

Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

Durham Catholic District School Board

Oct 7, 2021 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Agenda

1. Call To Order

1.1. Opening Prayer - Jim Wilson

1.2 Welcome and Courtesies

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Announcements

3.1. Next Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting: Thursday, November 4, 2021

4. Actions To Be Taken

4.1. Approval and Signing of the Minutes of the Open Session of the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of September 16, 2021
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4.2. Election/Selection of Parent and Community Representatives

5. Presentations

5.1. Planning for Annual Commissioning Mass and Orientation - November 3, 2021

6. Reports/Information/Items

6.1. Chair's Report

6.2. Trustee's Report

6.3. Resource Report

6.4. PRO Grant Subcommittee Report

6.5. Communications Subcommittee Report

6.6. School Council Outreach Subcommittee Report

6.7. Faith Formation Subcommittee Report

6.8. Policy & By-Law Subcommittee Report

6.9. Budget Subcommittee Report

7. Adjournment

8. Closing Prayer - Jim Wilson

Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Minutes

Durham Catholic District School Board

Sep 16, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Committee Member Present (Virtual):

Melissa Bevan (Chair), Rose LoPresti (Vice-Chair), Erin Groat (Secretary), Mikhail Yurkoski (Trustee), Jay Ashwin, Candice Belmontes, Karina Jill Doyle, Vanessa Dreckmann, Laka Ford-Williams, Andrea Gagliardi, Michelle Gillis, Angela Kielbowski, Marie Marilla, Erica Morra, Cynthia Scott, Heather McFadden, Josie Mullin, Channon Oyeniran, Christopher Szent-Ivany, Lara Spiers

Staff Present (Virtual):

Superintendent Jim Wilson, Faeron Pileggi, Lori Jones

1. Call To Order

Vice-Chair LoPresti called the virtual meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and welcomed all committee members to the September 16, 2021 meeting. Vice-Chair LoPresti acknowledged Traditional Land Territory.

1.1. Opening Prayer - Christopher Szent-Ivany

1.2. Welcome and Courtesies

2. Approval Of Agenda

Motion:

DCPIC2021-09-16-01 - Approval of Agenda

"THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the Agenda of Thursday, September 16, 2021 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting as provided".

Motion moved by Andrea Gagliardi and motion seconded by Josie Mullin.

3. Announcements

3.1. Next Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting: Thursday, October 7, 2021

4. Actions To Be Taken

- 4.1. Approval and Signing of the Minutes of the Open Session of the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of June 10, 2021.

Motion:

DCPIC2021-09-16-02 - Approval of the Minutes

"THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the minutes of the June 10, 2021 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting".

Motion moved by Josie Mullin and motion seconded by Marie Marilla.

5. Presentations

- 5.1. Community of Faith - Katherine Mustachi, Senior Manager of Faith Formation

Katherine Mustachi, Senior Manager of Faith Formation presented to the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee a copy of the Durham Catholic District School Board's spiritual theme "Community of Faith" for the 2021-2022 school year.

6. Discussion Items

- 6.1. October Election Update

Lori Jones gave an update on how the election will be processed next month. She provided the names of those committee members whose term has been completed. Lori will work with Faeron Pileggi to organize the online application process along with the online voting system. The Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee elections will take place at the next meeting on October 7, 2021.

- 6.2. Commissioning Mass and Orientation - November 3, 2021

Superintendent Wilson addressed the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee with the suggestion of possibly having the DCPIC Commissioning Mass and Orientation held in person at the Pope Francis Centre. Superintendent Wilson suggested having 2 sessions (a.m. and p.m.) in order to adhere to all COVID protocol standards and safety. Chair Bevan expressed her opinion in favour of the idea of having the Commissioning Mass in person. Chair Bevan asked for a vote of all those in favour of this idea. Those in attendance of the meeting voted and majority ruled in favour of having the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement

Commissioning Mass and Orientation to be held in person on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at the Pope Francis Centre. Chris Szent-Ivany had a suggestion of keeping all the Family of Schools together to share ideas/suggestions at the event. Lori Jones to start working on inviting the Principals/School Council Chairs to the event.

7. Reports/Information/Items

7.1. Chair's Report

Chair Bevan welcomed everyone to a new school year! Chair Bevan stated how much she is looking forward to another year of supporting parents, students, and teachers as they return to school in person and virtually as the pandemic continues.

Chair Bevan asked everyone attending the virtual meeting to please remember the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee is here to support parent engagement and if any school, parent, or parent council needs our assistance, we are here for you.

Chair Bevan thanked Rose LoPresti and Erin Groat for helping her host the 2021-2022 School Year Information Session for Parents and Guardians. Chair Bevan commented that the Durham Catholic District School Board Communications Department did an excellent job organizing this event.

Chair Bevan encouraged the Committee to work together to make parental engagement a priority by providing ongoing support on a system-wide basis and promoting communication and dialogue between school councils, the Board and members of the community.

7.2. Trustee's Report

Trustee Yurkoski welcomed the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee back to a new school year! Trustee Yurkoski wished all the families a smooth transition and looks forward to another great year as we work together to support Catholic education.

Trustee Yurkoski encouraged schools and families to explore the school opening resources on the Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA) website. Trustee Yurkoski indicated you will find readings, songs, and prayers to support our student's faith develop as they start a new school year. Trustee Yurkoski mentioned that OCSTA's Catholic Education Week theme this year is "Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together", which fits well with DCDSB's spiritual theme, "Community of Faith".

Trustee Yurkoski updated the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee on the next Regular Board Meeting to be held on September 27th at 7:30.

7.3. Resource Report

Superintendent Wilson welcomed all the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee members back from the Summer Break.

Superintendent Wilson addressed the parents stating their cooperation is appreciated as the Ministry of Education instructed Ontario School Boards to complete active screening for all students for the first 10 days of the school year. Superintendent Wilson further stated that by filling out the Self- assessment Confirmation Booklet, you are making our school a safer learning environment.

Superintendent Wilson highlighted some excellent activities during the month of September. Friday, September 24th is Franco Ontario Day. Students are encouraged to wear green and white to celebrate. September 30th is Orange Shirt Day. This is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in remembrance for the victims of the Canadian Indian residential school system. In recognition of the lives lost, we will be providing 23,000 tulip bulbs to students in honour of the Indigenous children whose lives have been lost.

Superintendent Wilson welcomed back Lori Jones and stated that she is a great support to the DCPIC.

7.4. PRO Grant Subcommittee Report

Deferred

7.5. Communications Subcommittee Report

Faeron Pileggi gave a communications update. The DCPIC "Return to School" session had 1773 views on the webpage, 209 questions and 30 Q&A.

7.6. School Council Outreach Subcommittee Report

Deferred

7.7. Faith Formation Subcommittee Report

Angela Kielbowski updated the committee on some of the Faith Formation activities. The Faith Formation subcommittee will be working with Communications for update information on the website.

7.8. Policy & By-Law Subcommittee Report

Deferred

7.9. Budget Subcommittee Report

Deferred

8. Adjournment

Motion:

DCPIC2021-09-16-03

"THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting on Thursday, September 16, 2021 adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Motion moved by Marie Marilla and motion seconded by Andrea Gagliardi.

9. Closing Prayer - Christopher Szent-Ivany

Melissa Bevan
Chair, Durham Catholic Parent
Involvement Committee

Jim Wilson
Superintendent of Education

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