



Board HIGHLIGHTS

On Monday, March 22, 2010 the Durham District School Board held its regular Board Meeting.

Port Perry High School Entertains!

The Accidentals, a group of very talented guitar players and singers from Port Perry High School, started the meeting off on a high note. The group played selections from Radiohead and The Beatles. Led by Teacher Gord Girvan, the students both impressed and entertained an appreciative audience.

Director's Good News

The Director welcomed everyone back from March Break and thanked the many staff and volunteers, who, during the March Break, took students on trips to expand their learning and experience beyond the classroom. The Director thanked the DDSB's custodians for their Herculean efforts to clean our schools during the March Break.

Director Martyn Beckett congratulated the Grade 3 students at Beau Valley Public School in Oshawa, for their creative use of a persuasive writing exercise as an opportunity to benefit the community.

Students of Mrs. Rankine's Grade 3 class wrote a persuasive letter and video to Kraft Canada asking for 2,000 boxes of KD to be donated to St. Peter's food bank in Oshawa. Much to the students' delight, Kraft Canada was definitely persuaded by their writing skills and their creativity and donated the KD on March 9, 2010.

The students were assisted by student teacher, Ms. Weaver who worked with the class to showcase their creativity and leadership. The Director congratulated the class for using its talents to benefit our community.

With April just around the corner, the Director highlighted the upcoming opportunity for secondary students to participate in the Student Trustee Election process. April 26, 27 and 29, DDSB secondary students will participate in the process to elect student trustees to the Board. Student trustees represent the voice of students and provide an opportunity for dialogue between our

secondary schools. All secondary schools are strongly encouraged to nominate a candidate and any interested students are encouraged to contact their school's principal or our current student trustees.

The Director thanked the organizers of the first annual, "And Still We Rise," student conference held here at the Education Centre on March 2, 2010. The conference focused on the development and support of Empathy, Engagement and Excellence in students in Grades 10-12 of Caribbean or African descent. The Durham District School Board's Black Educators' Network hosted the conference designed to motivate Durham District School Board students to maximize their potential, and to become agents for social change.

More than 200 students were in attendance and inspired by a series of keynote speakers and workshops. Thanks to the DDSB's Black Educators' Network and all of the conference presenters for supporting and inspiring our students.

DDSB schools have raised more than \$139,279.60 to support Haitian relief efforts. In addition, more than 400 pairs of shoes, 100 pairs of jeans, school supplies and many other forms of support have been shared generously by DDSB school communities to date.

Motions

- That revised policy #7113, School Consolidation and Closure Policy and Procedure, be approved as presented.
- That the draft Purchasing Policy and Regulation #3310 be approved as presented.
- That the draft Policy and Regulation #5500 – The DDSB Code of Conduct, Regulation #4255 – Security and Safety, Policy and Regulation #5148 – Discipline for Serious Incidents be approved as presented.

New Unnamed Lynde Shores Public School Officially Named

The Unnamed Lynde Shores Public School is officially named Whitby Shores Public School. The Board thanked the Ad Hoc Naming Committee for their hard work and support of public education. The Board thanks the community members for submitting a total of 53 name suggestions to the Ad Hoc Naming Committee. Whitby Shores Public School is scheduled to open in September 2010.

Regular Board and Committee Meetings

Student Senate Meeting

Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 4:15 pm – 6:00 pm,
Education Centre

Standing Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 6, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
Public Session

Board Meeting

Monday, April 19, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
Public Session



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