



# **Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee**

## **Durham Catholic District School Board**

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## **Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Minutes**

District Catholic District School Board

Jun 10, 2021 at 7:30 P.M.

Virtual Meeting

### **Committee Members Present (Virtual):**

Melissa Bevan (Chair), Rose LoPresti (Vice Chair), 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

### **Staff Present (Virtual):**

Superintendent Jim Wilson, Faeron Pileggi, Lori Jones

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Bevan called the virtual meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. and welcomed all committee members to the June 10, 2021 meeting.

1.1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

1.2. Opening Prayer - Christopher Szent-Ivany

Chris Szent-Ivany lead the meeting in prayer.

1.3. Welcome and Courtesies

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

##### **Motion:**

DCPIC2021-06-10-01 - Approval of Agenda

"THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the Agenda of Thursday, June 10, 2021 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting as provided".

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

2.1. Changes to the Printed Agenda

There were no changes to report to the Agenda.

2.2. Approval of Agenda - June 10, 2021

3. Announcements

- 3.1. Next Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Virtual Meeting: September, 2021 (Date TBD)

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 May 6, 2021

**Motion:**

DCPIC2021-06-10-02 - Approval of the Minutes

"THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the minutes of the May 6, 2021 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting".

Motion moved by Marie Marilla and motion seconded by Michelle Gillis.  
Carried

5. Discussion/Activity

- 5.1. Review of the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee parent survey. - Faeron Pilleggi

Faeron Pilleggi presented the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee's parent survey results. Faeron reported that there were 1,531 responses to the survey this year and that the survey was opened to all parents from May 14, 2021 to June 4, 2021. Superintendent Wilson and Faeron will decide how to share with all Principals to review for planning next year. Faeron will also send the results to the entire Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee to review for suggestions/thoughts about next year's initiatives for the committee.

- 5.2. Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee discussion on supporting funds (\$5,000) towards the Digital FSL Parent Resource brought forward by Carol Caputo.

The Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee reviewed the Motion of donating \$5,000 towards the Digital FSL Parent Resource project. The committee voted in favour of the funds supporting this initiative. Josie Mullin (Elementary Representative) and Heather McFadden (Secondary Representative) have volunteered to be on the FSL Parent Resource committee.

**Motion:**

DCPIC2021-06-10-03 - Approval of funds (\$5,000) to support the Digital FSL Parent Resource

Motion moved by Cynthia Scott and motion seconded by Josie Mullin.  
Carried

6. Reports/Information/Discussion Items

6.1. Standing Items

6.1.1. Chair's Report

Chair Bevan thanked everyone for another excellent year and how she has enjoyed working with all of the DCPIC committee members. She also reflected on some of the great accomplishments from the year and how grateful she was that they were always supported by Lori Jones and Faeron Pileggi.

Chair Bevan reflected how the month of June has been very engaging for students, staff, and parents as we focus on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Indigenous History, and the raising of the Pride Flag. Chair Bevan wished everyone a safe and happy Summer.

6.1.2. Trustee's Report

Trustee Yurkoski reviewed some of the highlights from the May 25, 2021 Regular Board Meeting:

1) The Board Meeting began on a celebratory note. Chair Ste. Marie announced that all of the employees of the Durham Catholic District School Board are the recipients of the Award of Merit as they demonstrated exemplary service to Catholic education during these unprecedented times. Congratulations to Ann Stanley from St. Francis de Sales Catholic School and Charlene Rocha of St Mary Catholic Secondary School for receiving the Trustee Youth Awards. The following schools were acknowledged as recipients of the Reverend John Markle Award for outstanding home/school communications. Congratulations to St. Josephine Bakhita Catholic School and Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School. We also recognized 2020-2021 Student Senate. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you for being the voice for DCDSB students.

2) Director Barill presented an overview of the 2021-2022 school year plan noting that the Ministry of Education has announced continued COVID-19 funding to support the planning for the 2021-2022 school year.

3) Chair Ste. Marie thanked provincial, regional and municipal partners for their efforts to communicate with stakeholders on a regular basis this past year. Chair Ste. Marie was thankful for their efforts to control and stop the spread of COVID-19 and the organization of vaccination clinics.

Trustee Yurkoski notified the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee next Regular Board Meeting will be held a week earlier on June 21st at 7:30. The next Finance Committee Meeting is on June 14th at 7 p.m. Please refer to our website for more information concerning these meetings.

Trustee Yurkoski, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, wished the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee an excellent Summer with your family and thank you for choosing Catholic Education.

#### 6.1.3. Resource Report

Superintendent Wilson thanked all of the members of the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee for their service to Catholic Education.

Superintendent Wilson offered his gratitude to the Durham Region Health Department as they continue their focus on vaccinations. He reminded us that vaccines are the most effective tool available to protect individuals from COVID-19. Superintendent Wilson suggested if your child is 12 and over, please go to [durham.ca/covidvaccines](https://durham.ca/covidvaccines) to book an appointment.

Superintendent Wilson expressed how thankful he is that we can experience our faith as an educational community. For example, students and families are invited to watch a special Taize prayer that will focus on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The prayer will premier live on the board's You Tube channel on Wednesday June 23rd at 12:30.

As we are entering the last month of the “Year of Love” and will be moving into the 2021-2022 spiritual theme, “A Community of Faith”, Superintendent Wilson offered the opportunity if your child is in grades 7-12 and would like to share their artistic abilities, please have them contribute to the 2021-2022 Spiritual Theme Poster Contest. Submissions are due on June 18th. School Administrators have the details.

6.1.4. PRO Grant Subcommittee Report

Deferred

6.1.5. Communications Subcommittee Report

Faeron Pileggi confirmed the DCPIC Newsletter was sent out two weeks ago.

6.1.6. School Council Outreach Subcommittee Report

Deferred

6.1.7. Faith Formation Subcommittee Report

Angela Kielbowski updated the committee that she will be representing the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee on the Pastoral Planning Committee headed up by Katherine Mustachi.

6.1.8. Policy & By-Law Subcommittee Report

Deferred

6.1.9. Budget Subcommittee Report

Lori Jones gave Rose LoPresti a copy of the budget update for the year.

7. Adjournment

**Motion:**

DCPIC2021-06-10-04

"THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of Thursday, June 10, 2021, adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

Motion moved by Cynthia Scott and motion seconded by Angela Kielbowski.  
Carried

8. Closing Prayer

Chris Szent-Ivany lead the committee in closing prayer.

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Melissa Bevan  
Chair, Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

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Jim Wilson  
Superintendent of Education

Recording Secretary: L. Jones