



Durham Catholic District School Board

MINUTES of the **OPEN SESSION** of the **DURHAM CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING** of the Durham Catholic District School Board which was held at Catholic Education Centre, North & South Boardroom, 650 Rossland Road West, Oshawa, on **Thursday, April 6, 2017**.

Committee Members

Trevor Aitcheson
Karolina Baker
Kim Beatty
Tom Brennan
Camilla Brown
Tricia Chapman
Linda Dodson-Trchala
Hannah Kent
Rose LoPresti
Babajide Ogundare
Caroline Ogundare
Kamille Rambally
Amanda Roffey
Rodney Romain
Andrea Sullivan
Chris Szent-Ivany

Regrets

Judy Bear
Melissa Bevan
Theresa Corless
Josephine-Dora Spitale
Erin Groat
Ken Lyons
Sophie Kehdi
Melanie O'Neill

Staff Present

Rosemary Leclair
Cynthia Mackey

CALL TO ORDER

Item a.1

OPENING PRAYER

Vice Chair R. Lo Presti opened with the Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory and C. Szent-Ivany offered the opening prayer.

Item a.2

WELCOME AND COURTESIES

Vice Chair Lo Presti called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m. and welcomed all committee members to the April 6, 2017 meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item b.1 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion No. DCPIC2017-04-06-01 **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by R. Romain, seconded by T. Aitcheson

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the April 6, 2017 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Agenda as amended.”

Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item c.1 The next Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting will be held Thursday, May 11, 2017 if approved as added to the Agenda as item d.2

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

Item d.1 **APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE DURHAM CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF March 9, 2017**

Motion No. DCPIC2017-04-06-02 **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by K. Beatty, seconded by K. Rambally

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the Minutes of the March 9, 2017 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting.”

Carried

Item d.2 **CHANGE OF MEETING DATE**

Motion No. DCPIC2017-04-06-03 **Change of Meeting Date for May**

Moved by R. Romain, seconded by T. Brennan

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee change the date of the May 2017 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting from May 4 to May 11, 2017.”

Carried

PRESENTATION

Item e.1 **ICE – Renewing the Promise – R. Leclair**

Superintendent Leclair shared information about a province-wide consultation which has been initiated by the Institute for Catholic Education (I.C.E.). I.C.E. is seeking input from a broad range of stakeholders to be considered at an upcoming symposium which will take place in November 2017 entitled Renewing the Promise: Exploring the Critical Role of Catholic Education in Contemporary Society. Committee members participated in a structured discussion on issues in Catholic Education and were invited to share their input at ice.ont.ca.

REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item f.1.1 **April 20 Event – Paul Davis**

K. Baker provided information about the April 20 event at Notre Dame C.S.S. 100 parents have registered. Members are asked to continue to promote the event and also come out to help support the evening. A reminder that the event is also open to students 13+.

Item f.1.2 **Strategic Planning – June Meeting**

R. Lo Presti informed members that the Strategic Planning Meeting usually held in August will occur as part of the June 8 meeting. A discussion took place concerning the logistics of the evening. More information will be made available at the May meeting.

F.2 **Standing Items**

Item f.2.1 **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Dodson-Trchala submitted her report as attached. She thanked all members who came out to support the Mind Body and Spirit Symposium on February 11 and acknowledged Karolina Baker for her hard work in organizing and facilitating the event.

Item f.2.2 **TRUSTEE REPORT**

Trustee Chapman congratulated the DCPIC on their successful event, 'Mind Body and Spirit' on February 11 and offered the following update from the Board of Trustees on behalf of Trustee Corless:

We're very pleased with the commitment our school demonstrate in support of ShareLife. This week is ShareLife Week in our Parishes. We continue to be proud to have 100% of our schools donate to this worthy cause.

April 30 to May 5th is Catholic Education Week. The Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association has developed resources to support this year's theme – Walking Forward Together. There will be many faith filled activities taking place at the system level and in the schools.

The Trustees are looking forward to the celebration of the Distinguished Catholic Volunteers on April 25th at All Saints C.S.S.

Many of our students are attending the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Battle at Vimy Ridge. We pray for them on their journeys as they represent the DCDSB.

Trustee Chapman concluded her report by wishing all DCPIC members a beautiful awakening during the Easter weekend and thanking them again for their important contributions to parent engagement.

