

ACHIEVEMENT



A Report to our Catholic School Communities

Fall 2011

A Tradition of Excellence in Catholic Education

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and senior management, we welcome you to the 2011-12 school year. We are pleased that you have chosen a Catholic education for your child(ren) and promise to work hard to ensure that every student has every opportunity to achieve success. As we start the new school year, we would also like to make you aware of the tremendous amount of work that has taken place throughout the system over the past year. In that spirit, we are pleased to provide you with a snapshot report that outlines in bullet format, the work that has taken place over the past year; work that will impact this and future school and board activities. Throughout the year, we will strive to keep you apprised of achievements, issues and events as they unfold. We encourage you to get involved with Catholic education through your local school council and to keep informed of issues and events by visiting our website at www.dpcdsb.org where you can sign up for our free news and information service, eCommunity.

As we begin the new year, we will continue to work with our partners in education, you, the parents and guardians, our parishes, the Ministry of Education, Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association and others, to provide your children with a Catholic education that will serve them well as they strive to become, not only good, well rounded students, but responsible citizens as well. We welcome your feedback and input. To find out more about your local trustee and the role they play in Catholic education, our website is a great place to visit. We hope that this snapshot provides you with a glimpse of the work that we do on behalf of your children and Catholic education.

Anna Abbruscato - Chair

John B. Kostoff - Director of Education

Snapshot of Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board accomplishments and activities during the 2010-11 School Year

- Catholicity System Update
- Approved, for the fifth consecutive year, a balanced budget
- Invested \$4 million for Special Education Services and additional support for Full Day Learning
- Approved construction of two new schools in Brampton
- Launched Dufferin-Peel Baptismal Program with local parishes
- Initiated enrolment management strategy for boundaries for St. Edmund Campion Secondary and St. Rita Elementary schools
- Accepted Year-end Statistical Report on Information and Privacy for 2010
- Accepted Personal Health Information Statistical Report for Privacy Commissioner 2010
- Accepted Update on Green Initiatives from the System Directions and the Board Strategic Plan
- Approved Tender for new Loyola Catholic Secondary School
- Appointed external members to the Audit Committee
- Elected OCSTA Regional Directors
- Accepted Student Transportation Overview presentation, by the Ministry of the Education, regarding questions asked by Trustees
- Acknowledged presentation by Peel Public Health regarding new Nutritional Programs at the secondary level and recognized piloted schools
- Received Update on the Ontario Catholic Student Leadership Conference
- Completed *Our Story, Our Tradition, Our Journey*, a new student resource text that identifies the history of Catholic education, the role that the local churches and parishes played in Peel Region/Dufferin County and ways to closer link parishes and schools
- Approved Year 3, 4 and 5 Full Day Kindergarten sites
- Created 3-year Capital Plan that identifies Catholic priorities in Dufferin-Peel, and forwarded to the government
- Approved Public Consultation for budget and regular monthly public budget updates
- Approved Award of Merit to be presented in September 2011 to Religious and Diocesan Orders that were instrumental in the founding of Dufferin-Peel
- Re-named Blessed Trinity School
- Received Ad Hoc Transportation Committee recommendations
- Received regular, monthly Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association updates on Provincial activities
- Accepted Monthly STOPR updates
- Received Integrated Ridership Discipline and Supervision Procedures
- Initiated proposed revision to transportation eligibility
- Accepted STOPR Operational Procedures
- Approved Revised Budget Estimates for 2010-2011
- Created Student Voice Council, comprised of School Prime Ministers, which will meet during the year with the board
- Set boundaries for Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School
- Received, through the Financial Services Department, presentation of the Transportation Consortium effectiveness and efficiency reviews
- Received report on the secondary schools Scholarship and Awards Committee
- Reviewed report on Succession Planning for the next 15 years on both Corporate and Instructional sides
- Received presentation of the Attendance Support Program and implementation procedures
- Reviewed report on Supporting Diverse Learners in the Early Years
- Acknowledged re-engagement strategy for Grade 12 and beyond, and students who have yet to be successful in graduation
- Initiated French Immersion Guardian/Parent Interest Survey
- Approved Provincial Briefing Report to local Members of Provincial parliament on areas of concern of the Dufferin-Peel community
- Catholic Community, Culture & Caring School Climate Survey - Students
- Received Pillars of the Catholic Board Learning Plans

