

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: December 11, 2018

ITEM 1 PRAYER/WELCOME

C. Ciapanna called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the First Floor Committee Room at the Fr. Kyran Kennedy Catholic Education Centre and led the opening prayer.

Vacancy Recommendation

C. Ciapanna informed the Committee that two new members have been identified. Mrs. Lori Fraser is the Vice-Chair for the Catholic School Council at St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School and Mrs. Giulia B. Gambacorta-Dim serves as the Chair for the Catholic School Council at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Elementary School. The following motion was forthcoming:

MOTION

THAT LORI FRASER AND GIULIA B. GAMBACORTA-DIM BE APPROVED AS MEMBERS OF THE HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE.

MOVER: P. Daly

SECONDER: R. Gambale

CARRIED

C. Ciapanna introduced and welcomed G. B. Gambacorta-Dim to the meeting. L. Fraser sent her regrets.

ITEM 2 ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

COMMITTEE:

N. Centritto, Co-Chair, D. Eberts, Co-Chair,  
G.B. Giambacorta-Dim, R. Gambale, T. Hartnett,  
L. Marchionda, L. Perini-Parkes.

ADMINISTRATION:

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: E. Rastelli

REGRETS: L. Fraser

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2018 MEETING

MOTION:

THAT THE CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2018 BE APPROVED.

MOVER: C. Ciapanna

SECONDER: L. Perini-Parkes

CARRIED

ITEM 4 REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

N. Centritto/D. Eberts

D. Eberts attended the OAPCE Symposium in November. She noted that it was a positive experience and a great opportunity to network with other parents.

P. Daly

P. Daly provided updates on the following:

i) Consultation: Education in Ontario

The Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association submission dated November 2018 was distributed for the Committee's information. P. Daly highlighted his letter to Mayor Eisenberger and Members of Hamilton City Council dated November 21, 2018 re: the Board's concerns regarding Cannabis Store locations and buffer zones to schools.

ii) Provincial Funding

P. Daly provided an update on the Ministry of Education 2019-2020 Grants for Student Needs (GSN) consultation. He noted the reference in the consultation guide of the government's intention to realize "Four cents on the dollar" in efficiencies/savings.

iii) New Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board of Trustees

At the Inaugural Meeting of the Board on December 4, 2018, nine members, including two newly elected Trustees Louis Agro and Phil Homerski, were sworn in.

iv) Board Meeting Highlights

The October & November 2018 Board Meeting Highlights were distributed for the Committee's information:

D. Hansen

He provided updates on the following:

i) Math Special Assignment Teacher (MSAT) Strategy

The Board has seven MSATs that are assigned four schools each. They visit each school on the same day each week for the entire day.

The MSATs provide job-embedded professional learning for individual educators, groups, division and/or whole school based on urgent student needs in Mathematics.

ii) Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (BIPSA) 2018-2019

Participation date was shared with the Committee for their information. Goals, Strategies, Monitoring and Data Sources and Indicators of Success were highlighted.

iii) Physical Literacy Update: Elementary Schools

Working with schools and teachers re physical literacy. Three areas of focus include:

- Building Teacher Capacity through the Ontario Physical Literacy Summit - Ninety-eight staff of the HWCDSB attended the Annual Ontario Physical Literacy Summit held on September 21, 2018 at Redeemer University and Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary School;
- Hamilton Moves Project - The HWCDSB has partnered with Rising Stars in the second year of a three-year project to implement the "Hamilton Moves" initiative in all 48 elementary schools. The goal of this partnership is to build teacher capacity in the delivery of essential Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS) during physical education classes.

- The Recess Project - In year one of the Hamilton Moves Project, 288 training workshops took place at 42 schools targeting Primary Planning Teachers. A total of 3570 Grade 1, 2, and 3 students received Physical Literacy training from Rising Stars

C. Ciapanna

C. Ciapanna provided updates on the following:

i) Financial Report - September 1, 2018-August 31, 2019

Financial Statements for the CPIC were reviewed including the Parent Involvement Grant and the Operating Expenses

ii) OAPCE – Symposium

Thanks to Diana Eberts for attending the Symposium.

iv) Diocesan Mass

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board will be hosting the 2019 Diocesan Mass on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

v) Sunday, October 14, 2018 – Pilgrimage @ Cathedral High School

This event raised approximately \$40,000 for third world countries.

vi) Saturday, November 3, 2018 – Parent Conference @ Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School

Another successful Parent Conference. Thanks to all who participated.

vii) Distinguished Service to Catholic Education Awards 2018

This year's recipients were celebrated at an Awards Liturgy, Presentation Ceremony and Reception on Tuesday, November 21, 2018 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. The recipients are:

- Nancy Castura, Secondary School Teacher;
- Jenny Frappa, Elementary School Prinicpal;
- Jerry Ponikvar, former Director of Education; and,
- Teresa Susi, Assistant Custodian Trainer.

Dates/Events

- February 1, 2019 – Catholic School Council Chairperson’s Breakfast at the NMC with keynote speaker Sr. Ann Marshall;
- Monday, May 6, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. – Catholic Education Week Mass @ Cathedral High School; and,
- Tuesday, June 4, 2019 – Celebrating Excellence in Catholic Education Awards @ St. Thomas More Catholic Secondary School. Start time is 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 18, 2019 - Diocesan Mass, hosted by the HWCDSB

ITEM 5      MEETING DATES

The next meeting date is:

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. – Fr. Kennedy C.E.C.

Future Meeting Date(s):

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

ITEM 6      ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.