



# Board Highlights

*On Monday, May 15, 2017, the Durham District School Board held its monthly Board meeting.*

## Bolton C. Falby Public School's Junior Choir Entertains!



A special thank you to the Bolton C. Falby Public School Junior Choir led by teacher, Karlene Fletcher for the wonderful renditions of 'Follow the Drinking Gourd' and the 'World is Ours'.

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

## Celebrating Canada 150 — We Are DDSB!

DDSB Chair Michael Barrett continued the monthly Canada 150 – We Are DDSB initiative by introducing a video featuring Grades 5 and 6 school students.



## Transfers and Promotions SHORT LISTS

The following candidates are recommended to the **Elementary Vice Principal Short List:**

Tammy Abramczuk, Program Facilitator  
Jennifer Alls, Bellwood P.S.  
Kim Bourque, Lester B. Pearson P.S.  
David Budd, External Candidate  
Mary Jane Corradetti, Lakeside P.S.  
Geoff DeCarlo, Seneca Trail P.S.

## **Transfers and Promotions *continued***

### **Elementary Vice Principal Short List:**

Louise deHaas, Chris Hadfield P.S.  
Jean Ferrier, Westcreek P.S.  
Jill Harvey, Literacy Coach  
Ryan Heritage, External Candidate  
Christine Mackey, Terry Fox P.S.  
Chrystal Marolt, Program Facilitator  
Janet Robinson, Dr. Roberta Bondar P.S.  
Michelle Sigmann, Clara Hughes P.S.  
Nicole Soliman, Terry Fox P.S.

The following candidates are recommended to the  
**Elementary Principal Short List:**

Justin Abdelkerim, Dr. S.J. Phillips P.S.  
Roy Cousins, External Candidate  
Caryn Hurst, Fairport Beach P.S.  
Conor Jinkinson, Michaëlle Jean P.S.  
Riley Lord, External Candidate  
Suzanne McLean, R.H. Cornish P.S.  
Shauna McMurray, Ormiston P.S.  
Michael Menheere, External Candidate  
James Rowed, Waverly P.S./Stephen Saywell P.S.  
Stephen Robertson, Goodwood P.S.

The following candidates are recommended to the  
**Secondary Vice Principal Short List:**

Melissa Lee, Uxbridge S.S.  
Shaundell Parris, Pickering H.S.

The following candidates are recommended to the  
**Secondary Principal Short List:**

Rose Arndt Perris, Grove School  
Greg Scotchburn, Uxbridge S.S.

## **TRANSFERS**

### **Transfer — Elementary Vice Principal**

- a) Hayley Aiken, Vice Principal, John Dryden P.S., to Vice Principal, Brooklin Village P.S.
- b) Elio Campo, Vice Principal, Ormiston P.S., to Vice Principal, Stephen Saywell P.S.
- c) Amanda Clay, Vice Principal, Norman G. Powers P.S., to Vice Principal, Gordon B. Attersley P.S.
- d) Arlene Cole, Vice Principal, Lakewoods P.S., to Vice Principal, Woodcrest P.S.
- e) Christina Douglas, Vice Principal, Romeo Dallaire P.S., to Vice Principal, Michaëlle Jean P.S.
- f) Doug Ferris, Vice Principal, Special Education, to Vice Principal, Bobby Orr P.S.
- g) Lena Glaes-Coutts, Vice Principal, S.A. Cawker P.S., to Vice Principal, Fallingbrook P.S.
- h) Tanya Hawthorne, Vice Principal, Altona Forest P.S., to Vice Principal, Sir J.A. Macdonald P.S.
- i) Jordie Hofstede-Barker, Vice Principal, Attersley/Harmony P.S., to Vice Principal, Kedron P.S.
- j) Sabrina Hooper, Vice Principal, Valley View P.S., to Vice Principal, Blair Ridge P.S.
- k) Lorrie Houston, Vice Principal, Lincoln Alexander P.S., to Vice Principal, Norman G. Powers P.S.
- l) Kim Joseph, Vice Principal, Fallingbrook P.S., to Vice Principal, Dr. S.J. Phillips P.S.
- m) Sheryl Lavery, Vice Principal, Currently on Leave, to Vice Principal, Coronation P.S.
- n) Julie Mereweather, Vice Principal, Woodcrest/Adelaide P.S., to Vice Principal, Uxbridge P.S.
- o) Leanne Osborne-Floyd, Vice Principal, Coronation P.S., to Vice Principal, Harmony Heights P.S.

