

MINUTES OF THE CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (CPIC)

Date: June 7, 2021
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Virtual Meeting

Members Present: T. Arruda-Newns
G. Bergin
S. Boulanger
V. Chininea
N. Dinolfo
M. Duarte
L. Efremova
S. Furlong-Warren
L. Gallo
D. Garell-Teti
M. Lourenco
J. MacLeod
T. O'Brien
J. Santos
S. Sywash

Guests:

P. Daly
A. Swinden

Regrets: O. Liuyomade
V. Monaco
Fr. D. Walter

Chair: J. Santos

Recording Secretary A. Brown

1. Opening Prayer & HCDSB Land Acknowledgement

J. Santos began the meeting at 7:01 p.m. with a welcome, V. Chininea led the committee with an opening prayer, followed by the Land Acknowledgement.

2. Approvals & Revisions

2.1 Agenda

Moved by: J. MacLeod

Seconded by: S. Furlong-Warren

That, the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Minutes

- Amendments were made to the Minutes of May 3, 2021.

Moved by: M. Lourenco

Seconded by: S. Boulanger

That, the minutes of the May 3, 2021 Catholic Parent Involvement Committee be approved.

CARRIED

3. Board Update (N. Dinolfo)

3.1 General update

- Although only a week into June – as a system we have prayed, reflected, and embraced so many things together.
- Today we are praying the 5th day of the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus – You comfort Us so we may comfort others and we will celebrate the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11th.

National Indigenous History Month

- our days, reflection and prayers are for our indigenous brothers and sisters and the grief and sorrow we share as a Catholic School System learning about the discovery of the unmarked grave of 215 children at the Residential School in Kamloops – we continue to pray and acknowledge the pain and suffering of the past and continue to work together for healing and reconciliation on June 21st - National Indigenous Peoples Day
- All of our schools have fully embraced our HCDSB board motion Supporting Our Diverse Community in particular our students and staff who are part of the 2SLGBTQ+ community – Rainbow Day on June 1st focused on the love we have for another where all are embraced with love and human dignity – virtually and in our school settings, symbols of our board response with signage and rainbow cross walks created the spaces for all our students to feel welcomed and supported – June 14th will be HCDSB Pride Awareness Day – schools will be bringing awareness to our staff and students about Pride and the history of Pride
- June is also Filipino Heritage Month together with Portuguese and Italian Heritage Month - - we celebrate Filipino, Portuguese and Italian Canadians and honour their contribution to the growth and development of our country and our HCDSB communities.
- All our schools are continuing with remote learning for the remainder of the school year.
- Tech and wifi continue to be provided to families who have asked for the resources. Students in elementary and secondary who have been provided with technology can keep the resources for their summer program and return them to the school in August/September.
- 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.

- There have been some requests for some of our identified students to now attend in person over the past few weeks on a modified day. Parents are working together with their school and administrator to create a schedule that works best to meet the student need.
- Graduations – all school planned events have been communicated to the school community and include a virtual ceremony with an outdoor event following the health and safety protocols at this stage of reopening for the distribution of diplomas, awards and for families to take photos of their graduate.
- Our graduations will be the focus for our grade 8s and grade 12s. For our K- Grade 7 classes schools will end off the year in a positive note through the remote learning environment – guest speakers, special events, year-end liturgy and curb side pick-up and drop off of personal belongings and resources as per the protocols set out by Halton Region Public Health. Schools will communicate their plans to parents and guardians.
- We are also planning for the start of the 2021/22 school year:
- Our school year calendar has been approved by the ministry and a formal communication will be sent out to parents this week.
- September PA Days focus on Professional Development for our educators: Health and Safety Protocols, student mental health and wellbeing, learning recovery and intervention strategies to work with students after learning interruptions due to Covid -19 and further development of the new math curriculum.
- Our high schools will follow an in person quadmester schedule and the details of how the day will run will be shared with the calendar communication to parents. Our committee is working through what our schedule and day will look like and seek feedback through CPIC, SEAC and our student trustees.
- Our elementary learning environment survey is out now and will close on June 11. The Ministry has directed us to prepare for September 2021 as we were when school went remote in April. Our return in September will continue with students being in a cohort and children wearing masks. The focus is on vaccinating our educators and students from 12 – 17 for September. The data for Covid-19 will dictate what the health and safety protocols will be, but we have learned a lot this year and know the protocols Halton, and in particular Halton Catholic, put in place were successful. We have had minimal outbreaks in our schools and will continue to follow the direction from public health with our reopening plans.
- Schools have started transition planning for our special education students for August, where students and parents will meet with the school, ahead of the start of the school year and through a special program that has been planned for the week of August 23rd.
- Elementary Summer School Registration is open and has various offerings for grade 6-8 for literacy and numeracy and Camp Summerland for Grade 2 – 5 for students who have been selected for the program based on their needs and Special Education programs.
- We continue to have our virtual summer school secondary program offerings.
- We continue to take Kindergarten and all new student registrations at the schools, and this will continue through the summer.
- Our virtual new Kindergarten Parent Orientation sessions were well attended and engaged our new parents. We look forward to working together with them in the fall.

