



Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CATHOLIC PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CPEC) held on Monday, September 28, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre, Peterborough and virtually, by Google Meet.

Committee Members

Present: Jennifer Ball (Chairperson), Julianne Charette, Michelle Flintoff, Michelle Griepsma, Christine Haffie, Lisa Hiltz, Rachel Logan, Kevin MacKenzie, Fr. Paul Massel, Michael Nasello.

Regrets: Laura Bassett, Lori-Ann Gervais, Julie McCarthy

Recorder: Michelle Kennedy, Executive Assistant

A. Call to Order

1. Opening Prayer

Chairperson, Jennifer Ball called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and invited Father Paul Massel to lead the committee in prayer.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Following prayer, Jennifer Ball gratefully acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the treaty and traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabe.

Jennifer Ball, Committee Chairperson welcomed the parent guests online and requested that everyone present at the meeting introduce themselves.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Kevin MacKenzie, seconded by Lisa Hiltz

that the agenda be approved with a change to order of presentations; moving item B.3, Sacramental Preparation, to be presented before item B.1, New Mathematics Curriculum.

Carried.

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Committee members Lisa Hiltz and Rachel Logan each declared their employment with the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board as a conflict of interest.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the June 1, 2020 meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Kevin MacKenzie, seconded by Rachel Logan

that the minutes from the meeting held on June 1, 2020, be approved.

Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

3. Sacramental Preparation.

Stephen O'Sullivan, Superintendent of Learning, introduced Donna Goheen, Learning Consultant for Religious Education and Family Life and Father Paul Massell, Board Chaplain and Faith Animator. Father Paul Massel and Donna Goheen gave a presentation to the committee about Sacramental Preparation, which the Diocese of Peterborough has shifted to an online model, due to COVID-19. The diocese recognizes and relies on the collaboration of teachers in the preparation of students. Teachers will use the resource "Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ" and the sacramental content available as well as the Chosen Video series that is now available online. Students who are learning at home through the Virtual School are able to use the same resources. This collaboration will strengthen the Home, School, Parish partnerships in the students' preparation for making their sacrament.

Michael Nasello, Director of Education noted that Bishop Daniel Miehm has recorded a Mass that will be shared with all of the schools in the Board to celebrate prior to Thanksgiving.

1. New Mathematics Curriculum.

Pepe Garieri, Superintendent of Learning, introduced Sarah Taylor, Science Technology Engineering, Arts and Mathematics Consultant who gave an informative presentation on the new Mathematics curriculum. Sarah conveyed the reasons for the changes to the curriculum which include response to recent research understanding how students learn and explained that the changes bring consistencies to the curriculum and the expectations. She then reviewed the changes to the structure of the curriculum, highlighting that there are now

six strands for reporting instead of five, which include an overarching group of skills that focuses on social-emotional learning skills and mathematical processes.

The parent resources that are available through the Ministry of Education website were highlighted and the assessment and reporting on the report card was explained.

Following the report, Sara Taylor answered questions from the committee.

2. Summer Learning Update.

Superintendent of Learning Tim Moloney introduced Lisa Cole, Principal of Continuing, Adult and Experiential Learning, Lisa Gemmiti-Folz, Principal and Laurie Corrigan, Superintendent of Special Education, who then gave an update on the Summer Learning that took place in July and August, 2020.

Lisa Cole reviewed all of the programs that were offered, including credit recovery, upgrading and expanded elearning courses offered at Virtual Summer School, LINK Coop, Virtual Camp Aim, Ojibwe Language and Cultural Virtual Program, Virtual ESL, and Focus on Youth. Laurie Corrigan and Lisa Gemmiti-Folz then reviewed the continuity of Wellbeing and Special Education Learning programs that took place. Their review informed about the models of delivery and the personnel that were employed to bring special education supports to students. The Summer Transitions program was also reviewed and a video depicting the activities was shared along with the positive outcomes from families. The presenters were available for questions following the presentation.

4. Director's Report on School Reopening and new Virtual School.

Director of Education, Michael Nasello gave a report on the Board's Re-opening Plan and results of the parental survey under the full attendance model. Under the headings of elementary schedules, secondary schedules, teaching and learning, remote learning at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Virtual School, cleaning protocols, transportation, health and safety, and technology, the presentation explained practices which have already been determined and implemented and actions yet to be determined. Following his report, Michael Nasello invited and answered questions from the committee.

5. Update and plan for May 2021 CPEC Event.

The Director of Education, Michael Nasello informed the committee of the cancellation of the speaking contract with the WE organization that was planned for the CPEC Event on May 19, 2021. Originally the speaking engagement with Craig Kielburger was to take place in May, 2020 but the restrictions on gatherings forced the postponement by one year. Following the controversy with the organization over the summer, there were concerns with the continuation of the event next spring. The board was able to cancel the contract and receive a full refund.

The board expressed their gratitude for all of the positive interactions with students over the years with the WE charity organization. A positive response reciprocating the gratitude was received back from Marc Kielburger.

It was noted that the grant funds, since they were not able to be used in the 2019-2020 school year, have been returned to the ministry.

6. Update on Catholic School Councils.

Michael Nasello informed the committee that all students who are in the virtual school and learning from home will remain connected to their originating school. These families stay within their school community and continue to receive communications and are able to be involved in the Catholic School Council from their original school. The virtual school will not have its own Catholic School Council as it could be difficult to have consistency if students shift from learning in-person to online learning and vice-versa.

C. Information Items:

1. Committee Member Updates.

Julianne Charette – reported that the beginning of the school year has been a challenge. She will encourage parents to join these meetings as they are being offered online.

Michelle Griepsma – sent greetings to everyone who joined online, it is wonderful to see so many taking part. The Board meetings are now also being conducted in a hybrid model, with some in attendance and able to join online. She also reported that the Board of Trustees is engaged in a search for a new Director of Education and will hopefully have someone in place by January, 2021.

Christine Haffie – reported that her school's Catholic School Council held elections this evening and she will be co-chairing the CSC again at St. Anne with Martha Faulkner.

Kevin MacKenzie – invited everyone to attend the Faith and Equity Meeting on October 22, 2020.

Michelle Flintoff –CSC activity is just getting started at Holy Family. There will be more to report next time.

Rachel Logan – reported that today was the last day for nomination at their school for Catholic School Council. There will be more to report from St. Joseph, Bowmanville as more meetings take place.

Jennifer Ball – received an invitation to join the Catholic School Council at St. Stephen CSS as she now has children in elementary and secondary. She looks forward to being involved in two councils. She stated that her children are very happy to be in school with their friends despite restrictions and new classroom protocols.

D. Next Committee Meeting/Special Events:

1. Next Meeting:

Monday, November 2, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

E. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer

Michael Nasello was invited to close the meeting with prayer.

2. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Rachel Logan, seconded by Julianne Charette
that the meeting adjourn at 8:33 p.m.

Carried.