

MINUTES OF THE CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (CPIC)

Date: May 7, 2018
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Catholic Education Centre - Board Room
802 Drury Lane
Burlington, Ontario

Members Present: K. Bivand G. Merritt-Murrell
C. Cipriano V. Monaco
A. Gonzalez Fr. Francis Salasiar
S. Guevara R. Stagg
D. Garell-Teti C. Thompson
A.A. LeMay

Regrets: R. Alfaro
H. Karabela

Chair: R. Stagg

Recording Secretary: E. Trolio

1. **Opening Prayer: R. Stagg**
The meeting opened at 7:15 p.m. with a prayer led by Fr. Salasiar.

2. **Approval & Revisions**
 - 2.1 **Agenda**
Moved by: A. Le May
Seconded by: D. Garell-Teti
That, the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

 - 2.2 **Minutes from previous meeting.**
Moved by: A. Gonzalez
Seconded by: Fr. F. Salasiar
That, the minutes be approved as submitted.

CARRIED

3. **OKN Survey**
CPIC members participated in an OKN presentation session regarding the OKN survey prior to the regular CPIC meeting. This session began at 6:30 p.m.

4. **Board Update**
C. Cipriano provided Board update on the following:
 - Mid-term reports went home Apr. 23, 2018.
 - Awards of Excellence were celebrated with Mass on April 30, 2018.
 - Apr. 27, 2018 - P.D. Day.
 - Principal movements were made known in mid-April.
 - School calendar was finalized for 2018-2019.
 - May 6-11, 2018 – Catholic Education Week.
 - May 10, 2018 – Walk with Jesus at Milton Velodrome.
 - EQAO begins May 24th.

C. Cipriano also shared that Diocesan Mass in Celebration of Catholic Education will be celebrated September 20, 2018 at Holy Cross Parish, Georgetown. Halton Catholic is hosting.

5. **Trustee Update**

A. Iantomasi provided a Trustees' update on the following:

- Budgets are coming up to approve.
- Sanctity of Life motion has been put on hold until stakeholder feedback is reviewed and reported on.
- Trustees can register for elections starting May 1st.
- Every municipality is now at-large.

Questions followed and were addressed by A. Iantomasi.

The Sanctity of Life motion was explained, as well as how stakeholder feedback is collected.

A. LeMay recalled that the feedback from the survey regarding distribution of Trustees was overwhelmingly in favour of wards but the at-large was passed by current Trustees. She expressed concern that the same will happen with the Sanctity of Life motion and the Trustees will vote against the majority stakeholders' feedback.

A. Gonzalez forwarded a question regarding how to handle a situation when School Council members are not in agreement in their submission for the stakeholder feedback on the Sanctity of Life motion. C. Cipriano noted that the collective voice should be submitted so a vote may be necessary. Parents are always welcome to submit an individual opinion independently.

6. **Feedback from Council of Chairs Survey**

Fr. Salasiar provided a summary of the survey. He noted that family involvement in the home-school-parish triad is not commonly seen. The survey asked how this can be supported. Fr. Salasiar noted that the response to this was poor.

Discussion followed.

A. Gonzalez noted that the board brought representatives from each component of home-school-parish triad to try to address the connections and how to strengthen them. This working group was gathered in April with Jeremy Staples as facilitator. A 135 suggestions were compiled at this gathering and in September the sharing of best practices is scheduled to happen as follow-up. A. Gonzalez suggested that presenting things that are important or relevant to parents might initiate more involvement. She further suggested that having J. Staples come to a CPIC meeting.

V. Monaco noted that one effective way to engage parents is through the students and providing events that is inclusive of both students and parents.

D. Garell-Teti stated that at a previous OAPCE meeting, the Bishop addressed this topic suggesting that outreach was important through parishes and schools to involve the home component.

It was noted that the “Renewing the Promise” document is presently on the website. It was suggested that this document could be distributed to parents through syner-mail.

7. Business Arising from Previous Meetings

Nothing to report.

8. Council of Chairs Agenda Review (May)

Proposed agenda was reviewed. Discussion followed regarding securing a speaker. It was suggested that Fr. Con O’Mahony be contacted to be guest speaker. Suggested theme could be the newly released “Renewing the Promise” document, as well as Catholic schools in general. It was noted that feedback should be collected regarding the books that were distributed at a previous Council of Chairs meeting.

9. Other Business

➤ **PRO GRANT Suggestions**

Members shared different suggestions/ideas for possible events and PRO Grant applications. It was noted that our board is one of the higher participating boards in accessing and using the PRO Grant funds. It was suggested that at the next Council of Chairs the sharing of best practices between school councils could be instigated.

➤ **CPIC Orientation Update**

Members shared that the Milton Orientation didn’t happen due to the ice storm. Last week’s session in Oakville saw 7 people attend the session out of 38 people self-nominated. 16 completed the paperwork. Due to the sessions not fully being attended or cancelled due to weather, it may be a consideration to put aside the mandatory component of attendance at this workshop to be considered for CPIC membership.

10. OAPCE Directors Report

D. Garell-Teti provided the following information:

- OAPCE Conference/AGM is October 27, 2018.
- Board of Directors meeting is June 1-2, 2019.
- Two new OAPCE Directors recently introduced.
- Various OAPCE guest speakers often include Educational Partners; most recently it was a representative from the Principals’ organization.
- OAPCE trying to formalize their operations; binder compiled to outline the role and bylaws of the organization.
- Bishop’s Report noted the Canada’s Summer Job funding.
- Board of Directors regional update; what is our board doing to communicate OAPCE initiatives.

11. Board Committee Report

➤ Focus on Faith

A. Gonzalez shared that a Focus on Faith meeting took place at the board office on April 10th and provided a summary of what was discussed.

➤ Home School Parish Partnership Day

Nothing noted.

➤ Calendar Committee

Nothing noted.

➤ Mental Health

New Chief of Mental Health is Tanya Melykuty.

➤ Board Improvement Plan

Nothing noted.

➤ Equity and Inclusion

Nothing noted.

➤ FACE (Friends and Advocates of Catholic Education)

Nothing noted.

➤ Walk with Jesus

It was noted that no CPIC member was invited to participate on the Walk with Jesus Committee. C. Cipriano suggested that a change in co-chairs may have contributed to this oversight. Co-chairs will be informed.

➤ SEAC

At the board's recent Student Excellence Awards ceremony, two Special Education Spirit of Inclusion Award recipients were recognized: Serena Badoo from Bishop P.F. Reding CSS and Teagan Duplantis from Our Lady of Victory CES.

12. CPIC Subcommittees

➤ Finance

Nothing noted.

➤ Communications

Nothing noted.

➤ PRO Grant / Speakers

Nothing noted.

➤ Faith and Family Development Committee

Nothing noted.

➤ CPIC Elections

All dates are finalized and nominations close at noon Wednesday. Results will be announced in June.

➤ Calendar Dates for Next Year

Members were given the proposed meeting dates for next year. Members did not note any conflicts and in June the dates will be finalized.

➤ **Response to Stakeholder Consultation of Motion**

C. Cipriano provided a background of this motion and noted that the board is seeking stakeholder input from CPIC. The feedback provided from CPIC will be submitted.

13. Future Agenda Items

None noted.

14. Closing Prayer

Fr. Salaslar closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

15. Adjournment

Moved by: D. Garell-Teti

Seconded by: K. Bivand

That, the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.