



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, January 12, 2017**.

Committee Members

Trevor Aitcheson
Karolina Baker
Judy Bear
Kim Beatty
Melissa Bevan
Tom Brennan
Theresa Corless (teleconference)
Linda Dodson Trchala
Erin Groat
Rose LoPresti
Babajide Ogundare
Melanie O'Neill
Kamille Rambally
Amanda Roffey
Andrea Sullivan
Josephine-Dora Spitale

Regrets

Bibi Ally
Camilla Brown
Sophie Khedi
Kim Kehoe
Rodney Romain
Ken Lyons
Chris Szent-Ivany

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 J. Bear offered the opening prayers.

Item a.2 **WELCOME AND COURTESIES**

Chair Dodson Trchala called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and welcomed all committee members to the January 12, 2017 meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item b.1 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion No. DCPIC2017-01-12-01 **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by T. Brennan, seconded by K. Beatty

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the January 12, 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, February 2, 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 November 3, 2016**

Motion No. DCPIC2017-01-12-02 **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by K. Baker, seconded by K. Beatty

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the Minutes of the November 3, 2016 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting.”

Carried

REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item e.1 **FEBRUARY PARENT SYMPOSIUM**

Josephine-Dora Spitale and Karolina Baker provided an update on the planning and budgeting of the Healthy Mind, Body and Spirit Parent Symposium which will take place on February 11, 2017 at Msgr. Paul Dwyer Catholic High School.

Committee members were provided with information about the keynote and break-out session speakers. The event will be video-taped and webcasted in addition to the on-site activities.

A proposed budget planning template was also provided to members and a discussion took place about the PRO Grant funding and additional costs which may be covered, if necessary, by additional DCPIC funds.

Motion No. DCPIC2017-01-12-03

Approval of DCPIC Funds for Symposium

Moved by M. O'Neill, seconded by K. Rambally

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve 3000.00 from DCPIC funds for the February 11 Healthy Mind Body and Spirit Symposium.”

Carried

Item e.2.1 CHAIR REPORT

Chair Dodson Trchala submitted her report as attached. She encouraged all members to attend the April 2017 Ministry of Education PIC Symposium. Information will be provided about this event as soon as it becomes available.

The Chair asked Kamille Rambally to provide a report about the November 12, 2015 People for Education conference, which both attended.

Item e.2.2 TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Corless addressed the changes to the Board of Trustees with the election of John Rinella as Chair and expressed her enthusiasm to be working with DCPIC as the Trustee Designate to the committee.

Members were reminded that the first Finance Committee Meeting will take place on Monday, January 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Item e.2.3 RESOURCE REPORT

Superintendent Leclair provided the following information:

The Durham Catholic Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) is facilitating a Sharing of Excellence event at Notre Dame C.S.S. on March 2, 2017 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. “Connecting with Our Children and Teens: Promoting Positive Mental Health” will feature a keynote speaker and several breakout sessions on a variety of topics including positive mental health. The flyer was shared with all members and everyone has been asked to help promote and attend the event.

Registration for Junior Kindergarten opens next week through our on-line process (January 16 – 20) and everyone is asked to spread the word and promote Catholic education. Registration can be accessed using the banner on the dcdb.ca website.

French Immersion Registration is now open on-line and will continue until January 20. Registration is for current Senior Kindergarten students.

The Board's Renewed Math Strategy was the focus of Capacity sessions which took place at the Pope Francis Centre on January 10 and 11. Sessions included a special focus on fractions and a review of assessment practices to support student success in mathematics. The afternoon was dedicated to building understanding of the needs of students diagnosed with Learning Disabilities and the importance of relevant accommodations in programming.

Item e.2.3 Resource Report - continued

Superintendent Leclair is looking forward to the Parent Symposium on February 11 and offered congratulations to the committee along with a commitment to providing any support necessary to make it an exceptional and successful event.

Item e.2.4 PRO GRANT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Karolina Baker reminded everyone of The Year of Mindfulness sessions for parents which 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. Childminding will be provided. Members are asked to continue promoting these sessions and are encouraged to attend.

Item e.2.5 COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

K. Beatty informed members that the newsletter is complete and will be sent to the printer.

It will be distributed to parents through the schools as soon as it is ready.

