

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: March 8, 2016

ITEM 1 PRAYER

C. Ciapanna called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. in First Floor Committee Room at the Fr. Kyran Kennedy Catholic Education Centre. He welcomed Mr. B. Warnick, Chairperson of the St. John the Baptist Catholic School Council.

L. Marchionda led those present in prayer.

ITEM 2 RECOMMENDATION FOR VACANT POSITION

C. Ciapanna reported that the selection committee recommended that Mr. Rico Gambale fill the vacant position.

MOTION:

THAT THE CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE APPROVE RICO GAMBALE TO FILL THE VACANT POSITION ON THE COMMITTEE.

MOVER: N. Centritto

SECONDER: J. Hooper-Boyd

CARRIED

ITEM 3 ATTENDANCE

C. Ciapanna welcomed and introduced the newest member to CPIC, Mr. Rico Gambale. He has children in our Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools.

PRESENT:

COMMITTEE:

L. Lech, Co-Chair, L. Marchionda, Co-Chair
N. Centritto, J. Hooper-Boyd, T. Hartnett,
E. Pecyna

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: E. Rastelli

REGRETS: P. Daly

ABSENT: G. Petitti

ITEM 4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2015 MEETING

MOTION:

THAT THE CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2015 BE APPROVED.

MOVER: C. Ciapanna

SECONDER: L. Lech

CARRIED

C. Ciapanna noted that hard copies of the minutes will be sent to all Catholic School Council Presidents.

ITEM 5 REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

L. Lech/L. Marchionda

L. Marchionda requested that the following be posted on the Board's website:

- an updated CPIC Membership list
- any reports distributed at CPIC meetings be posted with the CPIC Minutes

P. Daly

No Report.

D. Hansen

D. Hansen provided updates on the following:

i) Negotiations

The Board has ratified Collective Agreements with all unionized Employee Groups.

ii) School E-Mail Subscription

Following a successful pilot program at 5 Elementary Schools, a subscription service connecting parents to schools will be introduced Board wide. This communication tool for parents will allow schools, via e-mail, to communicate events/announcements to parents.

iii) 2016/2017 Budget Priorities Survey

The 2016/2017 Budget Survey can be found and completed online at: <http://www.hwcdsb.ca/budgetsurvey>. Submissions will be accepted until Wednesday, March 23rd at 4:00 p.m.

iv) Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) (2015-2018)

D. Hansen distributed and led the Committee through the final version of the Board's MYSP approved by the Board of Trustees on February 2, 2016.

C. Ciapanna

C. Ciapanna provided updates on the following:

i) Membership Update

a) The One Called Jesus

C. Ciapanna indicated that our schools will participate in this presentation.

The collection "The One Called Jesus", a travelling art exhibition displayed inside a 53 foot trailer, brings the life of Christ alive through an impressive and evocative collection of coloured clay sculptures. The sculptures are the work of Maurice Gaudreault, a northern Ontario man who worked on the collection over an 18-month period in 1996-97.

Each school and/or church will host the event on site and will invite every classroom from JK to grade 8 and only Religion and Art Classes from the Secondary Schools for a 40 minute presentation geared according to ages and curriculum. Five groups visit on a school day from 9:00 to 2:00.

Sr. Terese Turcotte has been travelling with the trailer for over a decade.

More information can be found at:

<http://www.knightsofcolumbus.ca/#!/travelling-trailer-the-one-called-jesus>

b) Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants

C. Ciapanna reported that applications for the 2016-17 PRO Grants programs are now being accepted. *Each school council may apply for a maximum of \$1,000.* To learn more about PRO Grants for school councils, please visit the ministry website at:

<https://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/schools.html>

Please note that the *deadline for submitting* a 2016-17 PRO Grant application is ***Sunday, May 29, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. EST.*** Applications must be completed and submitted online.

c) Catholic Education Week: May 1 – 6, 2016

The theme for this year's Catholic Education Week is "Catholic Education - Opening Doors of Mercy". Committee members were invited to attend the opening Mass on:

Monday, May 2, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m.
Cathedral High School
30 Wentworth Street North, Hamilton

d) HWCDSD System Science Fair

This year's Science Fair was held on Saturday, February 27th at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School. C. Ciapanna reported the event was a huge success.

e) Cash On-line

C. Ciapanna requested that Committee members remind their parent council that Cash On-line is available to all parents.

A one minute movie clip that will give a brief overview of the registration and online shopping experience is available at:

<http://www.keysoftware.com/movies/...>

f) 2016 Parent Conference

L. Lech suggested that CPIC have strong representation at this year's Parent Conference. The Committee agreed. This will be discussed at a future CPIC meeting.

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ii) Dates/Events:

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

- London Regional Parent Involvement Committee Symposium
 - Saturday, April 16, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre
551 Windermere Road
London, Ontario
Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.
 - *Committee members who wish to attend are to contact C. Ciapanna*
 - *Members will be contacted after the March Break to confirm attendance*
- OAPCE Conference: May 6-7, 2016
 - Madonna Catholic Secondary School in Toronto
 - Theme: Different Gifts, One Voice: Living Our Virtues in a Virtual World
 - *Committee members who wish to attend are to contact C. Ciapanna*

ITEM 6 MEETING DATES

The next meeting date is:

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 - 6:30 p.m. - Fr. Kennedy C.E.C.

ITEM 7 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.