Item f.2.3 RESOURCE REPORT

Superintendent Leclair shared the following information:

Board FSL Action Team is seeking parent input to the development of their 3 year action plan. A parent survey has been shared with schools. See our twitter feed for the link. It is also posted on the FSL page of the board website. The action team is seeking a few members of the DCPIC to participate in a focus group. If you are interested, please let Superintendent Leclair know and a meeting will be arranged to meet with you at the Parent Resource Centre. Timeline for this meeting will be late May/early June.

We look forward to celebrating with many of you at the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation Dinner on May 5th at the Oshawa Jubilee Pavillion. Tickets are now on sale. This promises to be a wonderful celebration to cap off Catholic Education Week.

We are having a special celebration for the Year of Community on April 27th and have invited all of the grade 12 students of the board to gather as a community and be acknowledged for their accomplishment of the Ontario School Catholic Graduate Expectations.

Congratulations to St. Patrick CS in Ajax who recently celebrated 25 years in Catholic Education. We look forward to the next 25th anniversary celebration of St. Catherine of Siena CS, also in Ajax, on May 18th.

Item f.2.4 PRO GRANT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Karolina Baker reported that Josephine-Dora Spitale will be the new PRO Grant Chair for the 2017/2018 school year.

The Mindfulness sessions have been well attended in the evenings and the committee was asked to consider changing the remaining four Tuesday afternoon sessions to

Item f.2.4 – Pro-grant Sub-Committee Report – continued

evening. There will be no additional cost to facilitate this change and the committee was in agreement. The new Wednesday evening sessions will take place on May 3, 17, 31 and June 14.

Item f.2.5 COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

K. Beatty provided a draft copy of the DCPIC Spring newsletter to members and asked for additional input for content on the DCPIC Sharepoint site or by email to her. The deadline for information is April 17 as the final copy will go to print on April 21 for distribution to the schools on April 28.

Item f.2.6 SCHOOL COUNCIL OUTREACH SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Deferred to the May meeting.

Item f.2.7 FAITH FORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

M. O'Neill's report was deferred as she was participating in the St. Francis de Sales Retreat by facilitating an information and refreshment booth on behalf of the DCPIC, in order to promote the committee events and answer questions from retreat participants.

Item f.2.8 POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

J. Spitale and L. Dodson-Trchala have emailed the sub-committee members and will schedule a virtual meeting soon.

Item f.2.9 BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Deferred to the May meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The DCPIC meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m. C. Szent-Ivany offered the closing prayer.

Motion No. DCPIC2017-04-06-04 Adjournment

Moved by R. Romain, seconded by K. Beatty

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting of Thursday, April 6, 2017, adjourn.”

Carried

Rose Lo Presti
Vice-Chair, Durham Catholic Parent
Involvement Committee

Rosemary Leclair
Superintendent of Education

Recording Secretary: Cynthia Mackey

DURHAM CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

CHAIR'S REPORT

TO: DCPIC, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SCHOOL CHAIRS, STAFF AND PARENTS
FROM: LINDA DODSON TRCHALA
SUBJECT: APRIL 2017 REPORT
DATE: April 6, 2017

Recently, we hosted our second PRO Grant event of Mind, Body and Spirit Symposium with our keynote speaker Teresa Harnett, Director of Family Ministry Office for the Diocese of Hamilton. We thank all the DCPIC members that made the event possible; without their dedication these events would not be possible. We are looking forward to our next PRO Grant event of Social Networking Safety with Paul Davis on April 20th! Please visit our website at www.dcpic.ca, for all the details.

Here is the update for this month:

April Report

- OAPCE (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education)
 - a) OAPCE's next quarterly meeting will be in May 5 & 6, 2017.
 - b) OAPCE issued a press release on April 5, 2017 regarding who, what and how OAPCE is currently and where it would like to be in the future.
- PRO Grant 2016-2017
 - a) On April 20th, the third event for our PRO Grant will take place. We will be hosting Social Networking Session with Paul Davis.
- Conferences/Professional Development
 - a) November 10 – Cardinal's Dinner (Linda and Rose)
 - b) November 12 – People for Education (Linda and Kamilla)
 - c) April 22 – Ministry of Education PIC Symposium
 - d) April 25 – Distinguished Catholic Volunteer Award Ceremony