

Board re-acclaims Mario Pascucci as chair and elects Sharon Hobin as vice-chair

Incumbent Mario Pascucci was re-acclaimed as chair of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board at the board's annual organizational meeting Dec. 3.

During his 30 years as a trustee, Pascucci, who represents Mississauga Wards 1 and 3, has served in various leadership capacities, including three previous terms as chair of the board. He has also served as chair of the board's Administration and Finance Committee, Audit Committee and Faith and Program Committee.

Hobin, trustee for Mississauga Wards 2 and 8, was elected vice-chair, a position she held on two previous occasions. Hobin has also chaired the board's Faith and Program Committee, and Administration and Finance Committee, a committee on which she also served for two years as vice-chair. She has sat on the board's Challenged Materials Committee, Discipline Committee, Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) and the SAL (Supervised Alternative Learning) Committee.

"I am honoured to represent my fellow trustees as chair and promise to work hard in the days and months ahead, as we enter the final year of our four-year mandate," Pascucci said. "I have been blessed to work with such a cohesive board and with so many dedicated and committed Catholic leaders. Dufferin-Peel is widely recognized as a leader in Catholic education across this province. We are a successful, thriving and vibrant board where students are achieving at high levels, schools are clean, safe and welcoming and students are experiencing the Christ-centered holistic education that parents/guardians expect."

"I am proud to be part of an outstanding board of trustees; a board that works tirelessly, in collaboration with staff, to help ensure that, here at Dufferin-Peel, extraordinary lives do indeed start with a great Catholic education," he added.

The meeting opened with the annual address to the board by Director of Education John Kostoff, who recognized and thanked system partners, including employee groups, trustees, staff at all levels and clergy for their commitment and dedication to Catholic education. Kostoff outlined a successful year, recounting a list of achievements and accomplishments focusing on advances in technology for learning and teaching, ongoing and upward trending levels of student achievement and engagement, and a sustained focus on the Catholic nature of Dufferin-Peel schools.

"We have been successful, but we must not rest on our laurels," Kostoff observed. "Catholic education in Dufferin-Peel continues to thrive because so many believe strongly in the distinctive brand of values and morals-based education that our Catholic system provides."

The meeting was preceded by a Eucharistic celebration held in the Catholic Education Centre chapel, celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop John Boissonneau.