Chair Dodson-Trchala put a call out for a volunteer to chair this sub-committee.

Item e.2.6 SCHOOL COUNCIL OUTREACH SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Melissa Bevan provided an update concerning the creating of an updated resource binder for DCDSB Catholic School Councils. Sections of the current resource binder are in need of updating and Amanda Roffey will assist with the digital copies of information. Chair Dodson-Trchala encouraged all members to provide assistance with this initiative.

Rose LoPresti informed members that an updated list of DCPIC representation as resource to individual school councils will be completed shortly. Members will be assigned at least two schools to which they are encouraged to reach out with respect to school councils by contact through email or if possible, attendance at a meeting. Trustee Corless suggested that members may wish to contact the respective Trustee for their assigned schools and propose attending a school council meeting together.

Item e.2.7 FAITH FORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Deferred for this month.

Item e.2.8 POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

L. Dodson Trchala reminded members that the position of Chair for this subcommittee is still open and reviewed the role of the subcommittee as providing review and feedback on DCDSB policies and procedures. Anyone is welcome to participate in this subcommittee.

Item e.2.9 BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

R. Lo Presti reported the current balance in the DCPIC School Council Supplies account as \$37,394.98.

ADJOURNMENT

The DCPIC meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m. J. Bear offered the closing prayer.

Motion No. DCPIC2017-01-12-04 Adjournment

Moved by M. Bevan, seconded by R. Lo Presti

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting of Thursday, January 12, 2017, adjourn.”

Carried

Linda Dodson Trchala
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: JANUARY 2017 REPORT
DATE: JANUARY 12, 2017

Happy New Year to you and your family! I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas with friends and family.

As we look forward to this new year, our committee will begin this year preparing for our Healthy Mind, Body and Spirit Symposium and Who is in control? You or your iPad? Presentation by Paul Davis, funded by the Ministry of Education. The two PRO Grant funded events will take place on February 11, 2017 for the symposium and April 20, 2017 for the presentation. There will be more details available shortly as they become finalized. Details will be available shortly on our site at, www.dcpic.ca.

One of our mandates of this committee is to communicate with and support local Catholic school councils in the Durham Catholic District School Board. As part of this communication, we provided each school council with our School Council Binder. This binder requires an update due to our new website. We were hoping to have this ready at the beginning of this school year but due to some delays we are now looking at the spring. I would like to encourage our committee members to come together to make our School Council Binder the wealth of information it is meant to be for our school councils.

Lastly, I wanted to share part of what His Holiness, Pope Francis shared in his message For the Celebrations of The Fiftieth World Day of Peace, January 1, 2017:

Jesus himself lived in violent times. Yet he taught that the true battlefield, where violence and peace meet, is the human heart: for "it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come" (Mk 7:21). But Christ's message in this regard offers a radically positive approach. He unfailingly preached God's unconditional love, which welcomes and forgives. He taught his disciples to love their enemies (cf. Mt 5:44) and to turn the other cheek (cf. Mt 5:39). When he stopped her accusers from stoning the

woman caught in adultery (cf. Jn 8:1-11), and when, on the night before he died, he told Peter to put away his sword (cf. Mt 26:52), Jesus marked out the path of nonviolence. He walked that path to the very end, to the cross, whereby he became our peace and put an end to hostility (cf. Eph 2:14-16). Whoever accepts the Good News of Jesus is able to acknowledge the violence within and be healed by God's mercy, becoming in turn an instrument of reconciliation. In the words of Saint Francis of Assisi: "As you announce peace with your mouth, make sure that you have greater peace in your hearts".

We need to remember that we are brothers and sister of one another; we need to care for each other just as Jesus himself did.

- OAPCE (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education)
 - a) OAPCE's next quarterly meeting will be January 13th and 14th, 2017.
 - b) Each school council is asked to have an OAPCE representative as per legislation.

