

## Meeting Minutes

HCDSB Council of Chairs-October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

1. **Opening Prayer:** G. Bergin delivered opening prayer to open the COC
2. **CPIC Welcome and Introduction:** C. Thompson welcomed all present, introduced current members of CPIC, acknowledged guests, trustees, Director of Education and thanked Principal of St. Elizabeth Seton for hosting the event.

3. **General Welcome:**

**Trustee:** P. DeRosa welcomed all present and mentioned success of the HCDSB is linked to all parties who play a crucial role in the school community. He thanked all and wished continued success to students, parents, staff and all those in the community of HCDSB.

**Board:** P. Daly recognized the demonstration of commitment of attendees for the evening. He summarized several commitments of the Board which included celebrating our faith in schools, aspiring for models of Christ-like behaviour, provision of a safe and inclusive environment and staff and students having high achievement expectations. He thanked the Principals and Vice-Principals throughout the Board for a strong start-up to the school year.

4. **Child Learning Bond:** J. Crowell outlined details of two Government of Canada investment opportunities for child education
  - a) Child Learning Bond
  - b) Canada Education Savings GrantThe HCDSB will send out a powerpoint to school councils to allow more communication to parents about these opportunities.

**ProGrants:** J. Crowell provided an update around changes to the Progrant system and Parent Engagement from the Ministry of Education. He shared examples of past projects that school councils had engaged in presenting to their parents.

Changes outlined:

- a) Money allocated to respective school boards at present for distribution
- b) Goals changed to support Ontario Curriculum Guidelines
- c) Money allocated in part to HCDSB events and the remainder divided among family of schools which equals \$1750 per family of schools
- d) Ministry of Education requires that a parent satisfaction survey is sent after the event for feedback to the Ministry
- e) There is a list of projects/events that do not qualify for Progrants
- f) Principals will work together within the family of schools regarding Progrant initiatives
- g) 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of November to submit Progrant requests to the Board

Questions were then taken from attendees regarding the updates provided.

5. **Family of Schools Workgroup:** Time was provided for attendees to get together with their family of schools to discuss Progrant ideas. G. Bergin then reviewed CPIC goals for the upcoming year and gave directives to respond to three provided feedback questions in written form through response cards on each table.
  
6. **Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE):** D. Garell-Teti presented a welcome letter to OAPCE liaison representatives from President of OAPCE and outlined some of the roles OAPCE plays in Catholic education. There was a presentation of a recognition award to the HCDSB from OAPCE-P. Daly accepted the award on behalf of the Board. Commissioning ceremony for OAPCE reps was held.
  
7. **HCCEF Presentation:** M. Clare presented the mission and vision statements of HCCEF. It is an independent charity that partners with the school board for students in need in Halton. M. Clare put forward an invitation to an Evening with Bishop Crosby on Nov. 6, 2019 as one of the key fundraisers for HCCEF.
  
8. **Closing Remarks:** Closing remarks were presented by C. Thompson
  
9. **Closing Prayer:** G. Bergin ended the meeting with a closing prayer