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# February Newsletter



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## A Message of Love

February's TCDSB Virtue of the Month is Love. This means that we endeavor to develop in ourselves the habit of thinking, speaking and acting from an attitude of care and positive regard for others in all our encounters and circumstances. At mass we heard how we should strive to forgive, and even love our enemies. We are a Catholic Board and as such we must strive to understand, forgive and love one another, and through that love act as a caring Catholic community.

This month I joined the Political Action Committee as Chair, the Trustee Expenditure Committee as Vice Chair, the Governance & Policy Committee, as well as the Portuguese Advisory Committee. I was inspired to join the Portuguese Advisory Committee by the great work of On Your Mark, who provide 1:1 tutoring for Spanish and Portuguese heritage students and engage their parents. I attended their Parent Engagement Town Hall and saw the need for me to help their community.



Norm with St Joseph College students & panelists from Let's Talk Science, The STEAM Sisters, for International Day of Women & Girls in Science.

Another Government cut came to the Priority Schools Initiative (PSI) in the Community Use of Schools grant. PSI gave free of charge access to our schools for afterschool programs for 188,000 at risk students. Our board voted to maintain the funding for this year from our contingency fund in the hopes that the government will fund the program next year. I also requested a report to sort out funding for On Your Mark next year, ensuring their excellent work in the Spanish and Portuguese communities is allowed to continue. I was particularly honoured to have the Executive Director of On Your Mark, Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal recipient Marcie Ponte depute at our Board meeting in support of the program.

In closing, I quote the words of a Toronto politician: "Let us remember that love is better than anger. Hope is better than fear. Optimism is better than despair. So let us be loving, hopeful and optimistic. And we'll change the world." Know who said this? Tweet your answer to me at @normsworld!

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