

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: October 11, 2016

ITEM 1 PRAYER

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

ITEM 2 ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

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

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: E. Rastelli

REGRETS: P. Daly, Chairperson

ABSENT: G. Petitti

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 31, 2016 MEETING

MOTION:

THAT THE CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MAY 31, 2016 BE APPROVED.

MOVER: L. Marchionda  
SECONDER: N. Centritto

CARRIED

ITEM 4      REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

L. Lech/L. Marchionda

i)      Regional Planning for Hamilton Active & Sustainable School Transportation (ASST) Forum - June 16, 2016

L. Lech and L. Marchionda attended this year's Regional Planning for Hamilton ASST Forum. The Forum emphasized the following:

- importance of walking, cycling and public transit
- More students using ASST would mean less cars on the road, less pollution, improved safety, and increased physical activity

It was noted that currently a Bike Program has been organized at Holy Name of Jesus CES and St. Lawrence CES.

ii)      Pathways to Bilingual Success Conference at the Hamilton Convention Centre

L. Marchionda reported that the Pathways to Bilingual Success Conference, is an event hosted by [Canadian Parents for French \(Ontario\)](#). Eight hundred French Second Language students in Grades 7-8 have been invited to participate from 8 school boards.

This event will take place on November 2-3, 2016 at the Hamilton Convention Centre from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Please contact L. Marchionda if you are interested in attending

P. Daly

No Report.

D. Hansen

D. Hansen provided updates on the following:

i)      EQAO Results 2015-2016

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

Results demonstrate high achievement and continued growth in a number of areas of the assessment and the HWCDSB students.

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

ii) Pupil Accommodation Review

The Board of Trustees has approved an accommodation review that includes the following Catholic Elementary Schools:

- St. Brigid
- St. Lawrence
- St. Patrick

iii) Capital Priorities Project

The Ministry has approved funding for a Replacement Building for Our Lady of the Assumption CES. Request for Tender has been advertised.

iv) Halloween for Hunger

On October 31<sup>st</sup> Catholic secondary students will participate in the “We Scare Hunger” Campaign. Student volunteers will be collecting food supplies and donations for the following food banks:

- Bishop Ryan: Neighbour to Neighbour
- Bishop Tonnos: Neighbour to Neighbour & Ancaster Community Services
- Cardinal Newman: St. Patrick breakfast program & Neighbour to Neighbour
- Cathedral: Cathedral Annex
- St. Jean de Brébeuf: SJB Outreach Programs
- St. Mary: Salvation Army (Dundas), Flamborough Food Bank & Wilma's Place
- St. Thomas More: Neighbour to Neighbour

v) Principals' Month

To recognize, and raise awareness of the vital role of principals, the Board has joined The Learning Partnership in proclaiming October as National Principals' Month.

Throughout October, Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic schools will celebrate the achievements of our exceptional principals and the impact they have in driving education excellence.

C. Ciapanna

C. Ciapanna provided updates on the following:

i) Membership

L. Lech has completed his 2 years as Co-Chairperson of CPIC. Members are asked to remain following adjournment to decide on the new Co-Chairperson.

C. Ciapanna, on behalf of the Committee, commended and thanked L. Lech for his commitment and leadership.

ii) Financial Report

An overview of the Financial Statements for CPIC were reviewed including the Parent Involvement Grant and the Parents Reaching Out Grants.

iii) Update – CSC Binders

Inserts were distributed for members' CSC binders

iv) Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants

Application was submitted for financial support for this year's Parent Conference.

Dates/Events

**2016**

- i) October 16<sup>th</sup> – Pilgrimage at Cathedral High School – 11:00 a.m.
- ii) October 25<sup>th</sup> – Catholic School Council Orientation Night
- iii) November 5<sup>th</sup> – Parent Conference at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School – L. Lech and L. Marchionda will represent the Committee.
- iv) November 15<sup>th</sup> – Awards for Distinguished Service to Catholic Education

**2017**

- i) February 3<sup>rd</sup> – CSC Chairpersons’ Breakfast
- ii) May 1<sup>st</sup> – May 6<sup>th</sup> – Catholic Education Week:  
Theme - Catholic Education: Walking Forward Together
- iii) June 6<sup>th</sup> – Celebrating Excellence in Catholic Education Awards at Bishop  
Tonnos Catholic Secondary School
- iv) October 2017 – OAPCE – will not have one large Conference. Will  
schedule 3 small Conferences - dates TBA

ITEM 5

MEETING DATES

The next meeting date is:

Tuesday, December 13, 2016 – 6:30 p.m. – Fr. Kennedy C.E.C.

Future Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

ITEM 6

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Committee members remained to vote for a new Co-Chairperson.