- PRO Grant 2015-2016
 - a) November 2016 to June 2017 – A Year of Mindfulness lead by Cara Southwood.
 - b) February 11, 2017 – Healthy Mind, Body & Soul Symposium
 - c) April 20, 2017 – Social Media Safety Expert Paul Davis

- Conferences/Professional Development
 - a) November 10 – Cardinal's Dinner (Linda and Rose)
 - b) November 12 – People for Education (Linda & Kamilla)
 - c) April 2017 – Ministry of Education PIC Symposium

Budget for the Healthy, Mind, Body and Spirit Symposium - Feb 11/17

9:00AM-12:45PM

Budget Based on 150 Guests

Primary Figure: \$5000.00 Seeking: \$2000.00 in additional funding

	Estimated	Actual
Total Expenses	\$7,001.00	\$0.00

Site	Estimated	Actual
Site Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00
Webcast	\$2,500.00	\$2,486.00
Total	\$2,500.00	\$2,486.00

Decorations	Estimated	Actual
Table Coverings (15 Tables + Speaker Tabl	\$68.00	
Centre Pieces + Speaker Table (15+1 Table	\$225.00	
Daycare Valentine Craft	\$40.00	
Total	\$333.00	\$0.00

Publicity	Estimated	Actual
Advertisement (Online)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Printing	\$240.00	
Registration (Online)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$240.00	\$0.00

Miscellaneous	Estimated	Actual
Thank You: Speakers (\$30 Gift Card/Speak	\$150.00	
Donation	\$50.00	
Total	\$200.00	\$0.00

Refreshments	Estimated	Actual
Food (Coffee Cultures Whitby)	\$800.00	
Drinks (Coffee Cultures Whitby)	\$108.00	
Buffet Linens	\$35.00	
Total	\$943.00	\$0.00

Speakers	Estimated	Actual
Teresa Hartnet Speaker Fee	\$300.00	
Diana Trotman Speaker Fee	\$350.00	
Tara McClure Speaker Fee	\$350.00	
Joel Witton Speaker Fee	\$350.00	
Bethanie Lyall Speaker Fee	\$350.00	
Hotel for Teresa Hartnet	\$175.00	
Travel Costs for Teresa Hartnet	\$150.00	
Travel Costs for Tara McClure	\$100.00	
Travel Costs for Bethanie Lyall	\$100.00	
Travel Costs for Joel Witton	\$80.00	
Travel Costs for Diana Trotman	\$80.00	
Other		
Total	\$2,385.00	\$0.00

Childcare Staffing	Estimated	Actual
ECE #1	\$200.00	
ECE #2	\$200.00	
Total	\$400.00	\$0.00

Healthy Mind, Body and Spirit Symposium

Keynote Speaker: Teresa Hartnett. Teresa is the Director of Family Ministry Officer for the Diocese of Hamilton will be the keynote speaker. Teresa oversees the implementation of several ministry related initiatives; is a liaison for the Fully Alive programs to the six school boards in the Diocese, undertaking numerous presentations yearly to both staff and students within those boards. Ms. Hartnett speaks about what it means to be healthy in mind, body and spirit for students as they cope with the demands of learning in the 21st century.

Breakaway Speaker 1A: Tara McClure. Tara McClure is a mother and an independent consultant who is passionate about community building. She has worked alongside families as a planner and advocate for over a decade. Tara is motivated to engage children and their families in dreaming about their futures and setting attainable goals together. She believes that relationships are the key to success and she has helped many families build lasting, diverse communities around their loved ones.

Breakaway Speaker 1B: Joel Witton. Joel has worked extensively with the DPCDSB board in writing, developing and offering a workshop aimed at grade 11 and 12 students and their parents (separately) entitled "*Relationship Compass*." At the symposium he will present content entitled, "*How to Help Our Children Live Mentally Healthy Lives*" which will focus on the power of prayer and God's word in supporting our children.

Breakaway Speaker 2A: Diana Trotman. Diana is a Community Developer for families throughout the GTA. She works intensively with families to plan times of transition with their children. Her presentation is entitled, "*Secondary School Life: Positioning Youth for Success Using Community Networks*" and focuses on social capital and asset mapping.

Breakaway Speaker 2B: Bethanie Lyall. Bethany works in the Kawartha region with families who wish to plan effective education methods to work with their children outside of the classroom. She focuses on building on student strength to bring positive change to what is traditionally seen as a student's weakness. Bethanie offers tools for parents to take home in this interactive workshop.

