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POLICY TITLE

Catholic Parent Engagement Committee

1.0 PURPOSE

The Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board is committed to involving and supporting the school community in the educational process.

The purpose of a Catholic Parent Engagement Committee is to support, encourage and enhance parent engagement at the Board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being. (Reg. 330, Sec. 27)

2.0 POLICY

It is the policy of the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board that a Catholic Parent Engagement Committee be established and maintained within the Board's jurisdiction.

3.0 GUIDELINES

- 3.1 Administration shall develop, in conjunction with the Catholic Parent Engagement Committee, Administrative Procedures and establish By-laws before October 1, 2011 as required by Reg. 330/10, clause 30 (1).
- 3.2 The Director shall invite all parents with students in P.V.N.C. schools to participate in the election process and encourage all elected/acclaimed parent members of Catholic School Councils to seek election to the Catholic Parent Engagement Committee.
- 3.3 The Office of the Director or designate shall maintain a current list of the Catholic Parent Engagement Committee members.

- 3.4 The Director or designate shall serve as resource person to the Catholic Parent Engagement Committee and be responsible for maintaining communication with the Catholic Parent Engagement Committee.

4.0 TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

4.1 CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL (C.S.C.)

A Catholic School Council is a legally constituted advisory group of elected parents, staff, students, parish representatives, and appointed community members dedicated to fostering effective Catholic schools, promoting Catholic education, and enhancing student achievement.

4.2 CATHOLIC PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Catholic Parent Engagement Committee is a system umbrella group of elected parents established to support, encourage, and enhance parent engagement in order to improve student achievement and well-being.

4.3 ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION (O.A.P.C.E.)

The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education is an association of parents established to provide an awareness of the role of the student, parent, teacher, and clergy in providing the best possible Catholic education. O.A.P.C.E. wishes to work in co-operation with Catholic School Councils to provide support at the local level and as an additional voice at the provincial level.

4.4 ADVISORY ROLE

Advisory role is the task of representing and communicating the views of the various school communities, and providing advice to the Director of Education and, where appropriate, to the Board.

4.5 SCHOOL COMMUNITY

A school community is parents and guardians of children who are enrolled in the school, parish representatives, and other ratepayers who live or work within the school's attendance area. Catholic School Councils may appoint representatives to ensure that the diversity of the school community is reflected in the membership.

4.6 PARENT (Reg. 330/10, s1)

In respect of a school council, a parent of a pupil who is enrolled in the school, and includes a guardian as defined in section 1 of the Education Act.

In respect of a Parent Engagement Committee of a Board, a parent of a pupil who is enrolled in a school of the Board, and includes a guardian as defined in section 1 of the Education Act.

4.7 PARENT MAJORITY

Parent majority is a sufficient number of parents elected to the C.P.E.C. to form a majority. The majority of parents will be Roman Catholic.

4.8 MEETING (Reg. 330/10, s1)

In respect of a school council or a Parent Engagement Committee, “meeting” does not include a training session or other event where the council or the Committee does not discuss or decide matters that it has authority to decide.

5.0 REFERENCES/RELATED DOCUMENTS

Education Act

Regulation 303

Regulation 612

Regulation 613

School Councils: A Guide for Members, Revised 2002, Ministry of Education

Parents in Partnership: A Parent Engagement Policy for Ontario Schools,
Ministry of Education

6.0 RELATED POLICIES

Policy 201, Fund-raising in Schools

Policy 208, Reimbursement for Expenses Incurred on Board Business

Policy 601, Catholic School Councils

Policy 707, Volunteers in Our Schools

7.0 RELATED FORMS

8.0 APPROVED BY BOARD

September 23, 2008

9.0 EFFECTIVE DATE

June 28, 2011

10.0 POLICY REVIEW DATE

June 2016

11.0 REVIEW BY

Office of the Director