- p) Joshua Raycroft, Vice Principal, David Bouchard P.S., to Vice Principal, Romeo Dallaire P.S.
- q) Denise Robinson, Vice Principal, Brooklin Village P.S., to Vice Principal, John Dryden P.S.
- r) Gavin Ruddock, Vice Principal, Dr. Cannon/Bobby Orr P.S., to Vice Principal, Quaker Village P.S.
- s) Karen Timm, Vice Principal, Sir J.A. Macdonald P.S., to Vice Principal, Valley View P.S.
- t) Brent Wragg, Vice Principal, Cartwright Central P.S., to Vice Principal, David Bouchard P.S.

### **Transfer — Elementary Principal**

- a) Jack Barclay, Principal, Whitby Shores P.S., to Principal, Bayview Heights P.S.
- b) Michael Bowman, Principal, Seneca Trail P.S., to Principal, A.G. Bell P.S.
- c) Charmyn Clement, Principal, Duffin's Bay P.S., to Principal, Roland Michener P.S.
- d) Diane Cotterill, Principal, Roland Michener P.S., to Principal, Maple Ridge P.S.
- e) Cristina Cox, Principal, Cadarackque P.S., to Principal, Seneca Trail P.S.
- f) Dave Hogg, Principal, Currently on Leave, to Principal, Whitby Shores P.S.
- g) Greg Island, Principal, Administrative Officer, to Principal, John Dryden P.S.
- h) Greg Marlow, Principal, Bayview Heights P.S., to Principal, Greenbank/Epsom P.S.
- i) Nick Palumbo, Principal, Adelaide McLaughlin P.S., to Principal, Kedron P.S.
- j) Andrea Peel, Principal, Greenbank/Epsom P.S., to Principal, Nottingham P.S.
- k) Sean Powers, Principal, Nottingham P.S., to Principal, Duffin's Bay P.S.
- l) Dave Robson, Principal, Vincent Massey P.S., to Principal, Dr. S.J. Phillips P.S.

### **Transfer — Secondary Principal**

- a) Lucy Black, Principal, Brock H.S., to Principal, Durham Continuing Education
- b) Sarah MacDonald, Principal, Anderson C.V.I., to Principal, Donald A. Wilson S.S.
- c) Eleanor McIntosh, Administrative Officer, to Principal, Ajax H.S.
- d) Andrea Pemberton, Principal, Ajax H.S., to Principal, Anderson C.V.I.
- e) David Sasseville, Principal, Durham Continuing Education, to Principal, Brock H.S.

### **Transfer — Secondary Vice Principal**

- a) Philip Arkoh-Forson, Vice Principal, Sinclair S.S., to Vice Principal, Donald A. Wilson S.S.
- b) Ann Armstrong, Vice Principal, Donald A. Wilson S.S., to Vice Principal, Sinclair S.S.
- c) Melissa Hunte, Vice Principal, J. Clarke Richardson, to Vice Principal, Pickering H.S.
- d) Tiffani Jodoin, Vice Principal, Sinclair S.S., to Vice Principal, Durham Alternative S.S.
- e) William Jovel, Vice Principal, R.S. McLaughlin C.V.I., to Vice Principal, Dunbarton H.S.
- f) Andrew Lue, Vice Principal, Dunbarton H.S., to Vice Principal, Sinclair S.S.

