

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: March 26, 2019

ITEM 1 PRAYER/WELCOME

C. Ciapanna called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the First Floor Committee Room at the Fr. Kyran Kennedy Catholic Education Centre. N. Centritto led the opening prayer.

C. Ciapanna introduced and welcomed Mrs. Lori Fraser to the meeting. She is the Vice-Chair for the Catholic School Council at St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School.

ITEM 2 ATTENDANCE

PRESENT - COMMITTEE:

N. Centritto, Co-Chair, D. Eberts, Co-Chair,
R. Gambale, L. Fraser, L. Perini-Parkes.

ADMINISTRATION:

P. Daly, Chairperson of the Board
D. Hansen, Director of Education
C. Ciapanna, Superintendent of Education

RECORDING SECRETARY: E. Rastelli

REGRETS: G.B. Gambacorta-Dim & T. Hartnett

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2018 MEETING

MOTION:

THAT THE CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2018 BE APPROVED.

MOVER: C. Ciapanna

SECONDER: R. Gambale

CARRIED

ITEM 4 REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) N. Centritto/D. Eberts

No report.

b) P. Daly

P. Daly provided updates on the following:

i) New St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School Building

The design of the new St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School continues. The hope is to commence demolition of the existing school building in late August.

ii) St. Matthew Catholic Elementary School

Tenders for the building of the new school in Binbrook will be opened on March 28, 2019.

iii) Purchase of Grade 6 Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ Religion Program for Grades 1-4

To date, the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board (HWCDSB) has purchased the full print and digital district implementation package of GIF GIC for Grades 1 to 5.

The print resources will arrive at schools in June 2019. Online digital resources will be available September 2019.

This package includes:

- student texts in both digital and print format for all projected Grade 6 students;
- teacher resources in both digital and print format for all projected Grade 6 teachers;
- access to five online professional development modules for teachers;
- access to the Student / Home website for parents and guardians; and,
- access to the Parish Portal for every parish in the Board.

As part of the June 28, 2019 professional activity day, the Religion and Family Life Consultant and representatives from Pearson Canada will offer all current Grade 6 teachers in-service on planning, teaching and assessing with the new Grade 6 GIF GIC program resources.

iv) March 15, 2019 Ministry of Education Announcementa) Education that Works for You

On Friday, March 15, 2019, the Minister of Education announced the government's education roadmap entitled, *Education that Works for You* (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/education-works>). This roadmap has a number of significant announcements that will have an impact on the education sector. (see attachments)

A brief question and answer period ensued.

c) D. Hansen

D. Hansen provided updates on the following:

i) 37th HWCDSB System Science & Engineering Fair

- 344 students participated this year
 - 60 students received Gold Medals;
 - 75 students received Silver Medals; and,
 - 53 students received Bronze Medals
- 3 Schools received Gold Medals
 - St. Augustine CES;
 - St. John Paul II CES; and,
 - St. Patrick CES
- 45 Students from the HWCDSB qualified to participate in the Bay Area Science & Engineering Fair (BASEF)

ii) SHSM Program

During the 2017-2018 school year, Grades 11 and 12 students across all seven secondary schools participated in Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) programs. These pathways programs continue to support students as they grow and develop as collaborative contributors who apply skills for employability, self-employment and entrepreneurship relative to their Christian vocation

The HWCDSB applies for dual credit programs through the School College Work Regional Planning Team (SCW RPT) who is responsible for distributing college seats to school boards within the region. Dual credit courses allow secondary school students to enroll in a college course or in level one apprenticeship course work during the regular school day. The dual credit earned counts towards a student's Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and college diploma or certificate of apprenticeship.

The goal of this intervention is to provide students at-risk of not graduating an opportunity to achieve a credit to get back on track to graduate with peers, and to develop understanding of college and the strategies and skills required to succeed in a post-secondary environment.

iii) Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) 2019-2022

An overview of the strategic planning include the following:

- Gathering information
 - Engaging and involving internal and external stakeholders
 - Students, parents, staff, parishes and the broader community
 - Areas of focus are Believing, Achieving, Serving
 - Consultation will include input from:
 - Trustees;
 - Catholic School Councils at each school;
 - a planned student forum;
 - online surveys; and,
 - parishes
 - Finding the best tool to broaden the scope of people who can respond and provide input
 - The consulting firm *ThoughtExchange*, an online tool that helps to gather feedback from the broader community was selected to be the main vehicle to assist in managing the broad consultation that is required to best gather information

It was noted the May CPIC Meeting an opportunity to complete the on-line questionnaire will be provided.

d) C. Ciapanna

C. Ciapanna provided updates on the following:

i) Financial Report - September 1, 2018-August 31, 2019

Financial Statements for the CPIC were reviewed including the Parent Reaching Out Grant, the Parent Involvement Grant and the Operating Expenses.

ii) OAPCE – 80th Anniversary Conference – April 2019

The Conference will take place on April 5 & 6, 2019 in Toronto.

<https://conference.oapce.org/>

Those who wish to attend are asked to contact C. Ciapanna.

T. Hartnett will be presenting two workshops:

- “It Takes a Village, But a Family First”; and,
- “Discipline – As Easy as 1, 2 3...”

Dates/Events

- Monday, May 6, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. – Catholic Education Week Mass @ Cathedral High School; and,
- Tuesday, June 4, 2019 – Celebrating Excellence in Catholic Education Awards @ St. Thomas More Catholic Secondary School. Start time is 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 18, 2019 - Diocesan Mass, hosted by the HWCDSB

ITEM 5 MEETING DATES

The next meeting date is:

Wednesday, May 22, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. – Fr. Kennedy C.E.C.

ITEM 6 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.