

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: May 22, 2018

ITEM 1 PRAYER

C. Ciapanna called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the First Floor Committee Room at the Fr. Kyran Kennedy Catholic Education Centre.

L. Lech led the opening Prayer.

ITEM 2 ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

COMMITTEE: L. Marchionda, Co-Chair, N. Centritto, Co-Chair,
D. Eberts, R. Gambale, T. Hartnett, J. Hooper-Boyd, L. Lech.

ADMINISTRATION: P. Daly, Chairperson
D. Hansen, Director of Education
C. Ciapanna, Superintendent of Education

RECORDING SECRETARY: E. Rastelli

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2018 MEETING

MOTION:

THAT THE CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2018 BE APPROVED.

MOVER: N. Centritto
SECONDER: C. Ciapanna

CARRIED

ITEM 4 REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

L. Marchionda/N. Centritto

i) Discussion Panel - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Symposium

N. Centritto and J. Hooper-Boyd provided an update on the April 20th - April 21st Symposium, held in Toronto. They attended the session on Saturday April 21st highlighting the following items of discussion:

- They learned, from various attendees, the Friday presentation was excellent;
- They felt Saturday's presentation/event was underwhelming – not as well rounded as in previous years;
- Majority of focus was on aboriginal education;
- event was not well attended;
- N. Centritto attended Child Youth Services workshop and J. Hooper-Boyd attended Child Family Centre workshop; and,
- Break out session to discuss PRO grants – what works in schools and what doesn't work.

It was noted that this year's experience was not as informative or interactive as in previous years.

P. Daly

P. Daly expressed his thanks to the Committee for their tremendous work and commitment to students and to Catholic education.

P. Daly provided updates on the following:

i) Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Elementary School

The students entered the new building on Monday, April 30th. The official Blessing & Dedication is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12th.

ii) Renewing the Promise

Hard copy distributed to Committee for their information. All schools, Catholic School Councils, parishes etc. will be receiving a copy as well.

iii) Election 2018

Committee members are asked to share with parents that the Green Party's platform aims for the elimination of the Catholic school system. They support one school system.

D. Hansen

D. Hansen provided updates on the following:

i) Provincial Assessment and reporting

The Ministry of Education announced a multi-year plan to give students and parents better information about a child's progress and modernize the curriculum and assessment tools from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Eighteen recommendations were released. Included in the recommendations were:

- Five recommendations regarding curriculum;
- Modernization of EQAO testing; and,
- Renewing of curriculum through the classroom and resources.

ii) Mental Health Strategy

There is a three-tier outline of interventions:

- Tier 1: Promotion - support for all students;
- Tier 2: Prevention – support for 15-20% of students; and,
- Tier 2: Intervention – support for 2-5% of students

Suicide intervention, bullying and student voice depend greatly on, but not exclusive to:

- Teacher/student relationships;
- Ongoing discussion – not only during 'Mental Health Week'; and
- Christian meditation

iii) Transition

The Board supports the work experience program and will continue to support transitions of students with special education needs to community, post-secondary, volunteer, or work through the supported workplace experience program with the assistance of a transition coordinator and job coaches.

iv) Director's Awards of Excellence for Elementary Students

During Catholic Education, week recipients of the Director's Awards of Excellence for Elementary Students were invited to the Fr. Kyran Kennedy Catholic Education Centre to receive a certificate of recognition and a group photo with the Director of Education. This year 591 students received awards.

v) Director's Award for Outstanding Dedication to Students and Staff

The Director's Awards for Outstanding Dedication to Students and Staff were held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018. This year's ceremony recognized 79 staff members from all job categories and all areas of the Board.

C. Ciapanna

C. Ciapanna provided updates on the following:

i) OAPCE – Symposium

The Symposium will be in November 2018. The Conference in 2019 will mark the organization's 90th Anniversary.

ii) Renewing the Promise – Possible Orientation in October 2018

Possible orientation may be organized. SEAC and CPIC members will be invited and Jerry Creedon, Adult Faith Animator, would facilitate.

iii) PRO Grants

The Parents Reaching Out Grants' due date is June 5, 2018.

iv) Committee Membership

C. Ciapanna expressed his thanks to all Committee members for their dedication and work on the CPIC.

Dates/Events

June 5th – Celebrating Excellence in Catholic Education Awards at Cathedral High School. Start time is 7:00 p.m.

ITEM 5 MEETING DATES

The next meeting date is:

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. – Fr. Kennedy C.E.C.

Future Meeting Date(s):

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

ITEM 7 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.