

## **Council of Chairs Report for Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

### **Sacred Heart of Jesus CES, Burlington**

Thank you for attending the first Council of Chairs meeting for the 2016-2017 school year. The Catholic Parent Involvement Committee hosts these meetings 3 times a year to gather all School Council Chairs and Co-Chairs as a means to provide opportunities for networking, sharing of ideas and best practices and to disperse consistent and relevant information to our Catholic School communities. These meetings are attended by Senior Board Administration, Board Trustees, Principals and Vice Principals and their School Council Chairs and/or Co-Chairs. Below you will find a recap of the information from the October 19<sup>th</sup> Council of Chairs meeting. The information covers all relevant areas of the agenda that should be shared with your own parent communities. This report should also be presented to your School Councils at the Council meeting following the Council of Chairs.

#### **Board Welcome: Mrs. Jane Michael, Chair of the Board of Trustees**

Greetings and a warm welcome were brought on behalf of the Board to all of the parents in our Board that attended the meeting. Mrs. Michael expressed a deep gratitude to the parents who have come forward as Chairs and Co-Chairs to volunteer their time to strengthen the vital partnership between School, Home and Church.

#### **CPIC School Council Resource Binder/Letter of Welcome: Lyn Hartman - CPIC Oakville**

In 2012, CPIC produced the School Council Resource Binder. The binder was given to each school in our Board and Chairs were encouraged to use the binder as a tool in setting up their Councils. The binder is a comprehensive collection of policies, regulations, guidelines and examples of content relevant to establishing and running a School Council. Memory sticks were provided to each school so that if copies were needed in the future they could be produced. The binder is designed with the idea that if policies change then revised information is sent out to all schools to include in their binder.

Each year at the first Council of Chairs Meeting, a Letter of Welcome is prepared for distribution to the Chairs. This letter is to be placed in the binder as it provides a snap shot of the current year's CPIC membership and their associated regions. The dates, times and locations of all the CPIC meetings as well as the Council of Chairs meetings are also included for easy access. Please insert this year's letter into the binder and share the information on upcoming meetings with your Council and your parent community.

**NOTE: Please determine if your school has a white resource binder, if you do not have a binder please send an email to [CPIC@hcdsb.org](mailto:CPIC@hcdsb.org)**

#### **HCDSB Strategic Plan 2016: Ms. Paula Dawson – Director of Education**

Director Dawson shared some background on the process of collecting data from stakeholders for the Strategic Plan. The Trustees wanted to draw feedback from a diverse cross-section during the consultation, and to that end, there were numerous opportunities for parents to be a part of the process. Over the next few weeks all schools will be receiving a PowerPoint presentation to be shared with your school community.

**Ontario Association for Parents In Catholic Education (OAPCE) – Renata Luisetto  
OAPCE Director.**

This Provincial body represents the parent voice for all the parents across Ontario. Each school is required to have an OAPCE representative whose role is primarily to be a liaison to receive information from OAPCE, and ensure that it is shared through School Council and then to the greater parent community. If there is no one who is able to take on the role, the Chair then assumes the position and will receive all communication.

On Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> OAPCE Representatives and Parish Representatives are invited to attend an Evening of Reflection and Commissioning Ceremony at St. Matthews Parish, Oakville from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Further information will be sent directly to the representatives by email. Please ensure that your school is able to participate in this special evening.

**Halton Catholic Children’s Education Foundation – Evening with the Bishop:  
Alice Anne Lemay – CPIC Community Representative**

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual HCCEP evening with Bishop Crosby will be happening in a couple weeks. The event which raises funds for our Catholic students in need, will be held on November 2, 2016 at 5:30 pm at Le Dome Banquet Hall - 1173 North Service Road East, Oakville, ON.

**HCDSB Math Initiative – Curriculum Department**

The purpose of this presentation was to share with parents the Math Action Plan for 2016-2019. Based on the recent EQAO results, the Provincial Standard for Math is now a B, which is a Level 3. Current data suggests that 50% of the province failed to meet the provincial standards. The Board is committed to refocusing their attention in this area. This led to the creation of the Renewed Math Strategy (RMS). It is important to note that the curriculum has not changed since 2005. This strategy is not about teaching some “new math” to students, nor is it about a new way to teach. The goal is to support teacher learning in an effort to support student achievement and learning. Each school was assessed based on their EQAO Math results and based on those results, Math Leads were assigned to the school. There can be from 1 – 3 Math Leads per school whose role is to provide support to the teachers.

The objective for the Consultants is to provide parents with ample resources and tools to help support their children. There will be opportunities for family math nights coming up. Consultations provided samples of some games that can be played at home. There were 3 dice games to demonstrate some of the ways that students are understanding the concept of Probability. Some of the games included: Double Digit game, Skunk and How Close to 100. These games are just a few examples of fun ways to integrate math learning into family time.

The Curriculum department has kindly sent us electronic versions of the Math games for you to share with your parent community. Below we have highlighted a link to a website that gives parents some more tools to use at home.

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[Inspiring Your Child to Learn and Love Math - www.ontariodirectors.ca](http://www.ontariodirectors.ca)

Inspiring Your Child to Learn and Love Math is a tool kit for parents. It provides modules with simple, but effective methods and materials for parents.

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This meeting report is prepared under the CPIC mandate of Communications – please share this information with your School Council and then each School can maintain these reports in the Council Section of their website. CPIC members can be contacted at [CPIC@hcdsb.org](mailto:CPIC@hcdsb.org).

If you have any questions or require any clarification on any of the content or information covered in this report please contact – **Attention to: Lyn Hartman, Oakville Regional Representative at [CPIC@hcdsb.org](mailto:CPIC@hcdsb.org)**

We look forward to seeing you at the next Council of Chairs meeting:

**Queen of Heaven, CES on Wednesday, February 22, 2017**