## **PROMOTIONS**

### **Promotion — Elementary Vice Principal**

*(Placed from the Short List)*

- a) Tammy Abramczuk, Program Facilitator, to Vice Principal, Dr. C.F. Cannon P.S.
- b) Jennifer Alls, Acting Vice Principal, Bellwood P.S., to Vice Principal, Bellwood P.S., **effective May 16, 2017**
- c) Kim Bourque, Acting Vice Principal, Lester B. Pearson P.S., to Vice Principal, Lester B. Pearson P.S., **effective May 16, 2017**



- d) David Budd, External Candidate, to Vice Principal, Clara Hughes P.S.
- e) Mary Jane Corradetti, Acting Vice Principal, Lakeside P.S., to Vice Principal, Lakeside P.S., **effective May 16, 2017**
- f) Geoff DeCarlo, Teacher, Seneca Trail P.S., to Vice Principal, Lincoln Alexander P.S.
- g) Louise deHaas, Teacher, Chris Hadfield P.S., to Vice Principal, Lakewoods P.S.
- h) Jean Ferrier, Acting Vice Principal, Westcreek P.S., to Vice Principal, Westcreek P.S., **effective May 16, 2017**
- i) Jill Harvey, Literacy Coach, to Vice Principal, Altona Forest P.S.
- j) Ryan Heritage, External Candidate, to Vice Principal, Ormiston P.S.
- k) Christine Mackey, Teacher, Terry Fox P.S., to Vice Principal, Cartwright Central P.S.
- l) Chrystal Marolt, Program Facilitator, to Vice Principal, R.H. Cornish P.S.
- m) Janet Robinson, Acting Vice Principal, Dr. Bondar P.S., to Vice Principal, Dr. Bondar P.S., **effective May 16, 2017**
- n) Michelle Sigmann, Acting Vice Principal, Clara Hughes, to Vice Principal, Waverly P.S.
- o) Nicole Soliman, Teacher, Terry Fox P.S., to Vice Principal, Glengrove P.S.
- e) Riley Lord, External Candidate, to Principal, E.B Phin P.S.
- f) Suzanne McLean, Vice Principal, R.H. Cornish P.S., to Principal, Adelaide McLaughlin P.S.
- g) Shauna McMurray, Acting Principal, Ormiston, to Principal, Ormiston P.S., **effective May 16, 2017.**
- h) Michael Menheere, External Candidate, to Principal, Southwood Park P.S.
- i) Stephen Robertson, Acting Principal, Goodwood P.S., to Principal, Goodwood P.S., **effective May 16, 2017.**
- j) James Rowed, Vice Principal, Waverly/Saywell P.S., to Principal, Vincent Massey P.S.

### **Promotion — Secondary Vice Principal**

*(Placed from the Short List)*

- a) Melissa Lee, Teacher, Uxbridge S.S., to Vice Principal, R.S. McLaughlin C.V.I.
- b) Shaundell Parris, Acting Vice Principal, Pickering H.S., to Vice Principal, J. Clarke Richardson

### **CONTINUING ELEMENTARY ACTING ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS**

#### **Continuing Elementary Acting Vice Principal**

- a) Jennifer Clark, Acting Vice Principal, Dr. Robert Thornton P.S.
- b) Stefanie Cole, Acting Vice Principal, Scott Central P.S.
- c) Sean Grace, Acting Vice Principal, West Lynde P.S.
- d) David Pomerleau, Acting Vice Principal, Frenchman's Bay P.S.
- e) Ann Taylor, Acting Vice Principal, Carruther's Creek P.S.
- f) Pia Teini, Acting Vice Principal, Applecroft P.S.

### **Promotion — Elementary Principal** *(Placed from the Short List)*

- a) Justin Abdelkerim, Vice Principal, Dr. S.J. Phillips P.S., to Principal, Mary Street Community School
- b) Roy Cousins, External Candidate, to Principal, Cadarackque P.S.
- c) Caryn Hurst, Acting Principal, Fairport Beach P.S., to Principal, Fairport Beach P.S., **effective May 16, 2017.**
- d) Conor Jinkinson, Vice Principal, Michaëlle Jean P.S., to Principal, Bolton C. Falby P.S.



- g) Dawn Vasey, Acting Vice Principal, Highbush P.S.

