

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: May 30, 2017

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.

N. Centritto led the opening Prayer.

ITEM 2      ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

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

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

RECORDING SECRETARY:      E. Rastelli

REGRETS:    T. Hartnett

ITEM 3      APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2017 MEETING

MOTION:

THAT THE CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2017 BE APPROVED.

MOVER: E. Pecyna

SECONDER: L. Marchionda

CARRIED

ITEM 4      PRESENTATION: ONTARIO COLLEGE OF TEACHERS

Joe Jamieson, Deputy Registrar and Stéphanne Horace, External Relations Officer, Ontario College of Teachers, made a presentation regarding the services the College provides. The following was highlighted:

- Who does what in Education;
- What the College Does;
  - College Statistics
- Standards of the Profession;
- College Council;
- College Organization;
- Membership in the College;
- “Find a Teacher”;
- Profession Designator;
- Teacher Education in Ontario;
- Enhanced Teacher Education Program;
- Additional Qualifications;
- Ontario Certified Teachers are Accountable; and,
- Public Awareness Initiative.

P. Daly commended and thanked J. Jamieson and S. Horace for their very informative presentation.

ITEM 5      REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

L. Marchionda/N. Centritto

i)      Discussion Panel - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Symposium

L. Marchionda and N. Centritto provided an update on the April 1<sup>st</sup> Symposium, held in London, highlighting the following presenters/speakers:

- The Honourable Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Education;
- Ruth Flynn, director of Inclusive Education;
- Meg Soper – “Juggling it All...How balanced Are We?” and,
- Sami Jo-Small, Olympian.

It was noted that this year's format allowed for better conversations e.g., group sessions. Also, our Board's suggested topics at the teleconference with the Ministry, on March 9<sup>th</sup>, were highlighted at this year's CPIC Symposium.

C. Ciapanna expressed his thanks to the following for attending the Symposium:

- Nadia Ciapanna;
- Elizabeth Garofalo;
- Jacquie Hooper-Boyd;
- Lawrence Lech;
- Lina Marchionda;
- Gloria Petitti; and,
- Carla Underhill

P. Daly

P. Daly provided updates on the following:

i) Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week, once again, was a success. This year's theme was Catholic Education: Walking Forward Together. The week started with a Mass at Cathedral High School led by Fr. Con O'Mahony.

ii) Extension of the Terms & Conditions for Principals and Vice-Principals

Agreements for both the elementary and secondary panels have been extended for 2 years to 2019.

iii) St. Matthew Catholic Elementary School Boundaries

In late April a Community Consultation Meeting was held to inform the School Community of the proposed boundary changes, collect feedback and answer questions related to the proposed boundaries. The St. Matthew School Community has requested that the students stay at St. Matthew School throughout the transition until the new school in Binbrook is completed.

It was noted that a recommendation will be made to the Board of Trustees at the Special Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

iv) Renewing the Promise

4,500 responses were received and given to His Excellency Bishop Bergie. Thanks were expressed to the Committee for their participation.

D. Hansen

D. Hansen provided updates on the following:

i) Renewing the Promise

The second step of the three step process is asking Participants to consider ideas from others and add stars to the ones they like best.

Visit [http://signup.thotex.com/iceont/Py ...](http://signup.thotex.com/iceont/Py...) and express your views.

ii) EQAO Provincial Testing

From May 23 to June 5, 2017, the Primary-Division and Junior-Division Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics are scheduled. This Board will be participating on Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup>, Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> & Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

iii) Director's Award for Outstanding Dedication to Students and Staff

The Director's Awards for Outstanding Dedication to Students and Staff were held on Wednesday, May 24, 2017. This year's ceremony recognized 80 staff members from all job categories and all areas of the Board.

iv) Triple A OFSAA Soccer

Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School will be hosting the OFSAA Boys' AAA high school soccer championship on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

v) Elementary & Secondary Principal/Vice-Principal Placements for 2017-2018 School Year

A report will be presented the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

vi) Cathedral wins Innovation 150 Expo

On May 26, Cathedral High School transformed its forum into a pop-up science exhibition featuring Canada's biggest science organizations.

Created by Perimeter Institute, the Innovation150 Expo was the result of a national contest in celebration of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Classes around the country were asked to submit their best science demonstration for the chance to bring renowned institutions into their school for a full day of hands-on discovery.

Department Head of Science Kristina Salciccioli, organized the school's winning submission together with teachers Guy Larocque, Marzia Occhionorelli, Matt Trabucco, student A.J. Cabasan, the Grade 12 Physics Class and the Grade 11 Chemistry Class.

C. Ciapanna

C. Ciapanna provided updates on the following:

i) PRO Grants

The Parents Reaching Out Grants' due date has been extended to June 16, 2017.

ii) Start Time – CPIC Meetings

Discussion ensued regarding starting future CPIC Meetings at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT, AS OF OCTOBER 2017, THE CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS START AT 6:00 P.M.

MOVER: J. Hooper-Boyd

SECONDER: L. Marchionda

iii) Renewing the Promise

Symposium will be November 14 & 15, 2017 in Toronto. The theme will be focusing on “Renewing the Promise: Exploring the Critical Role of Catholic Education in Contemporary Society.”

Dates/Events

- i) June 6<sup>th</sup> – Celebrating Excellence in Catholic Education Awards at Bishop Tonnos Catholic Secondary School. Start time is 7:00 p.m.
- ii) October 13 & 14, 2017 – OAPCE

ITEM 6

MEETING DATES

The next meeting date is:

Tuesday, October 10, 2017 – **6:00 p.m.** – Fr. Kennedy C.E.C.

Future Meeting Date(s):

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

ITEM 7

ADJOURNMENT

This is E. Pecyna's last CPIC meeting. C. Ciapanna, D. Hansen, P. Daly and the Committee thanked him for his service and dedication.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.