- Report Cards at the elementary and secondary panel will go home electronically. Elementary Report cards will go home on Wednesday June 23rd and secondary schools reports first week of July. Most elementary report cards will only have marks assigned and no commentary as a result of the sanctions from our elementary OECTA strike action. Classes that have been taught by a long-term occasional teacher will have commentary together with marks.
- All of our educators are continuing to support the students with their academic, spiritual and mental well-being. Educators have planned many different activities to wrap up the year on a positive note for the students and we thank our families for working in partnership with us this year and as we begin to plan for the fall.
- CPIC Speaker Series coming up and information will start to be released this week.
 - Questions for Superintendent Dinolfo were asked and answered.

4. Trustee update (M. Duarte)

4.1 General update

- A little bit of what is going on at the Board since the last CPIC meeting on May 3rd Trustees have been very busy since the last CPIC meeting with 3 Board meetings, 2 Special Board meetings, 1 policy meeting & 1 MYSP meeting!
- At the May 4th Board meeting Trustees approved the 2021-2022 school year calendar. At the same meeting the Capital Priorities Program Submission was approved with 2 new schools in Milton, 1 in Georgetown, 1 in North Oakville, besides a couple of extensions and re-builds.
- Phase 1 of the MYSP was concluded with Trustees accepting the recommendations of the MYSP committee as far as Mission, Vision and Values are concerned. Phase 2 – data collection is in process now. We hope to complete the 4 phases of the MYSP early next year.
- At the May 18th Board meeting there was 1 delegation on student voice and 3 delegations on cancellation of grade 9 pre-AP and pre-IB math programs because of Ministry mandated grade 9 math de-streaming implementation at HCDSB.
- At the May 27th Special Board meeting, Trustees responded to the student voice delegation by referring it to a “Working Staff Committee – Student Leadership”. This is a new committee comprising of Senior staff which will work with our students to better connect, align, support and expand student leadership, both at the system and school levels. This will be an exciting opportunity for our students. At the same meeting, the new name for Milton#3 high school was approved to be St Kateri Tekakwitha – our very own indigenous Canadian saint!
- The comprehensive, detailed and updated policy II-45 Equity and Inclusion was approved at the same meeting. This is an extremely important policy and we are proud of the effort and work that staff put into it and this policy will go a long way in making our students and staff feel included and safe.
- At the June 1st meeting, there was a presentation on the work done by the STEM committee over the past year. There were 2 delegations on cancellation of grade 9 pre-AP and pre-IB math programs because of de-streaming implementation at HCDSB. Prior to these delegations, staff had decided to retain programming for the math AP and IB programs to the way it originally was. The response to these delegations was that any cancellation of the AP or IB programming would be brought to the Board of Trustees.

- At the June 3rd Special Board meeting, the results of the STEM committee recommendations were presented and unanimously approved! The original STEM motion a year back, was to find opportunities to increase curricular and extra-curricular STEM activities and promote them in our system. The committee worked together for a whole year to come up with this report with concrete plans to implement and grow STEM/STEAM in all elementary and secondary schools in the system. STEM/STEAM is now tied to the curriculum and linked to the Ontario Catholic Schools Graduate expectations. We now have a detailed roadmap with plans for resources, dedicated staff and physical spaces in our schools. (See the board package for details). STEAM is now an excellent opportunity for school councils, parents and our alumni students to be involved in the deployment process at our schools (Camps / Clubs / Parent evenings etc..) and I hope you could help disseminate this info. This initiative also brings opportunities for all our girl students, whilst also providing equitable and accessible opportunities to each and every student in our system and my hope is that it will only keep on growing. Staff will bring this to CPIC as well as SEAC and will look to grow the committee representation.