### **Continuing Elementary Acting Principal**

- a) Michelle Goslin, Acting Principal, Rosebank P.S.
- b) Emily Ogilvie, Acting Principal, William Dunbar P.S.
- c) Paulette Samuels-Brown, Acting Principal, West Lynde P.S.
- d) Margaret Snider-McGrath, Acting Principal, McCaskill's Mills P.S.

### **Director's Good News**

On Tuesday, April 11th, Brooklin High School hosted its 1st Annual "Girls' Night In" for female students. Over 90 students from grades 9-12 attended. The evening included activities such as art therapy, key chain making, tie dye, manicures, a games corner, team building, karaoke, a photo booth, a group dance routine, and a dinner prepared by our own culinary program. There was also an educational aspect focusing on positive mental health and building self-esteem. This evening was all empowering teaching students to love who they are by sharing the power of kindness and showing gratitude.

Students from across the DDSB recently attended our annual Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) Conference. This year's conference theme encouraged students to speak up and speak out. Student attendees shared their voices with messages such as: You are good enough. Be a person someone can rely on. Don't be afraid. Please stay alive. These powerful messages were written by students for their future selves. This was a record setting year for our GSA Conference as over 220 students from 25 schools attended the day's events.

At the Durham Regional Science Fair which took place on Saturday April 8th, one of our students, Ayanna Jeyakanthan, a grade 7 student at Roland Michener Public School in Ajax was chosen as one of two grand prize winners at this year's fair for her project entitled "The Effect of Microwave Radiation." Ayanna won an all-expense paid trip to the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Regina, Saskatchewan where she will have the opportunity to meet and compete with about 500 grade 7 to 12 students during the week of May 14 to 20. We wish Ayanna the best at this week's competitions.

The Education Centre played host to the annual Regional Finals of the Schoolreach competition for Durham this year. On Monday April 3rd, a total of

sixteen teams, representing thirteen different schools, competed at both senior and intermediate levels for this year's awards. Anderson High School defeated Donald A. Wilson in the Intermediate final, while Pickering High School defended their Senior Championship. Pickering will represent Durham Region at the Provincial finals, to be held later this May. Congratulations to all the DDSB teams taking part in the competition.

Graduating grade 8 students at Bayview Heights Public School in Pickering were recently asked to write a statements about who they are, and were asked to consider what fuels them. Collectively, students put some thought into what makes them individually unique and drives them to be who they are. Their statements were paired with an individual photo of themselves and turned into a powerful photo exhibit displayed at the front of the school. These powerful photos speak to the promotion of creativity and critical thinking of staff in preparing students to be global citizens as they get ready for the next stage of their lives.

At Cartwright Central Public School in Blackstock we are aiming to make a difference. Students, staff, SCC members and the local police liaison officers teamed up to fundraise for Pedal for Hope on Friday, April 28th. Some of our students and parents volunteered to have their heads shaved or pony tails cut - all of which was donated to make wigs for Kids with Cancer. Cartwright Central is very proud to have earned a little more than \$2,300 for Kids with Cancer in their first year of the event.

Director Millar highlighted the Make A Difference event at West Lynde Public School earlier this month on May 3rd. West Lynde Public School students, families and community were gracious hosts of the event which included a free barbecue, door prizes and giveaways to guests. The Make a Difference program helps ensure Durham District School Board students and their families have access to all programs and services available in the community. Community partners such as the YMCA, Kids Campus Child Care, UOIT and others attended and participated in the event to give families an opportunity to learn about services including various breakfast programs, parent workshops, affordable childcare and much more. The event was very well attended.

Minister Hunter visited J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate touring our shared building with the Durham Catholic Board for this year's Education Week. Minister Hunter was greeted by the school principal and DDSB senior staff and escorted on a tour of the school and it's culinary arts department while speaking with students and DDSB teaching staff who were gathered for a professional activity day at the school.

