

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020

ITEM 1 PRAYER/WELCOME

D. Eberts called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the First Floor Committee Room at the Fr. Kyran Kennedy Catholic Education Centre. N. Centritto led the opening prayer.

ITEM 2 ATTENDANCE

PRESENT - COMMITTEE:

N. Centritto, Co-Chair, D. Eberts, Co-Chair, L. Fraser,
G. Gambacorta-Dim, R. Gambale.

ADMINISTRATION:

D. Hansen, Director of Education
P. Daly, Chairperson of the Board
C. Ciapanna, Superintendent of Education

REGRETS:

T. Hartnett, L. Perini Parkes

RECORDING SECRETARY: K. Bullard

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8, 2019 MEETING

MOTION:

THAT THE CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8, 2019 BE APPROVED.

MOVER: D. Eberts

SECONDER: C. Ciapanna

CARRIED

ITEM 4 REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) N. Centritto/D. Eberts

No report.

b) P. Daly

P. Daly provided an update on the following:

i) Ministry Funding – Special Education and Information Technology Review

Mr. Daly gave an update on the status of these reviews. Reports on findings will be shared with CPIC, SEAC and Employee Groups.

ii) Bell Times Study

Mr. Daly gave an update and provided rationale for the Bell Times Study. K. Bullard was requested to forward the Board Report – Transportation Bell Time Study Parameters, Guiding Principles and Communication Plan to committee members. The final report will be reviewed by Trustees and the parent community.

iii) Sharing Information/Minutes with Parent Councils

Mr. Daly requested that information for Catholic School Councils be shared with the Principal and sent directly to the Catholic School Council Chair directly via e-mail.

iv) Collective Bargaining Update

An update on collective bargaining and the bargaining process was provided.

c) D. Hansen

D. Hansen provided an update on the following:

i) Labour Action

An update on current labour action was provided. Items discussed included exams, report cards, EQAO, and supports for parents. D. Hansen will speak with M. Jadon regarding having the Support for Parents Application form from the Ministry of Education posted on the Board website.

ii) Coronavirus

D. Hansen gave an update regarding Ministry of Health protocols and education/prevention regarding the virus. He advised that the Board takes direction from Public Health.

iii) Mathematics

D. Hansen reported on the Ministry's regulation of Mathematics and the teacher preparation/assessment administered by the EQAO office.

iv) Gap Closing Mathematics Class

D. Hansen shared data gathered regarding the Gap Closing class offered for the transition of grade 8 students to grade 9. Findings indicate that the Gap Closing class assisted struggling students.

v) Secondary System-Wide Arts Events

D. Hansen shared upcoming events i.e. Vocalfest, Improvaganza, Superband, Danceworks, and Brushes in the Hammer. He encouraged the committee to attend these events and support talented students of the Board. Formal invitations will be sent to committee members.

d) C. Ciapanna

C. Ciapanna provided updates on the following:

i) OAPCE

C. Ciapanna encouraged committee members to consider applying for the position of Regional Representative for OAPCE. Interested committee members are requested to speak with C. Ciapanna.

ii) PRO Grants

A brief explanation of funding available from the government was provided. The PRO Grant process and a brief overview of applications received was shared. A report will be shared with the Board in the near future. P. Daly suggested that a review of the process for next year will include input from this committee with recommendations to the Board.

MOTION:

THAT THE RECOMMENDATION PUT FORWARD BY SENIOR ADMINISTRATION TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FROM THE FEEDER SCHOOL FAMILIES FOR THE PRO GRANTS FOR 2019-2020 BE APPROVED.

MOVER: N. Centritto
SECONDER: D. Eberts

CARRIED

iii) School Year Calendars 2020-2021

The draft calendars for 2020-2021 were reviewed. This information will be shared with union groups, Principals as well as posted on the Board website to receive feedback.

iv) New Binbrook School

C. Ciapanna gave an update on the new Binbrook School.

Dates/Events

- CSC Breakfast – January 31, 2020
- Catholic Education Week Mass at Cathedral High School – May 4, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
- June 2, 2020 – Celebrating Excellence in Catholic Education Awards @ St. Jean de Brebeuf CSS at 7:00 p.m.

ITEM 5 MEETING DATES

The next meeting date is:
Tuesday, March 31, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. – Fr. Kennedy C.E.C.

ITEM 6 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.