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Michelle Griepsma acclaimed as PVNC Board chairperson

PETERBOROUGH – Kawartha Lakes trustee Michelle Griepsma was acclaimed as Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington (PVNC) Catholic District School Board chairperson during the Board’s annual meeting Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019, held at the Mount Community Centre in Peterborough.

Griepsma, a mother of four from Lindsay, Ont., has served as board chairperson since the 2013-14 school year. She has been a trustee for nine years and is currently the vice-president of the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA).

“It is an honour to continue in this position, working alongside a passionate group of trustees dedicated to serving the students, staff and families in our vibrant Catholic school communities,” Griepsma said. “I am proud to be chairperson for another term as we pursue the Board’s mission to educate students in faith-filled, safe, inclusive Catholic learning communities by nurturing the mind, body and spirit of all.”

Northumberland County trustee David Bernier was acclaimed as vice-chairperson. Bernier is a former board chairperson and has been a trustee for 13 years.

Tuesday’s meeting marked the first-year anniversary for trustees Braden Leal (Peterborough), Emmanuel Pinto (Peterborough County) and Kevin MacKenzie (Clarington), who were elected as first-time trustees in the 2018 municipal election. Trustees Helen McCarthy (Peterborough) and Linda Ainsworth (Clarington) have both served on the Board for five years, having been elected in October 2014.

During Tuesday’s meeting, trustees were also appointed to standing and ad-hoc Board committees.

Peterborough Bishop Daniel Miehm celebrated mass in the Sisters of St. Joseph Chapel following the Board meeting.

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