



## **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, February 2, 2017**.

### **Committee Members**

Trevor Aitcheson  
Karolina Baker  
Judy Bear  
Kim Beatty  
Melissa Bevan  
Tom Brennan  
Camilla Brown  
Theresa Corless  
Linda Dodson Trchala  
Erin Groat  
Sophie Kehdi  
Rose LoPresti  
Babajide Ogundare  
Melanie O'Neill  
Amanda Roffey  
Andrea Sullivan  
Josephine-Dora Spitale  
Chris Szent-Ivany

### **Regrets**

Kamille Rambally  
Rodney Romain

### **Staff Present**

Rosemary Leclair  
Cynthia Mackey

## **CALL TO ORDER**

### **Item a.1**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Chair Dodson-Trchala opened with the Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory and C. Szent-Ivany offered the opening prayer.

### **Item a.2**

### **WELCOME AND COURTESIES**

Chair Dodson Trchala called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. and welcomed all committee members to the February 2, 2017 meeting.

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## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

### **Item b.1**                    **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

#### **Motion No. DCPIC2017-02-02-01**                    **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by M. Bevan, seconded by E. Groat

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the February 2, 2017 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Agenda.”

Carried

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Item c.1**                    The next Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting will be held Thursday, March 9, 2017.

## **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 January 12, 2017**

#### **Motion No. DCPIC2017-02-02-02**                    **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by T. Brennan, seconded by R. LoPresti

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the Minutes of the January 12, 2017 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting.”

Carried

## **PRESENTATION**

DCPIC Technology

Ronald Rodriguez, Chief Information Officer

Superintendent Leclair introduced Ronald Rodriguez, Chief Information Officer for Durham Catholic District School Board, who provided information to committee members about the use of Office 365, Office 365 SharePoint, DCPIC Office (using the Multi-Function Printer) and how to connect an email account to an iPhone.

## **REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Item f.1.1 CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Dodson Trchala submitted her report as attached. She advised that 2 positions have become vacant on the committee and nominations will be accepted through the volunteer button on the DCPIC webpage:

<http://www.dcpic.ca/en/index.aspx?mid=100093>

### **Item f.1.2 TRUSTEE REPORT**

Trustee Corless expressed her excitement about her new role on DCPIC and offered the following update from the Board of Trustees:

- Whitby Secondary Study – the agenda and Report to Board from the Special Board Meeting of January 30, 2017 have been posted on the dcdsb.ca site: <http://www.dcdsb.ca/en/our-board/Whitby-Secondary-Schools-Review.aspx>
- Outcomes of the study include the initiation of a by application/audition Regional Arts and Technology Program at All Saints C.S.S., a proposed change to the French Immersion boundary for Fr. Leo J. Austin C.S.S. which will result in the opening of a new French Immersion Secondary Program at Msgr. Paul Dwyer C.H.S., and the initiation of boundary reviews within the municipality of Whitby
- Bell Time Study - The Durham District School Board (DDSB) and the Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB) are holding joint region wide community consultation sessions regarding the adjustment of school bell times. Dates and locations are posted on the Board website under the banner, “Bell Time Study”.
- Board Policy Meeting – will take place on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.
- Calendar Survey – each Spring, the calendar for the upcoming school year is developed with the assistance of public input and in collaboration with a Board committee of stakeholders. As part of our public consultation for the 2017-2018 School Year Calendar, a brief survey has been created to assist the committee in formulating the calendar for next year. Responses must be submitted by **Friday, February 10, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.** Survey link: <http://www.dcdsb.ca/en/Index.aspx>

### **Item f.1.3 RESOURCE REPORT**

Superintendent Leclair provided the following information:

All schools in the Durham Catholic District School Board are proud to celebrate Black History Month throughout the month of February.

Stand Up to Bullying Week is February 20 – 27, 2017. Once again, students and staff will be encouraged to wear pink shirts on February 22 to support the prevention of bullying in our schools.

**Item f.1.3**     **RESOURCE REPORT - continued**

Superintendent Leclair highlighted the various banners at [dcdsb.ca](http://dcdsb.ca) which link to information related to the School Year Calendar Survey and Bell Time Consultation Meeting schedule.

Superintendent Leclair also expressed her appreciation to the committee for their efforts in organizing and promoting the Parent Symposium which will take place on February 11, 2017 at Msgr. Paul Dwyer C.H.S.

**Item f.1.4**     **PRO GRANT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

Karolina Baker reported that the Year of Mindfulness sessions for parents are ongoing at the Parent Resource Centre. Drop-in sessions are scheduled each week until June 2017. A schedule of dates and times is posted on [www.dcpic.ca](http://www.dcpic.ca). Childminding will be provided. Members are asked to continue promoting these sessions and are encouraged to attend.

DCPIC members are also encouraged to continue to promote the February 11 Symposium and perhaps, if possible, connect with Catholic School Councils to promote the event. Any assistance with the event would be appreciated; members are asked to reply to Josephine-Dora Spitale's email sent out earlier in February.

**Item f.1.5**     **COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

K. Beatty informed members that the winter newsletter was distributed and submissions for the spring newsletter are welcome. Deadline for submissions is March 31.

**Item f.1.6**     **SCHOOL COUNCIL OUTREACH SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

Deferred for this month

**Item f.1.7**     **FAITH FORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

Melanie O'Neill will chair this subcommittee. Several different ideas are being considered for this year such as Lunch and Learn events for parents and staff, with speakers such as Dr. Josephine Lombardi. More events for 2017/2018 will follow, and input / feedback from committee members is requested. Proposed ideas include Chef Father Leo Patalinghug, author of "Grace Before Meals", who could provide an interactive cooking demo to interact with parents and youth.

**Item f.1.8**     **POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

Josephine-Dora Spitale will chair this subcommittee. More information to follow.

**Item f.1.9**    **BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

R. Lo Presti distributed a summary sheet to members with the current balances in the DCPIC and PRO Grant accounts.

There are enough pins and pin boxes available for the April 25 Volunteer Awards but more pin boxes should be purchased for 2017/2018.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The DCPIC meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. C. Szent-Ivany offered the closing prayer.

**Motion No. DCPIC2017-02-02-03**            **Adjournment**

Moved by M. Bevan, seconded by T. Aitcheson

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting of Thursday, February 2, 2017, adjourn.”

Carried

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Linda Dodson Trchala  
Chair, Durham Catholic Parent  
Involvement Committee

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Rosemary Leclair  
Superintendent of Education

Recording Secretary: Cynthia Mackey