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CAROL BRYDEN RE-ELECTED CHAIR OF THE BOARD; MICHELLE PARKS ACCLAIMED VICE CHAIR

Carol Bryden has been re-elected Chair of the St. Clair Catholic District School Board at tonight's Inaugural Meeting; however, there will be a change in the number two spot. Michelle Parks has been acclaimed Vice Chair, replacing Trustee John Van Heck.

Mrs. Bryden was first elected as a Trustee in 2006. She is a retired principal of Catholic Curriculum Services with the St. Clair Catholic District School Board, having served as an educator for 32 years.

In accepting a fifth term, Mrs. Bryden thanked her fellow trustees for the privilege of serving as Chair.

"As a Board, we are looking forward to the next year with hope – hope for continued excellence in programs and services for our students, good relationships with our staff and the opportunity to serve one another in our Catholic faith," says Mrs. Bryden.

Michelle Park was first elected to the position of Catholic trustee nine years ago and says she looks forward to working with her fellow trustees, staff and parents to continue the Board's work to help every student succeed.

"I am very excited and look forward to the challenges ahead in the new year," says Mrs. Parks. "I hope to work closely with our Chair, Carol Bryden and to continue to support our vision of *Lighting the Way and Rejoicing in Our Journey.*"

The evening began with Mass, which was celebrated in the chapel of the Catholic Education Centre. Father Chris Gillespie, pastor of the Holy Redeemer Parish cluster, was celebrant.

Elections for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair are held annually at the Board's December meeting. The term of office for both positions expires at the end of November 2015.