

Trustee Frank Di Cosola is vice-chair of the Dufferin-Peel board

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board recently re-elected Mississauga Trustee Mario Pascucci as chair for the coming year.

And Frank Di Cosola, trustee for Caledon and Dufferin County, was elected vice chair.

This took place at the board's inaugural meeting Dec. 2.

Di Cosola was handily re-elected to his trustee's post in October, taking 2,813 of the votes cast (good for 51.7 per cent), to 1,913 votes for Krystina De Rose, a legislative assistant at Queen's Park, (35.16 per cent) and 715 for Tony Meglio, a skilled tradesman and union representative with the Toronto Transit Commission (13.14 per cent).

During his 31 years as a trustee, Pascucci has served in various leadership capacities, including four previous terms as chair of the board. He has also served as chair of the Board's Administration and Finance, Audit, and Faith and Program Committees.

Di Cosola has also served in various leadership capacities, including chair and vice-chair of various committees, including the Administration and Finance, Faith and Program, and Audit Committees.

"I am gratified to have the opportunity to continue in the role of chair," Pascucci said. "The trustees of this board have a long history of being strong advocates for Catholic education and, as we embark on a new term, I can say without reservation that we will be steadfast and resolute in always striving to live up to the high standard set by those who have gone before us."

The meeting opened with the annual address to the board by Director of Education John Kostoff. He recognized and thanked system partners, including employee groups, trustees and staff at all levels for their commitment and dedication to Catholic education.

Kostoff outlined a successful year for the board, recounting a list of achievements and accomplishments.

"We have a well-founded reputation for success that is built on a track record of what we have accomplished, not what we may do, or hope to do," Kostoff said. "There are many examples we can point to, including the continuously upward trending levels of student achievement, our system review that confirmed a high level of parent satisfaction with our schools and the Catholic nature of our schools and seven consecutive years of balanced budgets, with ongoing reinvestments into the system to benefit students."

"This is directly related to the strong vision of our board, our commitment to students and families, and the cohesive, focused work of trustees and staff at all levels," he added.