

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
Minutes**

Date: October 22, 2013.

ITEM 1 PRAYER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. in the First Floor Committee Room of the Father Kennedy Catholic Education Centre. A. Vecchiola led those present in prayer and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ITEM 2 ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

COMMITTEE: L. Lech, Co-Chair; A. Vecchiola, Co-Chair;
J. Hooper-Boyd; E. Pecyna.

ADMINISTRATION: P. Daly, Chairperson;
P. Amos, Director of Education;
C. Ciapanna, Superintendent of Education.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. T. Campanella.

REGRETS: T. Hartnett; H. MacLeod. D. Taylor

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2013 MEETING

Approved. Financial Statement for September 2012-August 31, 2013 was approved.

ITEM 4 REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Vecchiola/L. Lech

L. Lech reported that he had attended the “Physical Literacy Summit” which was held in September 2013 at the NMC. He found it very informative.

A. Vecchiola reported:

- OAPCE 75th Conference will be hosted by the Dufferin-Peel Catholic Board on May 23, 2014 at Archbishop Phillip Pocock Secondary School in Mississauga.
- Next JEPAG meeting will take place on November 4, 2013 at the NMC.
- JEPAG had developed a Parent Engagement Tool Kit to be provided to each school in the system.

P. Daly

- Expressed his appreciation to everyone on the Committee.
- He encouraged parents to continue to get involved and think about the future of Catholic education.

P. Amos

- The mandated primary class size has a cap of 20 which is causing a lot of split classes. This has caused some concerns for Boards and parents.
- The Director's Annual Report, the Board Improvement Plan and the Board Strategic Priorities are all on the Board's web site for those who wish to view them.

School Organization:

- School Board is funded based on enrolment. Enrolment has declined but special education students have increased. This is causing significant challenges.

E-Math +

- The Board has partnered with Nelson to develop online assistance for parents to help their children with math homework. It includes entire texts, video lessons, student workbook and sample questions.
- There will be a presentation at the upcoming Parent Conference.

EQAO

- The Board is forming a task force on math. Only 4 out of 72 school Boards met the EQAO standards.

Mrs. Amos reminded the Committee that if there is anything specific that they would like to discuss, please let her know at least a week before the meeting.

C. Ciapanna

CPIC Membership

- C. Ciapanna will put a posting out to the system for someone to replace L. Conti.

Financial Report

- C. Ciapanna led the Committee through the report and responded to questions from the Committee.

Catholic School Councils

- C. Ciapanna distributed the cover page of the Guidelines for the Committee to insert into their binders.
- The Catholic School Council Orientation night is scheduled for October 28, 7:00 p.m. at the NMC.

JEPAG Update

- The Parent Conference will be held on November 2 at Cathedral High School.

ITEM 6 FUTURE MEETING DATES

Tuesday, December 10, 2013 – 6:30 p.m. – Fr. Kennedy C.E.C.
Tuesday, February 25, 2014 – 6:30 p.m. – Fr. Kennedy C.E.C.
Tuesday, May 27, 2014 – 6:30 p.m. – Fr. Kennedy C.E.C.

ITEM 7 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.