

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
Minutes**

Date: April 25, 2012

ITEM 1 PRAYER

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. in the First Floor Committee Room of the Catholic Education Centre. L. Rao led those present in prayer. C. Ciapanna, Superintendent of Education, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ITEM 2 ATTENDANCE

Present: L. Rao, Co-Chair;
 L. Conti; L. Lech;
 H. MacLeod; E. Pecyna;
 D. Taylor.

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

Recording Secretary: Mrs. T. Campanella.

Regrets: P. Amos, Director of Education;
 T. Hartnett; A. Vecchiola.

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2012 MEETING

MOTION:

THAT THE CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2012 BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

MOVER: C. Ciapanna

SECONDER: L. Lech

CARRIED

ITEM 4 REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

L. Rao

a) Youth Employment Services Network

- One day information conference at the NMC on April 17, 2012 – “Navigating Services for Youth”
- 3 keynote speakers:
 - Sara McAuley, Schizophrenia Society of Ontario – How Mental Health Issues Effect Youth
 - Janet Barclay, Organized Assistant – Social Media, Youth and Employment
 - Ron McLester, Manager, Aboriginal Students Services, Mohawk College – Project Pathfinder
- many resources available for parents
- many different employment assistance agencies were there with a variety of valuable resource materials
- further information available at <http://www.youthemploymentnetwork.ca>

b) PIC Symposium

- 3rd annual symposium, held at Ministry of Education office in Toronto
- good opportunity to network with Chairs of PIC from across the province
- points of discussion with PIC Chairs and a Ministry of Education moderator included:
 - lack of consistency of parent engagement support from principal to principal, within the same Board, Board to Board and region to region
 - limit terms of office for those on parent councils
 - needed support and encouragement of parental attendance at school council meetings
 - bullying not just among students – also includes school council members, students and teachers, administration staff and parents, etc.
 - greater need of religious support from parents – worry of possibility of amalgamating into one publicly funded school system

c) Credit caps

- distributed a copy of a letter from the Ministry of Education regarding the new credit cap
- included with the letter was a list of frequently asked questions

d) Invitation to L. Rao and A. Vecchiola to attend a meeting on May 1, 2012 to discuss full day kindergarten

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORTS PRESENTED BY L. RAO, CO-CHAIRPERSON OF THE CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

MOVER: H. MacLeod

SECONDER: P. Daly

CARRIED

P. Daly

a) Budget Consultation Process

- Budget Consultation Process
 - deadline was middle of April 2012
 - received over 700 responses
 - over 40% of those who responded have children in our system
 - will share outcome of survey with Board

b) Discussion

- Mr. Daly responded to various questions from the Committee

Corrado Ciapanna

a) School Year Calendar 2012/2013

- distributed calendar for Committee

b) Balanced Day School Schedule (10 schools)

- 3 pilot schools started in January
- 7 more scheduled to start in September

c) Pro Grants

- deadline is June 8, 2012
- can go online to apply

d) Parent Conference

- November 3, 2012 at Cathedral High School

e) Orientation Night for Catholic School Chairs and Administrators

- October 15, 2012 at the Nicholas Mancini Centre

f) Breakfast Meeting for Catholic School Chairs, Principals, Senior Administration and Trustees

- February 1, 2013

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORTS PRESENTED BY C. CIAPANNA, SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.

MOVER: P. Daly

SECONDER: L. Lech

CARRIED

Helen MacLeod

a) OAPCE

- distributed a letter from OAPCE for recruitment of new members
- this year, conference will be held in Durham region (Ajax) on May 5, 2012
 - theme is "Inclusion and Faith in Catholic Education"
 - there will be over 30 workshops
 - going to try to keep the conference in a central area for more attendance

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT PRESENTED BY H. MacLEOD, BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.

MOVER: E. Pecyna

SECONDER: L. Conti

CARRIED

A. Vecchiola

- In A. Vecchiola's absence, L. Rao presented her report
- JEPAG
 - Annual Trustee Meeting took place in April 2012
 - Concerns expressed regarding JEPAG's future role
 - JEPAG executive to discuss this point and report back

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT PRESENTED BY L. RAO FOR A. VECCHIOLA BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.

MOVER: D. Taylor

SECONDER: L. Lech

CARRIED

ITEM 5 OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

ITEM 6 NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, May 29, 2012 – 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre

ITEM 7 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.