

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
Minutes**

Date: February 25, 2014

ITEM 1 PRAYER

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. in Committee Room 1E at the Nicholas Mancini Centre. C. Ciapanna led those present in prayer and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Special prayers were offered for Dr. N. Mancini who passed away and is the name sake of the Nicholas Mancini Centre. Also for Mr. M. Kondrat, who leaves behind his wife, an Early Childhood Educator with the Board, and seven children.

ITEM 2 ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

COMMITTEE: L. Lech, Co-Chair, A. Vecchiola, Co-Chair;
J. Hooper-Boyd, T. Hartnett, H. MacLeod,
L. Marchionda.

ADMINISTRATION: P. Daly, Chairperson,
C. Ciapanna, Superintendent of Education.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Ms. E. Rastelli

REGRETS: E. Pecyna, D. Taylor and P. Amos

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2013 MEETING

MOTION:

THAT THE CATHOLIC PARENTS INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2013 BE APPROVED.

MOVER: C. Ciapanna
SECONDER: L. Lech

CARRIED

ITEM 4 REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Vecchiola/L. Lech

L. Lech reported he attended the Michael Reist presentation, “What every parent should know about school.” He noted it was informative and entertaining.

Discussion ensued regarding posting JEPAG events on all school web-sites. C. Ciapanna indicated he would speak with the School Principals and School Councils.

P. Daly

- The new Bishop Ryan Catholic S.S. has officially opened and students started their classes January 7, 2014.
 - Community is pleased
 - Many years of work and time with the Ministry of Education to realize this vision
- The new St. Ann Catholic E.S has also officially opened.
- Wilma’s Place and St. Charles have moved into the old St. Columba Catholic E.S.

H. MacLeod

OAPCE

- OAPCE Board of Directors met on January 11, 2014 in Toronto
 - The agenda included discussion on the Strategic Plan, financials, Regional reports and Education Partners updates on the upcoming conference in May.
 - This year the Conference will be held in the Dufferin-Peel Region
 - Cardinal Collins will celebrate the Mass
 - Keynote speaker is Brian Finamore

JEPAG

- January 15, 2014 with Michael Reist – feedback was positive;
- Gary Direnfield has been confirmed for the April 2nd meeting at the NMC;
- May 5, 2014 – Motivating your Kids/Teens with Dr. Karyn Gordon at the NMC room 1A starting at 6:30 p.m - 9:00 p.m.

C. Ciapanna

- Surveys: Budget, Strategic Plans
 - The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board has developed a multi-year strategic plan for the period 2011-2014. Strategic planning is a process of making fundamental decisions that will shape and guide the work of the Board. The goals of the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement are foundational to the strategic plan. The strategic plan also helps identify the operational, financial and other non-academic goals necessary to enable all learners.
 - The intent and purpose of the survey is that the results serve to assist with the preparation and formation of the Board's budget; results either reinforce continued financial support in an area or identify other areas where the Board could direct funds to if financially possible.
 - The survey will be available on the Board's website until mid March.
 - Click the link below to access the survey:
[http://survey.hwcdsb.ca/Survey.asp ...](http://survey.hwcdsb.ca/Survey.asp...)

- School Year Calendar
 - A draft copy was distributed for the Committee's information
 - A final copy will be presented for approval at the March Religion, Family Life & Instructional Services Committee Meeting

- PIC Symposium April 25-26, 2014 Toronto
 - L. Lech and J. Hooper-Boyd will attend the Symposium

ITEM 5 MEETING DATES

The next meeting date is:

Tuesday, May 27, 2014 – 6:30 p.m. – Fr. Kennedy C.E.C.

ITEM 6 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.