

Chris Cummings Elected Board Chair, Karen McAllister Acclaimed Vice-Chair at CDSBEO Annual Board Meeting

Kemptville, ON (Wednesday, November 20, 2024) – Chris Cummings, Trustee for City of Brockville, Town of Smiths Falls, and Leeds County, has been elected to his first term as Chair for the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario.

Chair Cummings addressed trustees and senior administration at the November 19th Board Meeting.

"I feel truly blessed to have the opportunity to serve as Board Chair. We have a remarkable team, and it is an honour to be part of such a dedicated group. Thank you for your confidence in me. Your support and the incredible work you do for our schools has been a tremendous inspiration. I look forward to continuing our important work together."

Karen McAllister, Trustee for Dundas County and Stormont County, was acclaimed for a third term to the position of Vice-Chair of the Board. Vice-Chair McAllister has served as CDSBEO trustee since 2006.

"I am deeply grateful to my fellow trustees for their unwavering support. This opportunity to continue serving is both an honour and a privilege. The challenges and rewards of this role inspire me daily, and I am excited to continue working alongside this exceptional team to support one another and enhance the educational experience of our students."

The 2022-2026 CDSBEO Board of Trustees are:

Jennifer Cooney - Trustee, Lanark County

Christopher Cummings - Trustee, City of Brockville, Town of Smiths Falls, and Leeds County

Brent Laton - Trustee, Grenville County and Elizabethtown-Kitley Township

Karen McAllister - Trustee, Dundas and Stormont Counties

Donna Nielsen - Trustee, City of Cornwall and Glengarry County

Karen Torrie-Racine - Trustee, City of Cornwall and Glengarry County

Sue Wilson - Trustee, Prescott and Russell Counties

Brook Guindon - Student Trustee, 2024-2025

Junior Malunda - Associate Student Trustee, 2024-2025

Director's Annual Report Presentation

The 2023-2024 Director's Annual Report was presented to the Board of Trustees during the meeting. This report underscores the numerous accomplishments of the Board and examines successes in areas such as student achievement, faith development, and program initiatives aligned with the Board's strategic priorities.

The Director's Annual Report is now available for viewing on the CDSBEO website (www.cdsbeo.on.ca), and the video version is available to view on the CDSBEO YouTube channel ([CDSBEO Director's Annual Report 2023-2024](#)).

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario operates 39 elementary and 10 secondary schools across eight counties. The CDSBEO offers excellence in Catholic education through provincial-leading programs to approximately 13,600 students.

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