

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
Minutes**

Date: October 23, 2012.

ITEM 1 PRAYER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. in the First Floor Committee Room of the Catholic Education Centre. C. Ciapanna led those present in prayer and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ITEM 2 ATTENDANCE

Present: A. Vecchiola, Co-Chair;
 L. Conti; T. Hartnett;
 L. Lech; E. Pecyna.

Administration: P. Daly, Chairperson;
 P. Amos, Director of Education;
 C. Ciapanna, Superintendent of Education

Recording Secretary: Mrs. T. Campanella.

Regrets: H. MacLeod; D. Taylor.

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 29, 2012 MEETING

MOTION:

THAT THE CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MAY 29, 2012 BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

MOVER: L. Lech
SECONDER: E. Pecyna

CARRIED

ITEM 4 REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

i) **Ministry of Education**

There have been some unfortunate remarks by the Ministry about Catholic school curriculum and what we should and shouldn't be allowed to teach with regards to the pro-life issue. The Board will continue to support the culture of life and protection of life.

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ii) **Capital Projects**

The following capital projects are in progress:

- St. Thomas
- St. Thomas More
- Bishop Ryan
- St. Ann, Hamilton

iii) **Funding**

Mr. Daly noted that the Board is doing everything possible with regards to funding for Catholic education. Mr. Daly responded to questions from the Committee in which he stressed that there is no evidence that amalgamation of Boards saves money. The Government does not want to amalgamate Public and Catholic school Boards, but Public Boards with Public Boards and Catholic Boards with Catholic Boards

P. Amos

i) **BIPSA**

Mrs. Amos shared the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (BIPSA). The plan is reviewed and updated annually and was approved at the October 16, 2012 Religion, Family Life and Instructional Services meeting. Mrs. Amos highlighted some initiatives in each of the five pillars.

C. Ciapanna

i) **Making a Difference**

This handbook for Parent Involvement Committee Members has been updated and distributed to the Committee.

ii) **Financial Statement**

C. Ciapanna led the Committee through the report.

iii) Vacancy

Mr. Ciapanna reported that L. Rao has resigned as Co-Chair of the Committee. This position must be filled with a Committee member. The Committee must then put out a posting to fill that vacant position. Discussion ensued regarding length of terms for Committee members.

iv) CSC Binder

Mr. Ciapanna distributed pages that must be replaced in the Committee members binders.

v) OAPCE

General meeting is the weekend of October 27, 2012.
Annual General Meeting will be held in Peterborough the weekend of May 24, 2013.

L. Conti

i) J.E.P.A.G. Update

L. Conti thanked the Committee for supporting the grant. There is one more workshop to be completed on safe schools.

ii) CSC Clarification

T. Hartnett clarified the process for the election of a CSC Chairperson.

iii) Plant/Building Clarification

Discussion ensued regarding repairs/renovations that are needed to school buildings. P. Daly clarified that Catholic School Councils can raise money to assist the plant department in repairs/renovations.

ITEM 5

OTHER BUSINESS

i) Excellence Canada Audit

Excellence Canada recognizes commitment to organizational excellence and Healthy Workplace.P. Amos reported that this Board was awarded Level 1 Certification last year. This year, in November, we will be awarded Level II Certification.

ii) 3M Health Leadership Award – 2012

The 3M Health Leadership Award honours leaders who have had a significant impact on the health of their community. The 2012 honour has been awarded to J. Bajus, Superintendent of Education.

iii) Upcoming Agenda Items

P. Amos reminded the Committee that if there are any specific items that anyone wishes to discuss, please contact her office or Mr. Ciapanna's office.

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORTS PRESENTED ABOVE BE ACCEPTED AS ITEMS OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: L. Lech

SECONDER: E. Pecyna

CARRIED

ITEM 6 NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, December 11, 2012 – 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre

T. Hartnett sends regrets for the December meeting.

ITEM 7 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.