

MINUTES OF THE CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (CPIC)

Date: May 3, 2021
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Virtual Meeting

Members Present: T. Arruda-Newns
G. Bergin
S. Boulanger
N. Dinolfo
M. Duarte
L. Efremova
S. Furlong-Warren
L. Gallo
D. Garell-Teti
M. Lourenco
J. MacLeod
V. Monaco
J. Santos
S. Sywash

Guests:
B. Agnew
V. Chininea
P. Daly
N. Guzzo
A. Swinden

Regrets: O. Llujomade
T. O'Brien
Fr. D. Walter

Chair: J. Santos

Recording Secretary A. Brown

1. Opening Prayer & Welcome

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with Co-chairs J. Santos and G. Bergin giving a brief explanation of CPIC and its composition and mandate. V. Monaco lead the group with an opening prayer.

2. HCDSB Land Acknowledgement

3. Approvals & Revisions

3.1 Agenda

J. MacLeod moved to amend the agenda to include an Action item to Support School Council Pride Events to section 10 "Other Business".

Motion failed.

J. MacLeod moved to amend the agenda to include a discussion item to Support School Council Pride Events to section 9 "Discussion Items".

CPIC Member	Yay	Nay	Absent
G. Bergin	X		
L. Gallo			X
S. Sywash			X
M. Lourenco		X	
J. Macleod	X		
T. Arruda-Newns	X		
L. Efremova	X		
S. Furlong-Warren	X		
O. Liouymade			X
S. Boulanger	X		
J. Santos	X		

Approved. Item will be added as 9.2: *Support School Council Pride Events.*

Moved by: T. Arruda-Newns

Seconded by: S. Boulanger

That, the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

3.2 Minutes

Moved by: J. MacLeod

Seconded by: L. Efremova

That, the minutes of the April 7, 2021 Catholic Parent Involvement Committee be approved and submitted.

CARRIED

4. Board Update (N. Dinolfo)

4.1 General update

With the provincial stay-at-home order, our schools pivoted to remote learning on April 12th.

For our secondary students, everyone moved to Cohort C for the end of the third quadmester and began the fourth and final quadmester on April 26th.

For our elementary school students, are learning remotely with their face to face classroom teacher and have transitioned very well with the expectations set up with PPM 164:

225 minutes of synchronous learning for Grade 1-8 and 180 minutes for our K program.

The virtual school has continued without interruption

Tech and wifi have been provided to families who have asked for the resources.

Families who opted out of the synchronous portion in January have continued with a few more opting for asynchronous if they were unable to support their children with synchronous learning.

All of our category 4 or 5 Special Education classroom placements have some students attending in person. At the secondary CLC setting all schools have students and educators working on-site daily and in the elementary setting we have some students attending daily or with a modified day and in-person educators supporting them.

118 elementary students

58 secondary students

This week we are marking Catholic Education Week with the theme Nurturing Hope: all schools are doing various activities and classroom teachers may be offering their events with their class for parents to participate in. As a system, we have our annual Walk With Jesus event modified taking place on Thursday, May 6th. Cardinal Collins has a mass on Wednesday, May 5th that many schools may be participating with their school community to mark Catholic Education week. Bishop Crosby has shared a wonderful message for the Diocese as we begin Catholic Education Week that many schools have shared with their school community.

This week is also Mental Health Awareness week in our schools. Together with our Special Education Department, many resources are being shared in our school communities through the school Child and Youth Counsellors and Social Workers. Many of the resources are being shared through the school website, weekly communication, or social media platforms.

May is also Asian Heritage Month.

We are continuing to take new K registrations for September 2021. Throughout May schools will be hosting virtual Kindergarten Parent Orientation sessions.

In response to the Board of Trustee motion entitled Supporting Our Diverse Community from the special board meeting on Monday, April 26th – our schools have continued to ensure their commitment to ensuring all students feel welcomed, loved, and safe in our school communities. Our position as a Catholic School system has always been and will continue to be that all students and families are made in the likeness of God – they are all loved and we will continue to embrace them with love and human dignity - all are welcome in the HCDSB through word, deed and our curriculum.

- All staff are going to participate in ongoing professional development for the understanding of our 2SLGBTQ+ community
- We will raise awareness through PRIDE month with more information to come
- All schools we will have a catalog of signage to select to display at the school and through the community
- How each school moves forward will be in collaboration with their staff, students, and Catholic School Council

- All schools have a Catholic School Council meeting this week or next week and will discuss this together with their council

All curriculum programs are being delivered with professionalism and care for the well-being of our students. For elementary, our literacy and numeracy skills are being further developed and staff has been working collaboratively to meet the needs of all our learners. Everything has looked very different this year and despite the changes in the learning environment staff has learned and adjusted to innovative ways to deliver the program. We will continue to meet our student learners where they are and deliver the program to address their needs.

Above all this, all our educators are committed to our students and their spiritual growth and mental well-being as we navigate through the COVID -19 pandemic. This has been a challenging time for all of us and parents, staff, and students. All of us working together is going to make the ultimate difference for all of our students and families.

5. CPIC Chair Update (G. Bergin)

5.1 Correspondence Received

- Discussed correspondence email sent to CPIC that had been shared with CPIC members.

6. Trustee update (M. Duarte)

6.1 General update

At the April 20th Board meeting there were 5 delegations - for and against the motion on the table – “Supporting Our Diverse School Community.”

A special Board Meeting was called on April 26th and the action item “Supporting Our Diverse School Community” was discussed, debated and voted upon.