4.2 Upcoming Notable Items

1. Trustees are involved with school graduation ceremony preparations this week – virtually!!
2. Policy I-23 Catholic School Councils and Catholic Parent Involvement Committee will come up for discussion at the Policy meeting tomorrow night. If approved, it will go to the last Board meeting on June 15th for Board approval.
3. Trustees will be having meetings in July to discuss and approve the budget.
4. A consultant will be hired to assist with some areas of the MYSP Phase 2 (data collection) and this will happen in August.

Finally This being our end-of-the-year meeting, I would like to **Thank** each and every CPIC member for your dedication and contribution to CPIC and HCDSB. Have a great and safe summer with your families!

- Questions for Vice Chair Duarte were asked and answered.

5. Standing Items:

5.1 OAPCE Update (D. Garell-Teti)

- Submitted final regional report for Halton to the Executive Director of OAPCE on Friday. It will be included in upcoming Parent 4 Parent newsletter which is due to be released shortly.
- Attending a Board of Directors meeting near the end of June for OAPCE to look at strategic planning for the next year.
- Plan in works for upcoming events in June – along the lines of a Town Hall. Finalized plans will be forwarded to OAPCE reps.
- Denice thanked all OAPCE reps. for their contribution to OAPCE through school councils and parent engagements.

5.2 CPIC Subcommittees

5.2.1 School Council Support Committee (L. Efremova)

- Subcommittee met and provided a few comments and forwarded the school council handbook it to CPIC chairs. Feedback given that it needs further review and revisions. Hopefully it will be ready for September for the new members when they start.

5.2.2 Parent/Community Engagement Committee (J. MacLeod)

- Arranged the guest speaker for CPIC Speaker Series but have not met.

5.2.3 By-Laws Committee (S. Boulanger)

- Phase one of the review of the by-law document focused on language and structure has been complete. The subcommittee is meeting on Thursday to discuss more substantial changes to be made to the by-laws.

5.3 CPIC Representation on Board Committees

5.3.1 Mental Health (L. Efremova)

- Nothing to report at this time.

5.3.2 Bullying Prevention (S. Furlong-Warren)

- Nothing to report at this time.

5.3.3 Walk with Jesus (T. Newns-Arruda)

- The event took place on May 6th. Thanks go out to everyone involved in organizing the Walk with Jesus and to all who participated.

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

- Nothing to report at this time.

6. Discussion Items:

6.1 2021-2022 CPIC Meeting Dates

- changed some dates from the proposal last meeting, due to feedback given, in that four (4) Council of Chairs meetings may provide so much great information to bring back to Catholic School Councils. One CPIC meeting was removed in order to accommodate an extra Council of Chairs meeting for the 2021-2022 school year.
 - Questions asked and answered regarding the last Council of Chairs meeting.

6.2 Community Representative Position (open September 2021)

- Discussion took place on what kind of candidate they would like to see as a Community Rep. on CPIC come September 2021. Some excellent ideas were presented.
- Description from the Ministry of Education is as follows *“this person would contribute to the discussions of school council, represent the community respective and help build partnerships and links between the school and community”*.

7. Other Business/Future Agenda Items

- D. Garell-Teti brought to the committee’s attention Future Ground Prize for the David Suzuki Foundation. Encouraged all to vote. www.davidsuzuki.org
- Discussed possible topics for Council of Chairs meeting for 2021-2022
- Exiting CPIC members gave a brief overview on their roles on the Board Committees they sat on.

8. Closing Prayer

- J. Santos and G. Bergin both thanked everyone for your hard work on CPIC. N. Dinolfo thanked everyone but gave a special thank you to our departing members,
- N. Dinolfo ended the meeting with a closing prayer.

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.