

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
Minutes**

Date: October 13, 2015

ITEM 1 PRAYER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in First Floor Committee Room at the Fr. Kyran Kennedy Catholic Education Centre. Mr. C. Ciapanna led those present in prayer and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He informed the committee that Mrs. D. Taylor resigned from her position on the committee.

ITEM 2 ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

COMMITTEE: L. Lech, Co-Chair, L. Marchionda, Co-Chair
N. Centritto, J. Hopper-Boyd,
H. McLeod, E. Pecyna

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: S. Giacinti

REGRETS: T. Hartnett

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2015 MEETING

MOTION:

THAT THE CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2015 BE APPROVED.

MOVER: Mr. C. Ciapanna
SECONDER: Mr. E. Pecyna

CARRIED

ITEM 4 REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. P. Daly

Mr. P. Daly updated the committee on the various Union Negotiations that are currently ongoing.

Mr. D. Hansen

Mr. D. Hansen provided updates on the following:

Health & Physical Education Curriculum

He indicated that the revised Healthy & Physical Education Curriculum will be fully implemented this year. He distributed a document from the Institute for Catholic Education entitled, A Parent's Guide to Understanding Family Life Education in Catholic Schools. It provides an overview of family life education and areas of high sensitivity. He indicated that the booklet will be distributed to parents. The booklet is also available online. He also indicated that resources will be delivered to teachers that will aid them in teaching the new curriculum in line with our Catholic values/faith.

St. Gabriel Catholic Elementary School

Mr. D. Hansen indicated that St. Gabriel opened its doors for the first day of school on September 8th.

Microsoft Office 365

He informed the committee that every student and staff member has access to Microsoft Office 365.

12th Annual Pilgrimage

The Pilgrimage will take place Sunday, October 18th. Over the past 12 years, the walk has raised more than \$500,000 for various charities.

St. Thomas More & Cathedral Student Athlete Retreats

He indicated that these retreats speak to the fullness of a person and are specifically designed for student-athletes to connect their athletic pursuits with their spiritual development and strengthen their Catholic faith. The retreats also allow athletes to unpack the multi-dimensional nature of sports and explore how they truly nourish the mind, body, and soul.

New Teacher Induction Program

Mr. D. Hansen informed the committee that the Board welcomed 44 new teachers this September. They were officially welcomed at a ceremony on September 22nd.

Mr. C. Ciapanna

Membership of CPIC

Mr. C. Ciapanna indicated that Mrs. D. Taylor resigned from her position on this committee. He will send a letter to request a replacement from the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Financial Report

He provided an overview of the Financial Statements for CPIC, including the Parent Involvement Grant and the Parents Reaching Out Grants.

Catholic School Council Guidelines

Mr. C. Ciapanna distributed an update to the Catholic School Council Guidelines. He indicated that the updated sheets will be distributed to the schools to update their binders. The changes are highlighted.

Dates/Events:

Mr. C. Ciapanna informed the committee of the following upcoming events:

Orientation Night-October 27, 2015
Parent Conference-November 7, 2015
Distinguished Service Awards-November 24, 2015
Chairpersons Breakfast-February 5, 2016
OAPCE Update-Conference-May 6-May 7, 2016

Mrs. H. MacLeod

She indicated that the OAPCE Conference will be held at Madonna Catholic Secondary School in Toronto on May 6-7, 2016. The theme for this year's conference is Different Gifts, One Voice: Living Our Virtues in a Virtual World.

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Mr. L. Lech

He informed the committee that St. Mary and Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary Schools' Robotic Teams are hosting a Robotic Event on November 14th at St. Mary's.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ITEM 6 MEETING DATES

The next meeting date is:

Tuesday, December 8, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. – Fr. Kennedy C.E.C.

Future Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

ITEM 7 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.