The main parts of the motion that passed were:

1. That the Board create a shared understanding through mandatory training for senior staff, SO's, Senior managers, Principals, Teachers, Chaplains, ECE's etc... on the Catholic Social teaching on loving and accompanying our students who identify as 2SLGBTQ+
2. That Mandatory training is ensured to be completed by the 2021/2022 school year and a progress report be provided to Trustees at the first meeting in January 2021.
3. That the Board staff raise awareness around Pride Month utilizing the guidelines of the Institute of Catholic Education.
4. That each school be mandated to have safe space signage to ensure that students in the 2SLGBTQ+ community are supported throughout the entire school year. With this we believe these first steps will help all our students will be welcomed, loved and included in all our schools and communities.

All the above items must flow from the Directors office and Communications to the system and this will develop and evolve as we go along together.

I have mentioned in the past about our board undertaking work on the MYSP - the initial recommendation from the MYSP steering committee on the Mission, Vision and Values is before the Board for discussion and approval.

Trustees have attended a PD session on Human Rights and Accommodations in Catholic Education on April 22 by Constitutional Lawyer Nicholas Roleau and Lawyer Nadia Tymochenko.

Trustees attended the OCSTA Annual General Meeting on Saturday, May 1st, where voting was held for regional Directors and resolutions which were put forward by Trustees of various board.

Trustee Duarte gave a brief update on the STEM committee initiatives.

7. Standing Items:

7.1 OAPCE Update (D. Garell-Teti)

- D. Garell-Teti gave an update on the OAPCE meeting that occurred on April 7, 2021 for OAPCE reps.
- D. Garell-Teti was invited to a round table discussion on April 1st hosted by the Minister of Education on supporting the implementation of the de-streamed Gr. 9 math program.
- Invited to sit on a feedback survey at OAPCE on the review of the Civics course and will write a report which will go back to the Ministry.
- Sent out to OAPCE reps an opportunity to participate in a thought exchange through the Ministry of Education on Provincial review of additional qualifications course being put together on inclusive classrooms.
- Parent4Parent Press was sent out, highlighting iDARE: Inclusion Diversity Anti-Racism & Equity committee through Queen of Heaven school in Milton. Denice presented this to the OAPCE Board of Directors on April 24th and it was included in the Parent 4 Parent newsletter.
- OAPCE hosting 82 annual conference virtually on May 14 and 15th

7.2 CPIC Subcommittees

7.2.1 School Council Support Committee (L. Efremova)

- hoping to have information to report by the end of the week.

7.2.2 Parent/Community Engagement Committee (J. MacLeod)

- S. Furlong-Warren has looked into a guest speaker for CPIC – a disabled disability activist with an anti-ableist mindset – “nothing about us without us”. She can speak to how to help children be anti-ableist, how to raise children to view everybody with respect and how to speak to people with different disabilities. She is a speech/language pathologist. Thinks this would be of great interest to parents.

7.2.3 By-Laws Committee (S. Boulanger)

- G. Bergin let the committee know that the subcommittee continues its work. The updated version was approved and they will continue to work from there. Working

through each bylaw to review/assess and will come back to the committee with future changes.

7.3 CPIC Representation on Board Committees

7.3.1 Mental Health (L. Efremova)

- The April meeting was postponed until the end of May and will have an update at the next meeting.

7.3.2 Bullying Prevention (S. Furlong-Warren)

- sent final revised document to CPIC – new document for all to review and comment on.

7.3.3 Walk with Jesus (T. News-Arruda)

- Walk With Jesus is this Thursday, May 6, 2021. Fully virtual. In the morning of May 6th all can visit the HCDSB website and find the link to the Walk With Jesus YouTube channel for the presentation. 10 am start with a liturgy, singing, reflections, a cross making activity.
- Elementary teachers will share with the class. Secondary students can log in and join on their own.
- Actual walk: families walk anytime on May 6. Take photos and #HCWWJ to share photos.

7.3.4 Home-School-Parish Partnership (J. Santos)

- Have not met since last CPIC meeting, so there is nothing to update.

8. HCDSB Council of Chairs Meeting – Wednesday, May 19, 2021

- Discussed presentations for Council of Chairs:

Math Destreaming
Virtual School Best Practices
iDARE
Breakout Room: Catholic School Council Best Practices
Welcome new CPIC members

9. Discussion Items:

9.1 Parent concerns re: Board Meeting Conduct

- discussion took place regarding the conduct of our trustees at board meetings.
- suggested that all CPIC members collaborate on writing a letter to the Board of Trustees.

Moved by: S. Boulanger

Seconded by: J. MacLeod

9.2 Support School Council Pride Events

- discussion took place as to how CPIC can provide support to Catholic School Councils regarding their Pride events and provide clarity as to what School Councils, in collaboration with school administrators can do to support LGBTQ+ students. The board met with School Administrators on Friday regarding expectations
- N. Dinolfo will draft communication for Catholic School Councils for clarification this week.
- Director Daly reiterated that the Board met with all school administrators on Friday and set clear expectations regarding how to support their LGBTQ+ communities.

10. Other Business/Future Agenda Items

10.1 Propose changes to the CPIC meeting dates for 2021-2022

- CPIC 2021-2022 date changes due to conflicts.

11. Closing Prayer

N. Dinolfo thanked everyone for joining the meeting tonight and closed the meeting with a prayer.

12. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Next Council of Chairs Meeting: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.
Next CPIC Meeting: Monday, June 7, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.