

Judith Bishop



B.A. Honours **Social Administration, Nottingham University, U.K.**

M.A. **Social Welfare Policy, McMaster University.**

Trustee for the Hamilton Board (Ward 1), and the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) (Wards 1 and 2) since 1988, Vice- Chair 2000-01, Chair 2001 -2003, 2006 -2008, 2011. Member of the **Local Education Improvement Committee** 1997 and Chair of its **Education and Program Committee**. Since 2004: Member of the **Finance Advisory Sub Committee, Governance sub-committee (Chair 2009), Policy Working Sub-committee (Chair 2005, 2012)** , member **HWDSB's Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils (SALEP) (SAL)** 1988 to 2004, 2011-12, chair 2000-01. **Member of the City/Board Liaison Committee.**

OPSBA Trustee representative for the **Ontario Public Schools Boards Association** on the **Tri-Ministry Committee** on children's services 1994-95, Member of OPSBA's **Program Working Group** 1994 to 2004, 2010-11.

Children and Adults with Disabilities:

Member of **Special Education Advisory Committee** since 1982, chair 1987-1990. Member regional **Steering Committee for Preschool Speech and Language** 1998 to 2004. Chair **Housing and Support Services for the Disabled Committee** a committee of the **Social Planning and Research Council** 1987-1989. Founding member of **DISH (Disability Information Service Helpline)** and member and chair of Advisory Committee 1989-1992. **Regional Advisory Committee of Hamilton-Wentworth for Persons with Physical Disabilities:** Member 1989-1994; vice-chair 1992-1994. **District Health Council:** Chair of the Mental Health Task Force 1992-1994, Chair of the Long-Term Care Committee 1995-6.

Work for Children and Youth

Children's Nutrition: Chair: Food Policy Committee of the Hamilton Board of Education 1990; member **Regional Task Force on School-Age Nourishment 1994;** member Nutrition Fund Committee **Hamilton Community Foundation** 1996 to 2004; member **Partners in Nutrition** 2000 to 2001

Early Years: The Umbrella Family and Child Centres member since 1998, chair 1990 to 2001. Chair of the **Family Literacy Network** 1998-to 2002 and member of its successor **Early Literacy Hamilton** 2002 to 2004. Member and Vice chair (2004) of **Community Advisory Committee for the Early Years (CASEY)** 2003 to 2005. Member of the **Best Start Network** 2005 to present, Vice-Chair 2006. Member 2000-01 of the Social Planning and Research Council's **Children's Symposium** Steering Committee. **Pregnant and Parenting Teens network** founding member 1999 to 2001.

Member of HWDSB's **Race Relations and Equity Committee, 2001 to 2006.** Member of **Hamilton Immigration Council 2009-2010.** Member of **Hamilton Aboriginal Education Council 2009 to present.** Member of HWDSB's **Compensatory Schools Review Committee** 2000 to 2010. Member of the Hamilton **Round Table for Poverty Reduction** 2008 to 2010. Member of Advisory Committee Hamilton Public Health **Nurse Family Partnership** since 2010 .Member of the United Way **Youth Strategy Committee 2011 to present.** Member of network to bring Nurse Practitioners into Hamilton High schools since 2010. Member of Code Red committee examining low birth weight babies since 2011.

Parental Involvement

Member of the **Ontario Federation of Home and School associations** 1979-1988, President of **Hamilton Council of Home and School Associations, 1980-81.** Member of the HWDSB's Steering Committee reviewing **School Councils** 2000-01. Member of the **Parent Engagement committee of Best Start** since 2005, produced Parent Charter, Member of the HWDSB **Parent Involvement Committee.**

Other

Chair and Founding member **Amnesty International Group 1 (1972- 1984);** member of Hamilton's **Our Millennium** Steering Committee 1999-2001. Member of **Jobs Prosperity Collaborative 2003 to 2011,** and of its Learning and Innovation sub-committee.

Community development worker 1963 –1965 in Zimbabwe. Ordered to leave South Africa by apartheid government 1966. Taught in all day kindergarten in school on public housing estate in England 1967-69. Married with 3 children all educated in Hamilton's public schools. 42-year resident of Hamilton.

*.Awards: 1987 Winner of the **Col. R.S.McLaughlin Memorial Award,** presented by the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations; **Life membership of the Hamilton Council of Home and School Associations 2001; Hamilton President's Award from the Council for Exceptional Children 1989; Hamilton Woman of the Year 1986;** **Award: Honorary Chair of the Week of the Child 1995; Queen's Jubilee Medal 2003; OSSTF's Lamp of Learning Award 2003; Life Time Achievement, Hamilton Women of Distinction Awards 2008.***