

MINUTES OF THE CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (CPIC)

Date: March 4, 2019
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Trustee Meeting Room
Catholic Education Centre
802 Drury Lane
Burlington, Ontario

Members Present	J. Crowell Fr. Francis Salasiar M. Duarte A. McKinney C. Thompson D. Garell-Teti S. Edeigba	G. Merritt-Murrell A. A. LeMay V. Monaco A. Gonzalez S. DeSousa S. Guevara
Regrets	K. Bivand A. Wright R. Alfaro	
Co-Chairs:	C. Thompson	
Recording Secretary	M. Zammit	

1. Opening Prayer:

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with a prayer led by Fr. Francis Salasiar.

2. Approval & Revisions

2.1 Agenda

Moved by: A. McKinney

Seconded by: S. DeSousa

That, the agenda be approved as amended.

2.2 Minutes

Moved by: A. Gonzalez

Seconded by: Fr. Francis

That, the minutes of the January 21, 2019 Catholic Parent Involvement Committee be approved as submitted.

CARRIED

3. Selection of Co-Chair

C. Thompson informed the committee that Co-Chair F. Volante has resigned for personal/professional reasons and will no longer sit on CPIC. She expressed her appreciation and thanks to F. Volante.

Different approaches were discussed to ensure the Committee runs effectively and engages parents within HCDSB.

C. Thompson called for nominations for the position of Co-Chair.

Nominated by: S. Guevara
THAT, A. Gonzalez be nominated for position of Co-Chair
ACCEPTED

A. Gonzalez accepted her nomination only until June 2019. She will assist C. Thompson and provide past practices/ housekeeping for Committee. New selection for September 2019 will take place.

4. **Board Update**

J. Crowell provided a Board update on the following:

- Two PA Days occurred in February (February 1st and February 15th). One of which was “Equity and Inclusion”. Discussion ensued on the different activities some of our schools participated in.
- On Thursday, February 14, 2019, the Halton Catholic District School Board held a Ground-Breaking Ceremony for the new St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School.
- Black History Month took place in February. Superintendent Crowell and Co-Chair Thompson both attended carousels at St. Benedict CES in Milton and shared their experiences.
- The English Regional Public Speaking Competitions taking place on March 20, 2019.
- Questions were asked about the number of bus cancellations and snow days that have occurred. Superintendent Crowell responded noting the decision to cancel busses is separate from the decision to close schools due to inclement weather. The Director of Education consults with co-terminus board before making the final decision.

5. **Trustee Update**

M. Duarte provided a Trustee Update on the following:

- Received complaints from both sides with respect to the snow days.
- Catholic Councils of Chairs Meeting cancelled due to a snow day.
- Consultation is now complete for the Milton # 3 Catholic Secondary School.
- The Halton Catholic Children’s Education Foundation 24 Hour Fast is taking place on March 7-8. Trustees have joined a team.
- Trustees participating in an EQAO Webinar in March.
- Special Education Assistive (SEA) Technology Information Evening taking place on March 27, 2019 at Corpus Christi.

6. **OAPCE Update**

D. Garell-Teti provided an update on the following:

- 80th Annual Parent Conference is taking place on April 5-6, 2019 in Toronto. Attendance is important, last year we did not have a strong representation from HCDSB. An information sheet was provided, and will be shared with school councils and principals. C. Thompson will send email to CPIC members to inquire who would like to attend.

- An OAPCE Newsletter was sent out to all school councils in February. Details of the newsletter were shared.

7. **Board Committee Updates**

- Walk with Jesus – Committee had their first meeting on January 22nd. The event will be taking place on May 9th at Jean Vanier CSS in Milton.
- Focus on Faith – meeting was cancelled. A new meeting date is forthcoming.

8. **CPIC Subcommittees Updates**

- School Year Calendar Committee – meeting took place on February 21st. The proposed 2019-2020 calendar is aligned with our co-terminous board. A Staff Report will be presented at the March 19th Board Meeting. The deadline for Ministry submission is May 1, 2019.

9. **Events**

- CYO Children’s Fundraiser took place on February 28, 2019. Positive feedback received from CPIC members who attended.

10. **Other Business/Future Agenda Items**

- **Future Agenda items**
 - “housekeeping items”
- **Other Business**
 - Catholic Council of Chairs Meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. Superintendent Crowell noted the meeting would not be rescheduled due to lack of space availability. As previously scheduled May 22nd will be the last meeting of the school year.
 - Communication is forthcoming from Superintendent Crowell regarding possible partnerships with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Halton and The Halton Learning Lodge.
 - Dora Gia Maria was suggested as a possible speaker for the upcoming Catholic Council of Chairs Meeting in May.
 - Co-Chair A. Gonzalez requested a meeting with J. Crowell, C. Thompson, G. Merritt-Murrell, and A. LeMay to discuss the role of co-chair and upcoming elections.

11. **Closing Prayer**

Fr. Francis Salasiar closed the meeting with a prayer.

12. **Adjournment**

Moved by: A. LeMay

Seconded by: A. Gonzalez

That, the meeting adjourn

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.