

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: December 13, 2016

ITEM 1 PRAYER

C. Ciapanna called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. in the First Floor Committee Room at the Fr. Kyran Kennedy Catholic Education Centre.

He welcomed Mrs. G. Pettiti, Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Representative, to the meeting. He also announced that following the October CPIC Meeting Mrs. L. Marchionda was designated Chair of CPIC for 2017/2018. Mrs. N. Centritto was selected Co-Chair for 2017/2018.

Mrs. L. Marchionda led the opening Prayer. Special Prayers were offered for Mrs. Josie Ciapanna who passed away. Josie was a teacher with the Board and sister-in-law to Mr. C. Ciapanna.

ITEM 2 ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

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

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: E. Rastelli

REGRETS: T. Hartnett

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2016 MEETING

MOTION:

THAT THE CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2016 BE APPROVED.

MOVER: C. Ciapanna
SECONDER: E. Pecyna

CARRIED

ITEM 4 REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

L. Marchionda/N. Centritto

i) Pathways to Bilingual Success Conference – November 2nd-3rd at Hamilton Convention Centre

L. Marchionda and N. Centritto attended this year's Pathways to Bilingual Success Conference. This event is hosted by the Canadian Parents for French (Ontario). The Conference emphasized the following:

- participation included over 300 grade 7 & 8 Core and Extended French students on November 2nd and over 300 grade 7 & 8 students French Immersion students on November 3rd
 - teachers also participated in the 2 day Conference
- The following was highlighted:
 - 10% increase in grade 12 to continue their post-secondary French language studies
 - International language program is available 2nd year University students
 - College Boreal
 - Explore Destination Program
 - Travel and learn French for 5 weeks during the summer
 - University of Ottawa
 - 80 programs offered in the bilingual University

It was noted that overall it was an informative Conference.

P. Daly

P. Daly provided updates on the following:

i) Capital Funding

- funding was approved for a new school in Binbrook;
- replacement School for Our Lady of the Assumption CES; and
- an addition to St. Jean de Brébeuf Catholic Secondary School

ii) First Lego League (FLL) Qualifier

- 2nd Annual Hamilton FLL Qualifier at Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School on December 10th. At stake were three spots to the provincial FLL competition at the University of Waterloo on February 4, 2017.

- Advancing to the FIRST Lego League West Provincial Championship are 1st place winners, St. Matthew Robostangz Team 28112, in 2nd place, St. Luke RoboLasers 2.0 Team 2029, and in 3rd place, St. Michael RoboAngels Team 19734.

iii) Distinguished Service to Catholic Education

The awards were presented on November 15, 2016. This year's recipients were:

Sister Ann Marshall, a dedicated member of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph Canada, who introduced and developed the practice of Christian Meditation in Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic schools, and in doing so, has enriched the lives of countless students by helping them to establish and nurture a genuine relationship with Christ.

Mary Cipolla, retired Superintendent of Education, whose steadfast belief in the transformational power of education was not only instrumental in the creation of programs and services in support of student achievement, but encouraged and empowered teachers and staff in the pursuit of greater and better opportunities for our children and youth.

Philip DiFrancesco, retired Superintendent of Education, who has been widely recognized, both locally and provincially, as a leader in Catholic education and a champion for students with special learning needs. Beyond improving educational opportunities for students in the system, he has served on numerous community organizations and boards.

Lucy Hunt, a teacher and school environmental rep, whose deeply integrated Catholic faith, creative leadership, constant witness to Stewardship of Creation, unrelenting commitment to the Earth, and tireless work of behalf of her school and Catholic school board have inspired her students to greater awareness and care for the environment.

iv) Faith Formation

Would like to initiate:

- Support for parents and parishes;
- a dialogue/consultation with Catholic School Councils whereby school support faith journeys; and
- review best practices to keep community engaged in Faith etc.

It was agreed to place this item on a future agenda.

D. Hansen

D. Hansen provided updates on the following:

i) Single-use Water Bottle Policy

Board of Trustees approved new policy at the November 22nd Religion, Family Life & Instructional Services Committee Meeting. It will be placed on the Board web site.

ii) Physical Literacy

The physical literacy initiative has continued to support the awareness and development of physical literacy for all learners:

- Received \$10,000 grant from 2016 RBC Leadership Grant; and
- In addition, Canadian Sport for Life will provide additional funds so that the HWCDSB can serve as a lead board working with researchers to develop a Recess Toolkit that will serve school communities throughout the country.

iii) Dedication

A beautiful memorial garden was created at the St. Charles Adult and Continuing Education Centre in Hamilton for Jenna Gazzola a teacher at the school, who passed away on April 17, 2016

iv) Chairperson of the Board 2017

Pat Daly has been re-elected Chairperson of the Board for 2017

v) Ontario College of Teachers

A member of the Ontario College of Teachers' Leadership Team would like to make a presentation to the CPIC. A date will be confirmed shortly.

C. Ciapanna

C. Ciapanna provided updates on the following:

i) 2017-2018 School Year Calendar

The co-terminus Boards have scheduled a meeting for January 2017. Any suggestions are to be sent to L. Marchionda

ii) Financial Report

Financial Statements for the 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

2017

- i) February 3rd – CSC Chairpersons' Breakfast
- ii) May 1st – May 6th – Catholic Education Week:
 - Theme - Catholic Education: Walking Forward Together; and
 - Mass at Cathedral High School
- iii) June 6th – 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, March 28, 2017 – 6:30 p.m. – Fr. Kennedy C.E.C.

Future Meeting Date(s):

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

ITEM 6 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.