



Board Highlights

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

Dr. C.F. Cannon PS School Gives an Outstanding Performance!

Dr. C.F. Cannon Public School's Kodiak Jazz Band started the Board Meeting off on a high note with an energetic and entertaining performance. Under the direction of Teacher, Kathy Beatty, the group performed three numbers for an appreciative audience.



Congratulations to Dr. C.F. Cannon's Cristina Cox on recently winning the Principals of Music Award from the Coalition for Music Education. This award acknowledges the important role played by school administrators in schools where music programs flourish. Three principals each year from all of Canada are selected. They are administrators that demonstrate commitment to supporting all aspects of a quality music program. Congratulations Cristina!

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

Additional P.A. Day Announced

All DDSB schools will have a newly designated Professional Activity Day (PA Day) on Friday, April 8, 2016. This additional PA Day, a result of a provision in the recently negotiated provincial settlements, was mandated by the Ministry of Education on December 18, 2015 and applies to all DDSB schools and calendars.

All DDSB schools will be closed to students on April 8, 2016. On this day, DDSB teachers will participate in professional development on provincial education priorities identified by the Minister of Education. Families are encouraged to check with DDSB child care partners for availability of options.

Information about the new PA Day will be shared with DDSB families and the community in the coming days.

Director's Annual Report to the Community 2014-2015



Director of Education, Martyn Beckett, presented his Annual Report to the Community which highlighted the many successes from the 2014-2015 school year. The [complete report](#) can be found on the DDSB's website.

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Motions

- That Kathy Kedeay continue as Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) representative and Dorata Simpson continue to be the alternative representative for Voice and Hearing Impaired Children. And That Craig Cameron represent the position of SEAC member at large.
- That the Durham District School Board of Trustees approve that the boundaries for Henry Street HS and Donald A. Wilson remain status quo.
- That the boundary change between Carruthers Creek PS and Duffins's Bay PS, as noted in Appendix A, be approved effective September 2016 and;

That the current grade 7 pupils from the subject be grandfathered to Duffin's Bay PS with transportation in the 2016-2017 school year.

- That John Dryden PS become a dual track Regular and French Immersion school with a French Immersion boundary as identified in Appendix 2, effective September 2016.

The French Immersion program at John Dryden PS will start with grade 1- 6 and progress by one additional grade per year. The grade 1 – 8 French Immersion program will be in place as of September 2018.

That Captain M. VandenBos PS's French Immersion program boundary be revised as identified in Appendix 3, effective September 2016.

Students within the new Captain M VandenBos PS French Immersion boundary currently in grades 6 and 7, (2016 grade 7 and 8) will be grandfathered to Julie Payette PS. The grade 1 – 8 French Immersion program within this revised boundary will be in place as of September 2018.

That the 2016 grade 7 and 8 students (current grade 6 and 7) at Julie Payette PS, within the John Dryden PS French Immersion boundary and revised Captain M. VandenBos PS boundary be grandfathered to Julie Payette PS. Transportation will be provided if eligible.

Interim Financial Report 2015-2016

The Board of Trustees received the Interim Financial Report. It is anticipated that a balanced budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year will be achieved.

Quarterly Construction and Major Projects Progress Report 2015-2016

The report which includes current progress and information on major projects can be found in the Board agenda for [January 18, 2015 \(page 162\)](#) and on the DDSB's website.

Regular Board and Committee Meetings

Standing Committee and Special Board Meeting

Monday, February 1, 2016
Public Session — 7:00 p.m.

Student Senate Meeting

Monday, February 1, 2016
4:15 pm – 6:00 pm

Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 16, 2016
Public Session — 7:00 p.m.



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