

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: May 31, 2016

ITEM 1 PRAYER

C. Ciapanna called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in First Floor Committee Room at the Fr. Kyran Kennedy Catholic Education Centre.

L. Lech led those present in prayer.

ITEM 2 ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

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

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: E. Rastelli

REGRETS: T. Hartnett

ABSENT: G. Petitti

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2016 MEETING

MOTION:

THAT THE CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2016 BE APPROVED.

MOVER: E. Pecyna
SECONDER: L. Marchionda

CARRIED

ITEM 4 REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

L. Lech/L. Marchionda

i) London Regional PIC/CPIC Symposium – April 16, 2016

L. Lech, L. Marchionda and J. Hooper-Boyd attended this year's Ministry of Education PIC/CPIC symposium. They shared the following information:

- Two areas of focus included leadership development for CPIC and School Council Chairs and building connections;
- Jeewan Chanicka was the keynote Speaker;
- Leadership Development included:
 - Parent engagement networking ideas; and
 - Open Space development where participants generated topics for discussion

P. Daly

i) Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE)

P. Daly reported that the province has recognized the importance of OAPCE as a vital stakeholder group in education by creating a mandate under the Education Act (Regulation 612) that requires an OAPCE representative on every CPIC.

C. Ciapanna indicated that a search for an official contact is on-going and anticipates an OAPCE representative will be in place at a future meeting.

D. Hansen

D. Hansen provided updates on the following:

i) Summer School Credit Courses

Credit Courses will be offered this summer at Bishop Ryan CSS, Cathedral High School and St. Thomas More CSS.

St. Charles Continuing Education

St. Charles offers the following educational opportunities for elementary School children:

- Technology, Math and Literacy;
- Passport to Grade 9 Transition; and
- Reach Ahead Integrated Arts.

ii) School Calendar

A copy of the 2016-2017 Elementary and Secondary School Calendar was distributed to Committee members.

iii) 751 The Art Awakens

The Board's 7 Catholic Secondary Schools will be participating in a visual arts exhibition on June 8th & 9th from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and June 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the lower level at the Hamilton City Centre.

iv) Computer Coding Event

June 14th at St. Joseph CES – All day

v) Capital Priorities Approval

The Board has received Ministry of Education approval for the following projects:

- Replacement Building for Our Lady of the Assumption CES,
- 5 room addition at St. Jean de Brébeuf CSS; and
- 4 room child care addition at St. Gabriel CES.

vi) Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA)

Board Chairperson P. Daly was recently elected President of OCSTA.

C. Ciapanna

C. Ciapanna provided updates on the following:

- i) Celebrating Excellence in Catholic Education – Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School at 7:00 p.m.

- ii) Emmanuel Yaqo, student at St. Luke Catholic Elementary School, is this year's recipient of the Face of Mercy Award. The award, sponsored by the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) is given to "a student who is a consistent sign of mercy in every aspect of school life."

- iii) Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants

The deadline for submitting a 2016-17 PRO Grant application has passed (May 29, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. EST). All schools have been encouraged to work with their School Council to submit an application.

- iv) Seniors Mass

The System Wide Graduation Mass for Grade 12 Students graduating this year was held on April 20th at St. Mary Church on Park Street. The Mass was celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Crosby.

- v) 2016 Catholic Education Week

Close to 2,000 students and staff from across the system gathered at Cathedral High School for an opening mass with the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton and the Very Reverend Father Jim Petrie, while in schools, students and staff participated in an opening prayer service to kick off Catholic Education Week.

- vi) 2016 Parent Conference – November 5th

It was agreed that CPIC will have a table at this year's Parent Conference.

ITEM 5 MEETING DATES

The next meeting date is:

Tuesday, October 11, 2016 – 6:30 p.m. – Fr. Kennedy C.E.C.

Future Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

ITEM 6 ADJOURNMENT

C. Ciapanna thanked the Committee for their work, commitment and dedication.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.