

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: October 9, 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.

He introduced and welcomed the newest member to CPIC, Mrs. Luisa Perini-Parkes; Co-Chair of the Catholic School Council from St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Elementary School. The Committee members introduced themselves.

N. Centritto led the opening Prayer. She welcomed everyone back to a new school year.

ITEM 2 ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

COMMITTEE: N. Centritto, Co-Chair, D. Eberts, Co-Chair,
R. Gambale, T. Hartnett, L. Marchionda, L. Parks.

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: E. Rastelli

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2018 MEETING

MOTION:

THAT THE CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2018 BE APPROVED.

MOVER: D. Eberts
SECONDER: L. Marchionda

CARRIED

ITEM 4 REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

N. Centritto/D. Eberts

There was no report.

P. Daly

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

P. Daly provided updates on the following:

i) 2018 World Teachers' Day – Friday, October 5th

He distributed a copy of the card with “A Prayer for Teachers” that were given to all teachers with our Board

ii) Our Lady of the Assumption Blessing of Statue of the Blessed Mother and Child

On September 20th, Sisters from the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the School Sisters of Notre Dame were honoured with a statue by local artist Achim Klaas at whose base a plaque read: “The statue of the Blessed Mother and Child has been placed on this site as a sign of profound gratitude to the religious sisters who selflessly served as principals and teachers at Our Lady of the Assumption and Catholic schools throughout Hamilton-Wentworth. Their sacrifice, goodness and complete dedication to our Christ-centred mission built a strong foundation for Catholic education in our community.”

iii) Blessing of Artificial Turfs

Two new artificial turfs at Cathedral High School and St. Mary Catholic Secondary School were blessed recently.

iv) Hand-outs

The following was distributed for the Committee's information:

- Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association, memo re: 2018:B14 Education Funding Update;
- Parent Consultation: Education in Ontario – Items #6 & #7

- Letters will be sent to Catholic School Councils requesting they participate
- Assembly of Catholic bishops of Ontario, letter dated July 12, 2018 re: Statement from Bishop Ronald P. Fabbro re: Health & Physical Education Curriculum Review
 - This will be included with the letter sent to Catholic School Councils

D. Hansen

D. Hansen expressed his appreciation and thanks to Chairperson P. Daly for his leadership and vision.

He provided updates on the following:

i) Graduation Rates

Overall results indicate that students who attend our Secondary Schools for 4 or 5 years graduate at a rate of approximately 90%.

ii) EQAO Results 2017-2018

- Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics for the primary division (Grades 1-3) and junior division (Grades 4-6)
- Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics

Results demonstrate high achievement and continued growth in a number of areas of the assessment and the HWCDSB students.

Student achievement on the mathematics assessments, at all levels, continues to be an area of concern. The Board continues its commitment on improving the students' success.

C. Ciapanna

C. Ciapanna provided updates on the following:

i) OAPCE – Symposium

The Symposium will be November 24, 2018. Those interested in attending are asked to contact C. Ciapanna's office.

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ii) PRO Grants

The Parents Reaching Out Grant information has not been received yet. It will be shared when received by the Board

iii) CPIC Membership

The Committee is short 2 members. A posting will be sent out shortly.

iv) Hires

A commissioning ceremony was held with 76 newly hired teachers.

Dates/Events

- Sunday, October 14, 2018 – Pilgrimage @ Cathedral High School @ 11:00 a.m.;
- Tuesday, October 23, 2018 – Renewing the Promise @ the Nicholas Mancini Centre Orientation for CSC/CPIC/SEAC;
- Saturday, November 3, 2018 – Parent Conference @ Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School;
- Tuesday, November 27, 2018 - Distinguished Service to Catholic Education Awards Presentation – Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton, will preside at the Liturgy
- February 1, 2019 – Catholic School Council Chairperson’s Breakfast;
- Monday, May 6, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. – Catholic Education Week Mass @ Cathedral High School; and,
- Tuesday, June 4, 2019 – Celebrating Excellence in Catholic Education Awards @ St. Thomas More Catholic Secondary School. Start time is 7:00 p.m.

ITEM 5 MEETING DATES

The next meeting date is:

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. – Fr. Kennedy C.E.C.

Future Meeting Date(s):

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 and Tuesday, May 14, 2019

ITEM 6 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.