca.



COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT
DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



Regular Board and Committee Meetings

Student Senate

Monday, February 2, 2015 – 4:15 p.m.
– 6:00 p.m.
Education Centre

Standing Committee Meeting

Monday, February 2, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
Public Session

Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 17, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
Public Session