

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: October 10, 2017

ITEM 1 PRAYER

C. Ciapanna called the meeting to order at 6:00 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: N. Centritto, Co-Chair, L. Marchionda, Co-Chair,
R. Gambale, T. Hartnett, J. Hooper-Boyd.

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: E. Rastelli

REGRETS: L. Lech and G. Pettiti.

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 30, 2017 MEETING

MOTION:

THAT THE CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MAY 30, 2017 BE APPROVED.

MOVER: L. Marchionda

SECONDER: P. Daly

CARRIED

ITEM 5 REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

L. Marchionda/N. Centritto

No report.

P. Daly

P. Daly provided updates on the following:

i) An Education Equity Plan – Ministry of Education

Mr. Daly noted that the following could lead to profound change to the provision of publicly funded education in Ontario:

- a consultation with regard to curriculum, new Report Cards, EQAO and a consultation with regards to Education Governance;
- a draft plan re: Improving Well-being for Students across Ontario

ii) Executive Compensation

The Executive Compensation Framework Regulation (September 2016), established under the Broader Public Sector Executive Compensation Act, 2014 (BPSECA), sets out requirements that designated broader public sector (BPS) employers must meet when establishing executive compensation programs.

The Ministry of Education is now considering the proposed executive compensation framework for all 72 publicly-funded school boards to use for the development of their own local executive compensation program as required by the BPSECA and its regulations and directives.

The Board will be subject to a 30-day public consultation including the posting of the philosophy and details of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board Executive Compensation Program on the Board's web-site.

D. Hansen

D. Hansen provided updates on the following:

i) EQAO Results 2016-2017

- 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) Good News Items

a) NTIP – 96 new teachers were hired since September 2016

b) Physical Activity and Healthy Living (PAHL) Sports Day

This year's PAHL Day was October 4th at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School. This is a day when students of all skill levels and abilities are encouraged to participate in a variety of activities. These activities include basketball, soccer, curling, floor hockey, baseball and golf. The event is open to secondary school students with special needs and peer mentors. Each student attending this event was provided with an opportunity to try activities that promote physical activity and encourage incorporating physical activity into daily living.

c) Re-design of Secondary Schools Website

Mr. Hansen led the Committee through the re-design of a Secondary School's website.

d) School Board Governance – Handout

The Ministry of Education is engaging with its education partners on several governance topics to identify and support effective practices that strengthen Board governance.

A discussion guide was distributed to the Committee for their review and input. Members are asked to submit their responses to the Director's Office before November 13, 2017.

C. Ciapanna

C. Ciapanna provided updates on the following:

i) Membership

Posting went out on September 29, 2017

ii) Update – Catholic School Council Binders

Updated inserts were distributed. Members are asked to update their binders.

iii) PRO Grants

This year saw the highest number of schools approved to receive \$1,000 – 34.

Dates/Events

- October 15, 2017 – Pilgrimage @ Cathedral High School – 11:00 a.m.;
- October 23, 2017 – Catholic School Council Orientation Night;
- November 4, 2017 – Parent Conference @ Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School;
- November 21, 2017 - Distinguished Service to Catholic Education Awards Presentation – Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton, will preside at the Liturgy
- February 2, 2018 – Chairpersons Breakfast;
- May 7, 2018 – Catholic Education Mass @ Cathedral High School; and,
- June 5, 2018 – Celebrating Excellence in Catholic Education Awards @ Cathedral High School.

ITEM 6 MEETING DATES

The next meeting date is:

Tuesday, December 12, 2017
6:00 p.m. – Fr. Kennedy C.E.C.

Future Meeting Date(s):

Tuesday, March 27, 2018
Tuesday, May 22, 2018

ITEM 7 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.