



Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

Durham Catholic District School Board

Virtual

Nov 4, 2021 7:30 PM

Agenda

1. Call to Order

1.1. Opening Prayer - Christopher Szent-Ivany

1.2. Welcome and Courtesies

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Announcements

3.1. Next Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting: Thursday, December 9, 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 October 7, 2021

5. Presentations

5.1. Student Census - Margaret Brimpong, Sr. Manager Equity, Racism and Engagement

5.2. Review of DCPIC Commissioning Mass

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 - Christopher Szent-Ivany

Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Minutes

Durham Catholic District School Board
October 7, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting

Committee Members Present: (Virtual)

Melissa Bevan (Chair), Rose LoPresti (Vice-Chair), Erin Groat (Secretary), Robert De Souza (Trustee), Jay Ashwin, Candice Belmontes, Karina Jill Doyle, Vanessa Dreckmann, Laka Ford-Williams, Andrea Gagliardi, Michelle Gillis, Angela Kielbowski, Marie Marilla, Heather McFadden, Josie Mullin, Channon Oyeniran

Staff Present (Virtual):

Superintendent Jim Wilson, Faeron Pileggi, Lori Jones

1. Call To Order

Chair Bevan called the virtual meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. and welcomed all committee members to the October 7, 2021 meeting. Chair Bevan acknowledged Traditional Land Territory.

1.1. Opening Prayer - Jim Wilson

1.1.1. Welcome and Courtesies

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion:

DCPIC2021-10-07-01 - Approval of Agenda

"THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the Agenda of Thursday, October 7, 2021 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting as provided".

Motion moved by Josie Mullin and motion seconded by Erin Groat. Carried

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.

Motion:

DCPIC2021-10-07-02 - Approval of Minutes

"THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the minutes of the September 116, 2021 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting".

Motion moved by Rose Lo Presti and motion seconded by Andrea Gagliardi. Carried

- 4.2. Election/Selection of Parent and Community Representatives

Superintendent Wilson reviewed that there were seven vacancies for the position of Parent Member Representatives and three vacancies for Community Representatives. Superintendent Wilson conducted a call for nominations. Superintendent Wilson reviewed the Duties of Parent Members as outlined in Section 7.6 of the DCPIC By-Laws. Sixteen candidates confirmed their willingness to stand for election to the position of Parent Representative and were provided with the opportunity to address the committee. Elections were held and seven people acclaimed the position of Parent Member. The successful candidates to the position of Parent Representative were: Vanessa Assarali, Josie Mullin, Jihan Ferguson, Andrea Gagliardi, Michelle Gillis, Andrea Onely, Marika Shaw

The successful candidates to the position of Community Representative were: Marcellin Kwilu Mondo, Candice Belmontes, Gina Da Fonte

5. Presentations

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

Chair Bevan confirmed that the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee will be hosting the Annual Commissioning Mass and Orientation on November 3, 2021. This event will take place at the Pope Francis Centre split into two half day sessions. The Outreach sub-committee will work with Lori Jones to start the planning process. Lori Jones will send the invitation out to all Principals and School Council Chairs.

6. Reports/Information/Items

6.1. Chair's Report

Chair Bevan acknowledged the month of October marks some important events for Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee and the students of our Catholic School Board. Chair Bevan is looking forward to working with our newly elected DCPIC members and preparing for the DCPIC Commissioning Mass.

Chair Bevan updated the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee how on September 30th students recognized the indigenous peoples and victims of the residential schools by wearing orange and participating in the Tulips for Truth Initiative. At the same time, they raised funds for the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society. Let us continue to display compassion and support for indigenous peoples.

Chair Bevan expressed a sincere thank you to all that have served the DCPIC in the past and welcome the new members that have joined us this evening. Chair Bevan also gave a thank you to Fareon Pileggi and Lori Jones for their continued support with the DCPIC elections.