SHARING OF EXCELLENCE

PARENTS AS PARTNERS 2016 – 2017

Connecting With Our Children and Teens: Promoting Positive Mental Health

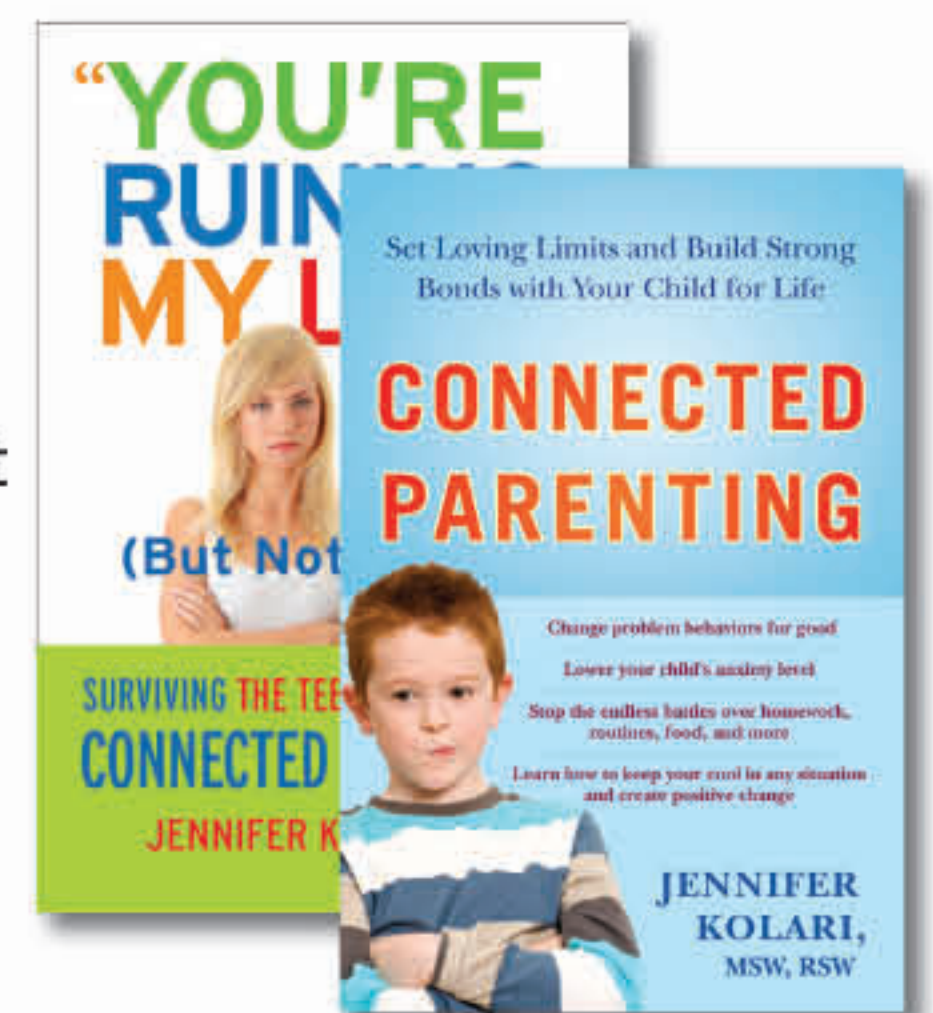


Keynote Speaker: Jennifer Kolari
Child and Family Therapist
Founder of Connected Parenting

Keynote Address: Using anecdotes and humour, the audience will be introduced to the Connected Parenting model. Both theory and practice will be explained step-by-step. Participants will leave inspired with practical and useful strategies to try with their children as soon as they get home.

Break-out sessions offered by Durham Catholic District School Board Student Services staff and community partners on topics including:

- Stress Behaviour vs Misbehaviour
- Understanding and Supporting Your Worried Child
- Navigating Relationships and Social Situations
- Substance Use: What you Need to Know
- Helping Your Child Build a Healthy Body Image and Self-Concept
- Mindful Parenting
- Social Media and Parenting
- Parenting Resilient Children and Teens



When: Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 6 – 9 p.m.

Doors open: 5:15 p.m. for registration and displays

**Where: Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School,
1375 Harwood Avenue North, Ajax**

Advance Registration Required: dcdsbparentconference.eventbrite.ca

Parents and community members are welcome to attend this **free** event. Funding graciously provided by our Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Parent Reaching Out grant.



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