

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: December 8, 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. C. Ciapanna led those present in prayer. Special Prayers were offered for H. McLeod and G. Pettiti who are dealing with personal matters.

ITEM 2      ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

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

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

RECORDING SECRETARY:      E. Rastelli

REGRETS:      T. Hartnett, G. Pettiti

ITEM 3      APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2015 MEETING

MOTION:

THAT THE CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2015 BE APPROVED.

MOVER: C. Ciapanna  
SECONDER: E. Pecyna

CARRIED

ITEM 4      REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

L. Lech/L. Marchionda

No report.

P. Daly

P. Daly shared the following with the Committee Members:

- i)      Article from the Vatican Information Service (VIS) “Catholic Schools, Educating in the Fullness of Humanity”

He expressed his thanks to the Committee members for their commitment to Catholic Education with special thanks to L. Lech for his continued dedication to students.

- ii)     Ministry Funding

The Board will be receiving funding from the Ministry of Education for the following projects:

- a) Childcare Centre at St. Gabriel Catholic Elementary School
- b) An Addition to St. Jean de Brébeuf Catholic Secondary School
- c) Replacement School for Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Elementary School

- iii)    Negotiations

Provincially, agreements have been reached with all the union groups.

Locally, a tentative agreement has been reached with CUPE 3396.

Mr. D. Hansen

Mr. D. Hansen provided updates on the following:

- i)      EQAO Results

- Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics for the primary division (Grades 1-3) and junior division (Grades 4-6)
- Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics

Provincial results are not available this year due to the teacher work action (non-participation).

Results reveal growth in a number of areas of the assessment and the HWCDSB students continue to perform well in many areas.

Student achievement on the mathematics assessments, at all levels, continues to be an area of concern especially secondary school students at the applied level. The Board continues its commitment on improving the students' success.

ii) CODE Document

D. Hansen shared a document from the Council of Ontario Directors' of Education "Inspiring Your Child to Learn and Love Math". The document was developed to be used as a resource for parent groups, with schools and with their students. The document is available on the CODE website at [www.ontariodirectors.ca](http://www.ontariodirectors.ca)

iii) Multi-Year Strategic Plan (2015-2018)

D. Hansen reported that the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board is in the process of consulting with all stakeholders in the Catholic Education community with the Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP).

The HWCDSB Multi-Year Plan has three strategic priorities that align with the Board's motto: Believing, Achieving, Serving:

- i) Believing: Strengthening Our Catholicity – Nurturing Our Catholic Community
- ii) Achieving: Student Achievement and Well-being
- iii) Serving: Stewardship – Effective Management of Resources

Parents, students, parishes, staff, and members of the Catholic community at large have been invited to participate in this process. The Board of Trustees and the Administration of the Board will consider all submissions as the Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2015-2018 is developed.

The consultation survey can be found/completed online at: <http://www.hwcdsb.ca/myspfeedback/>. Submissions will be accepted until January 10, 2016.

A Director's Student Forum for both elementary and secondary students will take place on January 7, 2016. The full-day student-led forum is designed to seek student voice that reflects the diversity, needs and interests of our student population on matters essential to the development of the MYSP.

iv) OCSTA Short Video Award Program

Ontario's Catholic school students in grades 4-12 were invited to create 2-minute videos demonstrating how their actions of acceptance, love and charity reflect many of the Gospel values that are taught in Ontario's Catholic schools. Almost 100 videos were created.

Cathedral High School received the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award in the Secondary Panel. D. Hansen showed the winning video to the Committee.

v) Year of Mercy

Today His Holiness Pope Francis officially opened the doors to the Jubilee Year of Mercy "through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instils hope."

vi) P. Daly

Congratulations were given to Pat Daly for his re-election as Chairperson of the Board.

C. Ciapanna

C. Ciapanna provided updates on the following:

i) Membership Update

a) A letter of thanks has been sent to D. Taylor for her service on the Committee. Her replacement from the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) is Gloria Pettiti.

b) H. MacLeod has resigned her position on the Committee. A posting will go out to schools requesting a new representative.

c) The Orientation Night - October 27, 2015; Parent Conference - November 7, 2015 and Distinguished Service Awards - November 24, 2015 were all successful events.

ii) Dates/Events:

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

- Chairpersons Breakfast: February 5, 2016
- OAPCE Conference: May 6-7, 2016
  - Madonna Catholic Secondary School in Toronto
  - Theme: Different Gifts, One Voice: Living Our Virtues in a Virtual World

ITEM 5      NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ITEM 6      MEETING DATES

The next meeting date is:

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 - 6:30 p.m. - Fr. Kennedy C.E.C.

Future Meeting Date(s):

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

ITEM 7      ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.