Chair Bevan gave an update that this year's DCPIC Commissioning Mass will be on November 3rd. We will be having two half day formats at the Pope Francis Centre. This will be a great opportunity for learning and collaboration.

6.2. Trustee's Report

Trustee De Souza updated the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee on the Board Meeting held on September 27th. It included an affirmation, presentation, and a message from our Chair, Morgan Ste. Marie.

Trustee De Souza shared that at the Board meeting the Trustees welcomed Student Trustees Sophie Nwaoha and Declan Amaral to their first board meeting of the new school year. They participated in an Affirmation of Faith led by Director Barill. The Trustees appreciated the student voice that Sophie and Declan provide in their role.

Trustee De Souza reported that Margaret Brimpong, DCDSB's Senior Manager of Equity, Anti-Racism and Engagement, presented to the Board of Trustees on DCDSB's Stand-up, Be Counted, Be Heard Student Census. Students in Grades 6 – 12 will be asked to complete the voluntary census from April 25 – 29, 2022.

Trustee De Souza also shared that Chair Ste. Marie highlighted that October is the month dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary with the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary that actually takes place today. Chair Ste. Marie encouraged the DCDSB Community to pray the rosary together, standing by our motto: Learning and Living in Faith.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on October 25th at 7:30 p.m. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the meeting will be in person for trustees and staff, but will be virtual for parents. Please refer to our website for more information concerning attending the Board Meeting virtually.

6.3. Resource Report

Superintendent Wilson welcomed the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee and hopes everyone had a great first month of the school year.

Superintendent Wilson shared some key events that will be happening in the month of October and the focus will be on safe and caring Schools, Learning Disabilities, and cyber awareness.

Some key events are the following:

- October 4 – 8 is Safe and Caring Schools Week. Children have probably mentioned that they practiced a lockdown, hold and secure, bomb threat, or a fire drill. Each of these drills must take place twice a year and a minimum of one of each of these drills must take place before the end of October.
- October is Learning Disabilities Awareness Month. Learning disabilities are brain-based difficulties that affect one or more ways that a person takes in, stores, remembers or uses verbal and nonverbal information. Please check out the DCDSB Website and click on the banner concerning this for more excellent information.
- October is K-12 Cyber Awareness Month. Everyone has seen an increase in the use of technology and the internet for staying connected, for recreation, for on-line learning, and more. Now more than ever, it is imperative that we teach our students to protect themselves on-line. For more information on how to protect our children with the use of technology, please go to the DCDSB Website and select the banner entitled, “K-12 Cyber Awareness Month”.

Superintendent Wilson reminded everyone that this is a time of year that we give thanks. Superintendent Wilson thanked Lori Jones and Faeron Pileggi for their support as a resource to the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee.

6.4. PRO Grant Subcommittee Report

Superintendent Wilson received a budget update from the Durham Catholic District School Board's finance department and shared this with the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee.

6.5. Communications Subcommittee Report

Faeron Pileggi shared how excited she was to continue to work with the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee again this year and the Communications sub-committee will be discussing ideas for the coming year.

6.6. School Council Outreach Subcommittee Report

The Outreach Committee will be focusing this month on the planning of the Commissioning Mass on November 3, 2021 with Lori Jones.

6.7. Faith Formation Subcommittee Report

Angela Kielbowski shared that the Faith Formation subcommittee will work together with Communications to build on the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee website.

6.8. Policy & By-Law Subcommittee Report

Lori Jones confirmed the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee By-Laws have been emailed to Chair Bevan, Vice-Chair Lo Presti and Secretary Groat.

6.9. Budget Subcommittee Report

Deferred

7. Adjournment

Motion:

DCPIC2021-10-07-03

"THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting on Thursday, October 7, 2021 adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Motion moved by Erin Groat and motion seconded by Josie Mullin. Carried

8. Closing Prayer - Jim Wilson

Melissa Bevan
Chair, Durham Catholic Parent
Involvement Committee

Jim Wilson
Superintendent of Education

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