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On April 20th, the DDSB Education Centre was happy to host the inaugural DDSB School Cricket Awards Ceremony organized by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants as they launched the 2017 School Cricket Tournament in Durham and recognized winning school cricket teams from last year's competition. The School Cricket program was launched in partnership with CIMA in 2015, thanks to a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The program has helped introduce cricket in over 50 DDSB schools and to hundreds of excited students who are learning to play a new sport.

Director Millar recognized the work of our Equity and Diversity Strategic Plan Steering Committee co-chaired by Trustee Patrice Barnes and Justice Donald McLeod. The steering committee has met three times this calendar year with the most recent meeting occurring April 12th. The steering committee is tasked with addressing six different action items including: Measures for Success; Community Liaison Police Partnerships; Afrocentric Family Partnerships; Diversifying DDSB Staff and Leadership; Culturally Responsive and Relevant Programming; and Professional Growth for Inclusion and Voice. These six sub-committees are meeting on an ongoing basis addressing the concerns derived from our Community Voice sessions last year. The steering committee will bring a summary of actionable items forward for public consultation and launch at the September Board Meeting.

Director Millar congratulated student Kierra Scott from Pierre Elliott Trudeau Public School in Oshawa for being chosen from over 100 applicants as a representative member of the new Forest of Reading Kid Committee. This is quite an honour for Kierra as she represents our school board. The Forest of Reading Kid Committee selects a recommended reading list for grades 4-8 every year and is run by the Ontario Library Association.

### **Filling the Trustee Vacancy - Oshawa**

Linda Lowery was sworn in as the new trustee for the City of Oshawa filling the vacancy created by the unfortunate passing of Trustee Larry Jacula.

Trustees decided not to hold a by-election to fill the position. The cost of such a by-election is estimated to be \$40,000.

Congratulations to Linda Lowery.



Linda Lowery signing the Declaration of Office/Oath of Allegiance with Director of Education Lisa Millar.

### **Equity and Inclusion at Durham Alternative SS**

Trustees learned how school culture and alternative courses that model and teach equity and inclusion support student achievement and well-being at Durham Alternative Secondary School (DASS).

There is strong research support for the link between students feeling connected to their school and improved academic achievement. To support student achievement for students who have not always experienced success, DASS creates an environment that is supportive, respectful and welcoming to all.

Equity and inclusive education at DASS provides a framework to support the needs of Durham's most vulnerable youth. Through modeling for students and teaching them about equity and inclusion, the staff at DASS is able to create an inclusive culture that respects and values diversity in all its forms.

### **Equitable Recruitment Policy**

The DDSB is committed to equitable practices in every aspect of its operations. To this end, the Board approved a new policy to inform equitable and inclusive recruitment practices. A framework, which reflects the policy is being developed along with resources and training to support and monitor its implementation in the system.

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## Innovative Education Projects and Community Engagement

Trustees were provided with an update on a number of successful innovative education projects that include community engagement. Led by the DDSB Partnership Development Coordinator, the Board has secured more than \$1.9 million in funding to support three DDSB-led initiatives: Parent Engagement; Make a Difference; and First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education. Other innovative education projects and collaborative initiatives have garnered an additional \$9.9 million in funding.

Collaborative work with community partners provides a significant infusion of in-kind contributions to support student achievement and well-being. For example, in the proposal approved by the Local Poverty Reduction Fund, the in-kind contributions of the partners were estimated at \$239,900.

## Upcoming Events

- **May 19 – Equity Conference**
- **May 24-26 – EQAO, Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics - Primary Grade 3**
- **May 29-31 – EQAO, Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics - Junior Grade 6**
- **May 24 – Cypher, Black Male Empowerment Conference**
- **June 2 – P.A. Day – All Schools**
- **June 7 – DDSB Annual Retirement Dinner**
- **June 13 – 15 – EQAO, Grade 9 - Assessment of Mathematics**
- **June 21 – National Aboriginal Day**

## Regular Board and Committee Meetings

### Student Senate Meeting

Monday, June 5, 2017  
4:15 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.

### Standing Committee Meeting

Monday, June 5, 2017  
Public Session — 7:00 p.m.

### Board Meeting

Monday, June 19, 2017  
Public Session — 7:00 p.m.



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