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- Received report on the Eco-Greening Initiatives and Certification
- Approved Equity and Inclusion Strategy
- Received presentation for Catholic Education Week
- Received Overseas Excursion report
- Election of student representatives to the Board of Trustees
- Received Review of Service Coordination in the Dufferin-Peel Region, from Birth to 24
- Received Review of School Health Support Services Report from the Ministry of Education
- Received System Directions Overview by the Director of Education, based on the Strategic Plan
- Approved recommendations to the 2011 Budget Process
- Goal Setting for the Special Education Advisory Committee & alignment to the Catholic Board Learning Plan
- Approved publication of the document, Role of the Trustee, for wide distribution
- Approved publication of the document, Dealing with Complaints, for wide distribution
- Established Ad Hoc Committee with Peel District School Board Trustees to discuss issues of joint concern regarding transportation
- Approved change in walking distance ratios
- Established budget priorities for the 2010-2011 school budget
- Additional years for growth at Cardinal Ambrozic Catholic Secondary School, St. Roch Catholic Secondary School and St. Michael Catholic Secondary School
- Signed agreement with the City of Mississauga regarding track and field facilities at the new Loyola Catholic Secondary School site
- Received review and analysis of EQAO test results for Grades 3,6,10 for all, including diverse learners
- Received review of strategies to improve the graduation rates of Grade 12 students at the Secondary level
- Conducted Public Budget Consultation with community stakeholders
- Approved massive review and revision of 86 by-laws and procedures
- Approved expansion of French Immersion sites through board budget
- Reached agreement on the first DECE contract for the Full Day Learning Program
- Received review and monitoring of student achievement, student graduation rates, programs and services
- Received delegations on a variety of topics at Board and Committee meetings throughout the year
- Initiated and conducted professional in-servicing of Trustees regarding suspension and appeals
- Initiated and conducted professional in-servicing of Trustees on governance issues
- Initiated and conducted professional in-servicing of Trustees on transportation
- Regularly bring forward concerns from rate payers related to policy or issues in their wards
- Over one-third of our schools Eco-Certified as Green Schools
- Conducted application process for community representatives to the Audit Committee
- Held regular meetings with the Regional Audit Team
- Created Risk Assessment document
- Internal Audits randomly conducted at schools
- Appointed external auditors
- Construction of Our Lady of Lourdes -new elementary school opening in September in Brampton
- Approved renovations related to FDK at four schools and retrofits at four schools to accommodate Full Day Kindergarten Program
- Approved energy saving initiatives of roof top solar voltaic panels at five schools and installation of energy efficient lighting, thermostatic controls at three schools. Replacement and repairs coming to six roofs and upgrades to mechanical and electrical systems at 24 schools
- Allocated one time funding utilization of \$1.5 million for Science Textbooks and \$2.0 million for other subject textbooks
- Successfully implemented inaugural year of Full Day Kindergarten
- Aligned Catholic Board Learning Plan, Catholic Board Corporate Plan and System Direction
- Expanded Pathways and Specialist High Skills Major program
- Development of staff capacity to support students with mental health needs
- Drafted New Policy, School Food and Beverage
- Revised Policy 4.04, Educational Trips
- Revised Policy 1.25, Pupils with an Anaphylactic Allergy
- Revised Policy 1.75, Chapels in Secondary Schools
- Revised Policy 4.25, Noon Hour - Supervision
- Revised Regulations 6.59, School Graduations
- Draft of Revised Policy/Regulations 1.10, Admissions
- Revised Policy 7.20, Video Security Surveillance Systems in Schools
- Revised Policy 5.10, Public Health
- Revised Policy 1.20, Advertising Materials
- Received Dashboard updates on the implementation of Strategic Plan System Directions, from the Human Resources Department, Mississauga South Family of Schools, Brampton North East Family of Schools, Brampton East/Caledon/Dufferin/Malton Family of Schools, Mississauga North Family of Schools, Mississauga East Family of Schools, Mississauga Brampton Central Family of Schools, Special Education and Student Services, Program, Brampton West Family of Schools, Student Success Support Initiatives, Planning and Operations, Corporate Services and Employee Relations.

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