

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**Catholic Parent Involvement Committee  
Minutes**

Date: May 27, 2014

ITEM 1      PRAYER

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. in First Floor Committee Room at the Fr. Kyran Kennedy Catholic Education Centre. C. Ciapanna led those present in prayer and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ITEM 2      ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

COMMITTEE:      L. Lech, Co-Chair,  
J. Hooper-Boyd, T. Hartnett,  
H. MacLeod, L. Marchionda.

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

RECORDING SECRETARY:      E. Rastelli

REGRETS:      E. Pecyna, D. Taylor, A. Vecchiola

ITEM 3      APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2014 MEETING

MOTION:

THAT THE CATHOLIC PARENTS INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2014 BE APPROVED.

MOVER: C. Ciapanna  
SECONDER: L. Marchionda

CARRIED

ITEM 4      REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Vecchiola/L. Lech

- i) L. Lech reported he has noticed more parents at speaking engagements at various schools. He expressed his hope that this trend will continue in the future.
- ii) L. Lech and J. Hooper-Boyd attended the Minister's Fifth Annual PIC Symposium held April 25-26, 2014. They shared the following information:
  - The two-day event brought together more than 200 dedicated parents and ministry staff from across the province to discuss the importance of parent engagement to support student achievement and well-being in Ontario's public education system.
  - Dr. Lynda Colgan led the parent audience in a session about the magic of math and building positive “mathitudes,” illustrating the many ways parents can support their children's math achievement inside and outside of school.
  - Participants spent time attending workshops, with topics including Blended Learning, Making Career Choices, Parents Reaching Out Grants, School Mental Health initiatives, Stepping Stones, French-language education and sessions on tools and resources to support parent engagement, including We All Belong and Building Healthy Relationships.
  - Throughout the symposium, parents had many opportunities to talk with staff from across the ministry to gain a better understanding of various ministry initiatives, and enjoyed a wide array of informative table displays.

L. Lech and J. Hooper-Boyd indicated that the Symposium was a very positive experience.

P. Daly

P. Daly shared the following information:

- Blessing and Official Openings were held for:
  - St. Thomas More C.S.S. – addition
  - Bishop Ryan C.S.S. – new building
  - St. Ann (Hamilton) C.E.S. – new building
- Builders of the new St. Gabriel C.E.S. in Winona have been chosen
  - New school scheduled to open September 2015
- Construction on ECE classrooms at 4 schools has started
- Received funding for 6 classroom addition at St. Thérèse of Liseux C.E.S.
- The Board has acquired possession of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Stoney Creek Library next to Cardinal Newman C.S.S.
- Sent letter on behalf of the Board of Trustees to Hon. Justin Trudeau, Leader of the Liberal Party, expressing our strongest concern with his recent statements requiring that all future non-incumbent federal Liberal candidates be “pro-choice”
- Expressed congratulations to T. Hartnett on receiving an Honorary Lifetime Membership from the OAPCE

#### P. Amos

P. Amos shared the following information:

- Director’s Annual Report 2013 – copy distributed to the Committee
  - She expressed thanks to M. Jadon, Communications Officer and D. Henderson, Board Web Developer, for their hard work on this report
- Ministry has announced a new document regarding Religion program for grades 1-6
- Board has established a Math Task Force; S. Pizzuti, Assistant Superintendent of Education, will lead the initiative
- Year 5 of the Full Day Kindergarten program starting in September 2014
- 2014/15 budget in progress for presentation at June 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting

#### H. MacLeod

#### OAPCE

- OAPCE 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference
  - Congratulations to T. Hartnett and Fr. Vallely for receiving an Honorary Lifetime Membership and the Monsignor Harrigan Awards, respectively.

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- The 2015 OAPCE Annual Conference will be held in Renfrew
  - More information will be available at the next CPIC meeting
- New President announced – Brian McAvoy has replaced Orlanda Sousa

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H. MacLeod reported that communication with the schools is improving. Information is being shared via posting on the schools website, in newsletters, etc.

### C. Ciapanna

C. Ciapanna expressed his thanks to H. MacLeod for her work on OAPCE.

### Math

C. Ciapanna informed the Committee that a Ministry of Education Grant for e-Math has been requested.

## ITEM 5

### MEETING DATES

The next meeting date is:

Tuesday, October 28, 2014 – 6:30 p.m. – Fr. Kennedy C.E.C.

### Future Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Tuesday, May 26, 2015

## ITEM 6

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.