

Three trustee hopefuls feel good about ongoing campaign

By Bill Rea

There appears to be little in the way of major concerns facing the three candidates seeking to represent Caledon and Dufferin County on the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board.

Incumbent Frank Di Cosola is up against Krystina De Rose, a legislative assistant at Queen's Park, and Tony Meglio, a skilled tradesman and union representative with the Toronto Transit Commission.

"It's going really well," De Rose declared earlier this week. "I'm getting out to as many doors as I can."

She said the main concern she's been encountering deals with adjustments to full-day kindergarten and the scheduling of school buses, adding she was expecting matters like that to come up so early in a school year.

De Rose added there have been some issues with students being moved from one class to another to balance class sizes.

She also said she hasn't noticed much of a difference between voters she's encountered in Caledon and Dufferin.

"It's all student focus based," she said.

De Rose was speaking hopefully about her chances of success election day.

"It would mean a lot, and I would really appreciate the opportunity," she remarked. "I'm putting in the work, and hopefully I'm rewarded."

Meglio also said he's pleased with the reception he's been getting.

"It's not like Toronto," he said.

But he also indicated there's a need to educate voters, commenting a number of people he's been talking to don't seem to know what a trustee does.

As far as issues are concerned, Meglio said he spoke to one woman who was concerned about which washrooms transgender students are supposed to use.

"Basically, you represent the whole community," he observed.

He too commented that he's not noticed much of a difference in the mood between Caledon and Dufferin voters.

Meglio is hopeful about his chances of election, based on the reception he's been receiving.

"From the people who I've talked to, if they get out and vote, hopefully I won't do too bad," he said.

"It's going fantastic," Di Cosola said, adding he's been getting a good response on the hustings. Parents seem "happy with the way I'm representing them."

"I hope to win," he added, stressing he never takes anything for granted. "I run to win, that's for sure. I run full tilt, all the time."