



Association of Professional Student Services Personnel

Durham Catholic Chapter
Executive Update Report
Winter 2021



Message from the President

Dear APSSP Colleagues,

Welcome back from an unusual, but hopefully still relaxing and safe summer break. Thanks to all who attended our first ever, virtual Annual General Meeting in October. Though I have held a variety of APSSP positions over the years, this will be my first year in the role of APSSP Durham President, and I am eager to work with our new executive going forward. Monthly executive meetings continue to be held virtually. Please contact me or any executive member if you need information or require assistance with an issue.

APSSP has worked tirelessly to advocate for the health and safety of staff and students, contributing to the board's Work From Home protocol. Should you have questions or concerns about this protocol, and how it affects our members, feel free to contact me.

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented challenges for all of us both personally as well as professionally. Challenging times are also impacting our students and their families. The important work that we do to support them is valuable and demanding and only possible if we take care of ourselves. Remember to practice self-care in support of your mental, emotional and physical well-being.

Please stay safe and well.

Kristin Adamcewicz
President
APSSP Durham



APSSP Welcomes

The APSSP executive and the rest its members would like to send out a warm welcome to the following new Student Services staff and APSSP members:

- Kyla Edgecombe (CYC)
- Sheri Smith (Psychometrist)
- Ashley Toohey (Psychometrist)

All of these ladies are wonderful additions to their individual teams and the Student Services department. Their students and staff will be lucky to have them during this school year.



IN CELEBRATION



25 Years of Service:

A HUGE congrats goes out to two of our APSSP team members on their 25 years of service with DCDSB. What a milestone to reach. The two members are both on our CYC team: Stacy How and Lana Van Netten. Congratulations to the both of you again!

Family Celebrations:



One of our wonderful CYCs, Stacy How and her family, celebrated her Grandson turning one on October 17th! What a cutie!



One of our lovely Social Workers, and previous APSSP President, is now being called Gram. Deanna Lindsey and her family have just welcomed a new bundle of joy and Deanna's first grandchild. Baby girl, Chloe, entered into this world on November 22nd. What an absolute doll she is. Congrats to the whole family!

Fall and Halloween Fun:



Nicola Dunning, from our Speech-Language team, shared some pictures of fun with her granddaughter. Here they are on one of their fall Sunday Funday hikes. The second image is one of a Vampirina sighting in Courtice on Halloween. Spooky!

Theresa Robertson, one of our Social Workers, shared a very creative side to Halloween. Theresa's daughter, Emma, carved this beauty herself. Who doesn't like the Peanuts? They are timeless and provide lessons to all generations. Great work Emma!



Another of the Speech-Language team members, Stacey Carroll, had some Halloween fun with her girls. Even with it being a different world, this sweet pup and Jessie the cowgirl enjoyed their Halloweens!

CONGRATULATIONS AND FAREWELL!

Our own APSSP Secretary and Student Services Psychometrist, Diane de Vos, has started her Doctorate of Education (EdD) in the School of Psychology at OISE (UofT). With all of her hard work ahead of her, she will be completed this accomplishment in 3-4 years. However, it is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to Diane as she resigns from DCDSB after 21 years with the board. Congrats and good luck Diane in this new and exciting venture ahead of you!



PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS



Did you know that the DCDSB has a number of established partnerships with various community agencies and programs? Be sure to head over to the APSSP bulletin board (“Garden level” between the photocopiers) or the board’s website for more information

<http://www.dcdsb.ca/en/parents/Partnership-Agreements.aspx>

EDVANTAGE - DID YOU KNOW?

Edvantage

As members of APSSP, we have access to the Edvantage Card benefits. You can get savings at a wide variety of retailers such as: Roots, Mark’s Work Wearhouse and SoftMoc; discounts for home insurance, car rentals, and other service providers!

You can find more information on the following website: <https://www.edvantage.ca/APSSP>

Our affiliate group is Durham Catholic District SB. Your Edvantage number, to sign in, is your employee number.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Normal hours of work shall be 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday inclusive with a one-hour unpaid lunch period each day.
- Office Time: Make sure you take your allocated 1/2 day per week office time – this does not need to be done in the office.
- The APSSP bulletin board is located in the main hallway in the “Garden level”. Here you will find important information such as an updated seniority list, executive and committee members and various forms you may need (e.g. Claim forms).
- Our next Executive Meeting will be in January 2021. If you have any questions or concerns, please let one of your executive members know and we will bring it forward at the meeting.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!

