



Board Highlights

On Monday, June 20, 2016, the Durham District School Board held its regular Board meeting.

Outstanding Student Performances from Meadowcrest Public School

Meadowcrest Voices, the Junior/Intermediate choir, and musical director, Christine Dayman opened the Board meeting with wonderful musical performances of Penny Whistle and Music Matters.

Thank you to family, friends and fans for joining and attending the board meeting to support the students in their outstanding performance.

Chairperson's Scholarship

The Durham District School Board presented Delaney Keenan, a student at **Port Perry High School** with the 2015-2016 Chairperson's Scholarship.

Delaney has been involved in almost every aspect of school life during her time at Port Perry HS helping to create a safe and inclusive school. She had distinguished herself both academically and as a student leader within the school.

The Chairperson's Scholarship Fund is awarded annually and was established in 2003 to be presented by the Chairperson of the Board to a graduating student. The criteria for the award is based upon the applicant meeting the eligibility requirements and a recommendation by their secondary school principal. The amount of the scholarship is \$1,000.

Student Trustees Recognized



Photo: (left to right), Trustee Zeppieri, Trustee Braney, Trustee Barnes, Delaney Keenan, Board Chairperson Michael Barrett and Trustee Hansen.



Photo: (left to right) Board Vice Chairperson Trustee Morton, Student Trustee Kevin Zheng, Student Trustee Michelina Aguanno and Board Chairperson Michael Barrett. Absent from photo is Student Trustee Melanie Manning.

The Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Early Childhood Education

Laurie Higgins an Early Childhood Educator at Carruther's Creek PS is a recipient of the 2015-2016 Prime Minister's award for excellence in Early Childhood Education.



Photo: (left to right), Trustee Edwards, Board Vice Chairperson and Trustee Carolyn Morton, Educational Assistant and award recipient Laurie Higgins, and Board Chairperson Michael Barrett.

Laurie, RECE/DECE has obtained a wealth of knowledge in the area of child development from her 20 years' experience as an early childhood educator. The attention she gives each and every child makes them feel safe and comfortable while they are at school, and as a result, they love sharing their interest, successes and stories with her. Laurie is very aware of each child's strengths, needs and differences and strives to make sure they all feel included and a valued.

The Prime Minister's Awards (PMA) program is the highest national award for K-12 teachers and early childhood educators in Canada. This award honours the tremendous contribution outstanding educators have made to the children and students they teach, as well as their colleagues, their schools and communities.

Transfer and Promotion Announced

Effective July 1, 2016:

- **Lori Peck**, Program Facilitator to Acting Vice-Principal, Sir Samuel Steele PS
- **Sauna McMurray**, Vice-Principal, Sir Samuel Steele PS to Acting-Principal, Ormiston PS

Director's Good News

Interim Director of Education, Luigia Ayotte, highlighted National Aboriginal History Month events and festivities happening at the DDSB. Each June, Canadians are invited to celebrate the contributions of Indigenous people in Canada by taking part in National Aboriginal History Month. Declared in 2009, National Aboriginal History Month is a time to acknowledge the role Indigenous peoples played, and continued to play, in the development of Canada, to honour Indigenous heritage and to celebrate Indigenous cultures.

It is also an opportunity to reflect on the strength of present day First Nation, Métis and Inuit communities, and their hopes for the future.

During this month, the DDSB is holding a number of events to mark the occasion. The DDSB raised the Mississaugas of Scugog Island Flag for the first time to honour the traditional territory.

Student work related to the study of First Nation, Métis and Inuit in the curriculum from elementary and secondary schools is on display during the week of June 20 in the atrium to honour the heritage, contribution, and cultures.

Schools will share a number of resources with students including, *Did You Know Facts* for daily announcements, link to "O Canada" sung in Anishinaabe, and a slide show of First Nation leaders locally and nationally.

This year a banner has been created, in consultation with Chief and Council from the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to acknowledge the traditional territory. The banner will be displayed in all DDSB schools.

In addition, the Aboriginal Education Department is visiting classrooms to share the local history, discuss Truth and Reconciliation, the Legacy of Residential schools and Social Justice activities.

