



Board Highlights

On Monday, November 16, 2015, the Durham District School Board held its regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Pickering High School Gives an Outstanding Performance!

Special thanks music director David Kosurko and the Senior Jazz Ensemble from Pickering High School, for starting the meeting off on a high note! This group provided an outstanding performance with O Canada, The Pink Panther and Cold Duck Time. Thank you to our students and Mr. Kosurko for sharing your time and considerable talents! A special thanks to the families and fans for coming up to the Board Meeting to show their support.



Pickering Trustee Chris Braney presents Candice with her award of distinction as Board Chair, Michael Barrett and Vice Chair, Donna Edwards look on.

Definitely Durham

Before tonight's Board Meeting, [Definitely Durham](#), the DDSB's hall of fame inducted its newest members.

[Definitely Durham](#) celebrates and showcases the successes of its former students and public education in our community.

This year's inductees are:

- **Candice Hollingshead**
- **Anne Ottenbrite-Muylaert**
- **Chief Kelly LaRocca**

Candice Hollingshead

Candice Hollingshead is an alumni of Oshawa Central CVI. After competing against almost eight hundred people in the rigorous testing required to be a firefighter, Candice was one of only four individuals to qualify for the position.

It was on March 20, 1995, Candice became a trailblazer when she was the first female firefighter hired by the Oshawa Fire Department. Now in her 20th year of firefighting, Candice Hollingshead remains passionate about her profession.

Anne Ottenbrite-Muylaert

Anne Ottenbrite-Muylaert is a graduate of Henry Street HS in Whitby. She competed in swimming in the 1982 Commonwealth games winning two gold and one silver medal, a silver and bronze medal in the 1982 World Championships, two gold medals in the 1983 Pan American Games, and a gold, silver and bronze medal in the 1984 Olympics.



Whitby Trustees Christine Winters (left) and Kimberly Zeppieri (right) proudly present Anne with her award of distinction.

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Anne Ottenbrite-Muylaert was an Order of Canada recipient in 1985, inducted into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame, the Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame, the Canadian Aquatic Hall of Fame, the International Swimming Hall of Fame, and the Whitby Sports Hall of Fame.

Kelly LaRocca

Kelly LaRocca proudly serves as the elected Chief of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation. Kelly was first elected as Chief in July 2013, and was acclaimed as Chief in 2015.



Pickering Trustee, Paul Crawford congratulates Chief Kelly LaRocca pictured here with her daughter Ruby, along with Scugog Trustee, Carolyn Morton (left) and Brock and Uxbridge Trustee, Elinor Hansen (far right).

Prior to her election as Chief, Kelly began her career in public service as a full-time elected Councillor to Scugog First Nation in 2008. Kelly attended Conant Public School and G.L. Roberts, C.V.I. In 1992, Kelly moved to Port Perry High School, where she graduated with honours. In 1994, Kelly began her post-secondary education at the University Western Ontario, from which she graduated with an Honours Degree in Philosophy. Kelly went on to the University of Windsor, Faculty of Law, where she graduated with her LL.B. in 2000. Kelly also attended the University of Victoria, Faculty of Law for Masters course work in Aboriginal Law.

[Read more](#) about Definitely Durham and this year's inductees.

Transfers and Promotions

Transfers Elementary Vice-Principals:

Effective January 1, 2016 unless otherwise noted

- **Melissa Comes**, Acting Principal, Beau Valley PS, to Vice-Principal, Norman G. Powers PS effective March 1, 2016
- **Greta Davis**, Vice-Principal, Currently on Leave, to Vice-Principal, Sunderland PS
- **Margaret Snider-McGrath**, Vice-Principal, Uxbridge PS, to Vice-Principal, Bolton C.Falby PS

Transfers Principal Elementary

- Kim Hooper-Daoust, Principal, Walter E. Harris PS, to Principal, Fallingbrook PS
- Jeff Knox, Principal, Fallingbrook PS, to Principal, Sir Samuel Steele PS

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

Vice-Principal Promotions Elementary

- Susan Tanner, Teacher, SOAR, to Vice-Principal, Meadowcrest PS

Principal Promotions Elementary

- **Amanda Paterson**, Vice-Principal, Vimy Ridge PS, to Principal, Beau Valley PS, effective March 1, 2016.
- **Tara Paterson**, Acting Principal, Woodcrest PS, to Principal, Woodcrest PS effective November 17, 2015.
- **Susan Pipher-Hogg**, Acting Principal, Romeo Dallaire PS, to Principal, Romeo Dallaire PS effective November 17, 2015
- **Shannon Robertson**, Vice-Principal, Bolton C. Falby PS, to Principal, Walter E. Harris PS
- **Melissa Sparkman**, Vice-Principal, Norman G. Powers PS, to Principal, Dr. C.F. Cannon PS, effective March 1, 2016.



Transfers and Promotions continued..

The following candidate is recommended to Elementary Vice-Principal Short List:

- Susan Tanner-Whipps, SOAR

The following candidates are recommended to Elementary Principal Short List:

- Cathy Correll, Queen Elizabeth PS
- Amanda Paterson, Vimy Ridge PS
- Tara Paterson, Woodcrest PS
- Susan Pipher-Hogg, Romeo Dallaire PS
- Shannon Robertson, Bolton C. Falby PS
- Melissa Sparkman, Norman G. Powers PS

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

- Beth Mah, Donald A. Wilson SS
- Jennifer Sims, Eastdale CVI

Regular Board and Committee Meetings

Standing Committee/Board Election Meeting

Monday, December 7, 2015 – 7:00 pm
Public Session

Student Senate Meeting

Monday, December 7, 2015 – 4:15 pm – 6:00 pm



COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT
DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



Motions

- Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) Report for Oshawa Secondary Schools Report to the Director of Education and the Staff Recommendation Report were received.
- That the audited financial statements of Durham District School Board for the year ended August 31, 2015 including transfers to and from internally restricted funds be approved as presented.
- That the Durham District School Board approve the recommended changes as highlighted in the attached By-Laws

Other News:

The Durham District School Board is fortunate to have received funding for two new elementary schools, one in Oshawa and one in Ajax and for a renovation at Claremont PS which will include Child Care Centres.

More information about this and other news and events can be found on the [DDSB's website](#).

