

MINUTES OF THE CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (CPIC)

Date: April 8, 2019
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Trustee Meeting Room
Catholic Education Centre
802 Drury Lane
Burlington, Ontario

Members Present: J. Crowell A. A. LeMay
Fr. Francis Salasiar V. Monaco
M. Duarte A. Gonzalez
C. Thompson S. DeSousa
D. Garell-Teti S. Edeigba

Regrets: K. Bivand S. Guevara
A. Wright G. Merritt-Murrell
R. Alfaro A. McKinney

Also Present: V. Iantomasi
Co-Chairs: C. Thompson/ A. Gonzalez
Recording Secretary: M. Zammit

1. Opening Prayer:

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

Trustee V. Iantomasi was welcomed and thanked for his attendance.

2. Approval & Revisions

2.1 Agenda

Moved by: M. Duarte

Seconded by: S. DeSousa

That, the agenda be approved as amended.

2.2 Minutes

Moved by: D. Garell-Teti

Seconded by: S. Edeigba

That, the minutes of the March 4, 2019 Catholic Parent Involvement Committee be approved as submitted.

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3. Board Update

J. Crowell provided a Board update on the following:

- Secondary Progress Reports went home in March.
- English and French Regional Public Speaking Competitions took place.
- See the Problem, Be the Solution Gala took place on April 4, 2019 at Corpus Christi CSS.

- Annual Student Awards of Excellence Ceremony Elementary taking place on April 29, 2019 at Holy Trinity CSS.
- Upcoming PA Day April 12, 2019.
- Questions were asked and answered regarding the student walk out which took place on April 4, 2019. Students were protesting the provincial governments' recently announced changes to education. Superintendent Crowell reiterated this walk out was not planned by the Board or by the teachers. Discussion took place about communication to parents.

5. **Trustee Update**

M. Duarte provided a Trustee update on the following:

- 2019-2020 Proposed School Year Calendar approved by Board of Trustees. Ministry submission is due on May 1, 2019.
- Board of Trustees agreed to send letter to Ministry of Education. Special Board Meeting taking place on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 to discuss contents of letter.
- HCDSB is hosting Special Education Assistive (SEA) Technology Information Nights.
- At the March 19, 2019, Board Meeting a presentation was provided on the Education Development Charges. Trustee Duarte provided history and details.

6. **OAPCE Update**

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

- Provided a copy of the OAPCE President's Report, which included D. Garell-Teti's HCDSB Report.
- Positive feedback and experiences were shared from the 80th Annual Parent Conference that took place on April 5-6, 2019 in Toronto. Lack of representation from HCDSB and Halton in general.
- Discussion took place on parent engagement and different ways to increase engagement next year.

7. **Board Committee Updates**

- Walk with Jesus – Meeting to take place this week. The event will be taking place on May 9th at Jean Vanier CSS in Milton. Wonderful experience to witness.
- Focus on Faith – Upcoming meeting in May.

8. **Response to Correspondence**

- Superintendent Crowell noted Big Brother/Sisters are hoping to speak at the upcoming Catholic Council of Chairs Meeting in May. The Committee approved.
- Halton Learning Lodge has hosted many events with big turnouts. Will share some meeting dates to see how both can work together.

9. **CPIC Subcommittees**

A. Gonzalez reiterated the importance of subcommittees to better engage parents. Committees should be finalized at upcoming meeting to ensure they are set for September. Some ideas shared were:

- Narrow down webinars/speakers
- Captivate JK/SK parents – "I Love my Catholic School" book was discussed
- Pick initiatives and be set for September
- Engage grandparents/non catholic parents

10. Vacant/Upcoming Positions

C. Thompson identified the eight upcoming vacant positions. She will review/draft the communication that is required to be sent out.

Discussion took place on future meetings taking place in the Trustee Meeting Room instead of the Board Room. It was noted that CPIC meetings are public and should be held in the Board Room to ensure space. All 2019-2020 meetings will be booked in Board Room, however if the Trustee Meeting Room is available the committee can decide to have the meeting there.

11. CPIC Committee Housekeeping

The committee discussed different ideas on “best practices”. C. Thompson to email members who are absent to get their feedback.

- Have subcommittees set for September
- Create and share a CPIC Information sheet for September; what CPIC does; Roles; Members; Goals etc.
- Travelling CPIC Booth
- CPIC members to attend Curriculum nights

12. Other Business/Future Agenda Items**CoC Agenda:**

- Fr. Francis was scheduled to speak at the cancelled meeting in February. He will be included in the May agenda as well. Fr. Francis created an online questionnaire he would like to share with parents. Superintendent Crowell will share with our Research Department for vetting.
- Big Brothers/Sisters would require 15 minutes on agenda.

CPIC Nomination: Orientation Dates/locations to be selected and sent to Superintendent Crowell to ensure availability, which will follow with communication to committee.

11. Closing Prayer

Fr. Francis Salasiar closed the meeting with a prayer.

12. Adjournment

Moved by: A. LeMay

Seconded by: Fr. Salasiar

That, the meeting adjourn

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The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.