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Date: September 26, 2019  
To: Members of Council  
From: Godwin Ifedi  
Chair, Editorial Board  
Subject: Report of the Editorial Board

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## Committee Meeting Dates

The Editorial Board met on September 19, 2019 to review and approve the content of the December 2019 issue of *Professionally Speaking* and *Pour parler profession*.

## Summary of Discussions

At the meeting, the committee reviewed and approved all of the feature articles. The committee agreed that the cover story for *Professionally Speaking* and *Pour parler profession* will be "OCTs in the Community." It profiles four Ontario Certified Teachers who are finding ways to exemplify the College's ethical standards of care, respect, trust and integrity by contributing their talents, passion and time to international and local communities.

The committee approved one other feature for publication in both *Professionally Speaking* and *Pour parler profession*: "Revisions to the Sexual Abuse Professional Advisory." The story covers some of the key messages from the forthcoming advisory and highlights its importance in support of the College's mandate to protect Ontario students.

The committee also approved the latest English and French Great Teaching profiles. *Professionally Speaking* will profile Lynn Wilkins, OCT, recipient of a Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in STEM. Wilkins teaches science, language, math, geography and arts to Grade 7 and 8 students in Toronto. She strives to make her classroom as inclusive as possible through universal design for learning and differentiated instruction. *Pour parler profession* will profile Louise Leclair-Bélanger, who teaches all subjects to Grade 6 students in Ottawa and is the recipient of a Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence. Leclair-Bélanger helped her students create a bullying awareness video and established a tech evening for families to support parents in the use of tech for education.

Content for Connections, Reviews, Tech Class and Cyberspace — as well as five items for Governing Ourselves— were also approved, as was Final Exam, which profiles Canadian hockey star and sports broadcaster Cassie Campbell-Pascall.

Managing Editor Kristin Doucet updated the committee on the College's ongoing pilot project with readers of *Pour parler profession*. For the past year, readers of the French-language edition have had the option of receiving the College's official publication by mail, email or both, based on self-determined preferences. As part of the pilot, staff will be analysing data on digital magazine open rates as well as survey digital readers on information recollection.

### **Motions Referred to Council**

There were no motions referred to Council.

### **Committee and Magazine Mandate**

The Editorial Board provides high-level guidance on editorial development and advertising policies for the magazine. In accordance with the Content Guidelines, the board reviews all content prior to publication and provides input into future editions, looking for a balance of subject areas that will interest the College's diverse membership and align with the College's mandate.

*Professionally Speaking* and *Pour parler profession* are published quarterly to inform our members about the activities and decisions of the College. The magazine provides a forum for discussion of issues relevant to the future of teaching and learning, teachers' professional learning and standards of practice.

### **Future Meeting Date**

The next Editorial Board meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2019.

### **Committee Members**

Chantal Côté, OCT (Vice-Chair)  
Melissa Gaffen, OCT  
Godwin Ifedi (Chair)  
Marlène Marwah  
Nicola Powadiuk, OCT



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Godwin Ifedi, Chair