Interim Director Ayotte congratulated three DDSB elementary schools on the occasion of their 25th Anniversary:

- **Applecroft Public School in Ajax**
- **Ormiston Public School in Whitby**
- **Stephen Saywell Public School in Oshawa**

Director's Good News *continued*

She also congratulated **Eastdale CVI** on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

Interim Director Ayotte thanked everyone who helped to organize these important milestones that bring community members, alumni, parents and students together to celebrate.

Congratulations are also in order for two DDSB schools that recently celebrated their official openings.

Congratulations to **Brooklin High School** and **Michaëlle Jean Public School** in Ajax on their official opening ceremonies.

Lots to celebrate this spring at the DDSB! You can read more about these events and view videos on our [website](#).

Interim Director Ayotte also to extended best wishes to all DDSB employees who have or are about to retire this school year. She also extended her thanks for service in supporting student success and wished everyone a happy, healthy retirement.

Interim Director Ayotte also congratulated graduating students. First to our Kindergarten students who now graduate to grade one and to the "big yard" at school. To our Grade 8 students who have made some great memories as children and are now transitioning to secondary school. And to our secondary school students as they near completion of their secondary school careers. Interim Director Ayotte wished all of our graduates much future success as they embark on this next chapter in their lives.

In closing, as this is the final board meeting for the school year, Interim Director Ayotte thanked students, staff and trustees for all their hard work this school year and wished everyone a safe and relaxing summer.

Motions

- That the travel reimbursement rate be confirmed at .45/km effective September 1, 2016
- That the 2016-2017 [Draft Budget](#) containing total revenues of \$803,709,526 and total expenses of \$790,643,278 prepared in accordance with public sector accounting board (PSAB) standards be approved as presented.

To read more about the [budget](#) or the details in the [budget book](#), please follow the links provided.

- That the Durham District School Board approve the name of Jeanne Sauvé Public School as the official name of the Unnamed Stonecrest Public School in Oshawa
- That the DDSB approve to open meetings acknowledging we are on traditional lands of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island, First Nation under Williams the Treaties.

Board Says Farwell to Superintendent Edwards

Chair Barrett acknowledged this is Superintendent of Education/Employee Relations Janet Edwards' final meeting with the DDSB. Janet has been seconded to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association where she will take on the role of Associate Director of Labour Relations effective July 4, 2016 through July 2019. Superintendent Edwards will complete her term with the DDSB on June 30, 2016.

Janet Edwards has been the Superintendent of Education/Employee Relations for the DDSB since 2011 and oversees employee services, hiring and negotiations with the DDSB's 11 employee groups representing some 7,000 employees who serve 70,000 students in 131 schools. "On behalf of the Durham District School Board, I want to thank Superintendent Edwards for her outstanding leadership and dedication, said Chair Barrett. "While we are saddened that Janet is leaving the DDSB, we are grateful that public education in Ontario will continue to benefit from her considerable skill and experience in her new role," Barrett added.

Board Thanks Interim Director of Education Luigia Ayotte

Chair Barrett also acknowledged that this is the last meeting for Luigia Ayotte in her role as Interim Director of Education.

The Durham District School Board is fortunate to have an experienced and dedicated leader in Luigia Ayotte.

"We appreciate Luigia's willingness to accept this interim role and for providing strong and effective leadership for the DDSB through this transitional time," Barrett added.

Luigia will return to her role as Superintendent of Education/Program Services on June 30, 2016.



Definitely Durham Nominations

Nominations are now open for Definitely Durham, the Durham District School Board's Hall of fame to celebrate and showcase the successes of former DDSB students.

Nominations are open until July 7, 2016. The selection criteria and the nomination form can be found on the Durham District School Board's website at www.ddsb.ca.

Nominations will be reviewed by a selection committee this summer and the induction ceremony will take place in November.

Please visit www.ddsb.ca for more information and good news stories.



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

The DDSB's Board of Trustees is currently conducting 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** in a public awareness campaign highlighting the challenge facing the DDSB.

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.

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

Tuesday, September 6, 2016
Public Session — 7:00 p.m.

Student Senate Meeting

TBA
4:15 pm – 6:00 pm

Board Meeting

Monday, September 19, 2016
Public Session — 7:00 p.m.

Have a wonderful summer!

