



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, May 11, 2017.**

Committee Members

Karolina Baker
Kim Beatty
Melissa Bevan
Tom Brennan
Camilla Brown
Linda Dodson-Trchala
Erin Groat
Ken Lyons
Babajide Ogundare
Caroline Ogundare
Kamille Rambally
John Rinella (teleconference)
Amanda Roffey
Josephine-Dora Spitale
Chris Szent-Ivany

Regrets

Trevor Aitcheson
Judy Bear
Hannah Kent
Rose Lo Presti
Sophie Kehdi
Melanie O'Neill
Rodney Romain
Andrea Sullivan

Staff Present

Rosemary Leclair
Cynthia Mackey

CALL TO ORDER

Item a.1 **OPENING PRAYER**

Chair L. 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 7:08 p.m. and welcomed all committee members to the May 11, 2017 meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item b.1 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion No. DCPIC2017-05-11-01 **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by T. Bevan, seconded by E. Groat

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the May 11, 2017 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Agenda as printed.”

Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item c.1 The next Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting will be held Thursday, June 8, 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 April 6, 2017**

Motion No. DCPIC2017-05-11-02 **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by E. Groat, seconded by K. Beatty

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the Minutes of the April 6, 2017 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting.”

Carried

PRESENTATION

Item e.1 **DCDSB Budget Overview – R. Putnam**

Superintendent Leclair introduced Ryan Putnam, Superintendent of Business Services and Chief Financial Officer. Superintendent Putnam provided an overview of the DCDSB Budget and answered questions from the committee.

REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

F.1 **Standing Items**

Item f.1.1 **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Dodson-Trchala submitted her report as attached. She thanked all members who came out to support the Distinguished Parent Volunteer Awards on April 25 and thanked Camilla Brown for organizing and facilitating a wonderful event.

Item f.1.2 **TRUSTEE REPORT**

Chair of the Board John Rinella, participating by teleconference, deferred the Trustee Report.

Item f.1.3 **RESOURCE REPORT**

Superintendent Leclair shared her thanks and congratulated Camilla Brown and the committee for co-ordinating the Distinguished Catholic Volunteer Award Reception and Ceremony. She highlighted a number of special events that had taken place in the system including; Catholic Education Week celebrations in all schools around the provincial theme of "Walking Forward Together", the Showcase for the Arts, the Distinguished Catholic Educator Awards, the Student Walk for Hope in support of the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation, and the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation Gala.

She offered special thanks to the members of the DCPIC and Catholic School Councils for their support of the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation Gala, noting it was wonderful to see our parents celebrating with our Distinguished Alumni and showing their support for students and families in need.

Schools have been reminded to submit their Pro-Grant applications which are due May 25, 2017.

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

Josephine-Dora Spitale presented ideas for the 2017-2018 Parents Reaching Out Grant. The committee provided consensus to support the submission of the PRO Grant ideas as submitted.

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

Kamille Rambally provided information about the year-end survey, including a summary of responses received to date. Members are encouraged to promote the survey to parents in their schools.

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

Melissa Bevan reported that the first draft has been given to Chair Dodson-Trchala and Vice- Chair Lo Presti for review. The final resource will go out in September.

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

Deferred

Item f.1.8 **POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

Deferred

Item f.1.9 **BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

Deferred

ADJOURNMENT

The DCPIC meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m. C. Szent-Ivany offered the closing prayer.

Motion No. DCPIC2017-05-11-03 **Adjournment**

Moved by T. Brennan, seconded by M. Bevan

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting of Thursday, May 11, 2017, adjourn.”

Carried

Linda Dodson-Trchala
Chair, Durham Catholic Parent
Involvement Committee

Rosemary Leclair
Superintendent of Education

Recording Secretary: Cynthia Mackey