



Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

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Valentinis acclaimed Chair

Trustee Lisa Soulliere to stay on as Vice-Chair

(Windsor, Ontario, Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019) – Trustee Fulvio Valentinis will stay on as the Chair of the WECD SB for another year while Trustee Lisa Soulliere will remain as the Vice-Chair of the Board. Both were acclaimed to their second terms in the positions at tonight's annual organizational meeting.

"We're making a tremendous amount of progress and I'm happy to keep the momentum going with such a wonderful group of fellow trustees who are so committed to the further development of Catholic education," said Valentinis, who serves Wards 1 and 10, and has sat on the Board's audit and multi-year strategic plan committees. "Our student achievement results and graduation rates continue to climb, our enrolment numbers are strong because of the innovative programming we offer, and we're on solid financial ground. I'm looking forward to meeting the challenges ahead and continuing to work with the Board's administration to make sure that we meet and exceed the objectives we have set out in our strategic plan.

Elections for the position of Chair and Vice-Chair are held on an annual basis, and Trustees cast their votes for these positions at the Board's yearly organizational meeting.

Soulliere, who was first elected in 2000 and represents the Lakeshore area, currently serves on the Board's Indigenous Education Advisory Committee and the Special Education Advisory Committee. Responsibly managing the Board's assets so that student achievement, inclusivity, and quality Catholic education remain as the board's top priorities continues to be her focus.

"As trustees we have an obligation to make sure that all of our resources are focused on providing outstanding learning experiences for our students," said Soulliere. "I think we do a great job of educating our students, but contemporary classrooms have become much more complex and we need to be continually looking for new ways to improve how we meet their needs."

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