



# Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CATHOLIC PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CPEC) held virtually by Google Meet on Wednesday, April 19, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

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**Present:**

**Committee Members:**

Jennifer Ball (Chairperson), David Bernier (ex-officio), Lori Ann Gervais, Christine Haffie, Lisa Hiltz, Rachel Logan, Kevin MacKenzie, and Father Paul Massel.

**Catholic School Council Members/Parents/Guests:**

Karen Goodhand

**Administration:**

Joan Carragher, Director of Education, and Jeannie Armstrong, Superintendent of Learning. Sandra Connolly, Learning Consultant.

**Recorder:**

Michelle Kennedy, Executive Assistant.

**Regrets:**

Michelle Flintoff, Julianne Charette

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**A. Call to Order**

1. Opening Prayer

Chairperson, Jennifer Ball called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and invited Father Paul Massel to lead everyone in prayer to begin the meeting.

2. Land Acknowledgement

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

3. Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks

Jennifer Ball, Committee Chairperson welcomed parent guests online and invited the attendees one by one to introduce themselves.

4. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION:** Moved by Kevin MacKenzie, seconded by Lori Ann Gervais  
that the agenda be approved.

Carried.

5. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Committee members Rachel Logan and Lisa Hiltz confirmed their conflict of interest as employees of PVNCCDSB.

6. Approval of the Minutes of the March 24, 2021 meeting.

**MOTION:** Moved by Father Paul Massel, seconded by Kevin MacKenzie that the minutes from the meeting held on March 24, 2021, be approved.

Carried.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:**

1. De-Streaming Mathematics.

Superintendent of Learning Jeannie Armstrong and Learning Consultant Sandra Connolly gave a presentation on the Ministry's initiative of de-streaming Grade Nine Mathematics by eliminating applied and academic levelled courses, beginning in September, 2021. The presentation explained the Ministry's rationale to address inequities and goals of creating a cultural shift and expanding educator capacity for effective, culturally responsive instruction.

The communication and implementation timeline was shared that showed the plan from February 2021 through to August 2021 and included the planning of professional development for teachers.

Following the presentation, Jeannie Armstrong and Sandra Connolly answered questions from the committee.

2. Update and plan for CPEC Event – May 19, 2021, Dr. Joti Samra.

Michelle Kennedy gave an update on the planning of the Dr. Samra presentation. It was reported that Sean Heuchert, Manager of Information Technology, has confirmed that the software platform 'Big Marker' will be used. It was requested that the ability for parents to join last minute be available and the ability for parents to automatically add the date to their electronic calendar from the link on the poster/communication.

The electronic poster will be developed and distributed to Catholic School Councils and to Principal/Vice-principals for distribution in school newsletters and on social media. A call-out on school messenger will be arranged to all PVNCCDSB families with a reminder immediately prior to the event. The information will also be posted on the board website's home page.

The roles of committee members were reviewed: Julianne Charette will MC, Father Paul Massel – opening and closing prayer, Jennifer Ball, Dave Bernier and Joan Carragher – will bring greetings, Lisa Hiltz – introduce guest speaker, Kevin MacKenzie – thank guest speaker.

The timing of the evening was discussed and it was decided that the event would begin at 6:45 pm, with Dr. Samra beginning her presentation at approximately 7:00 pm. The event will be recorded for our use following the event.

### **C. Roundtable Discussion/Committee Member Updates:**

#### 1. Discussion:

Joan Carragher, Director of Education gave an update on the latest shift to remote learning. She noted that special education students who are not able to engage in learning online are attending school in person. At this time no date has been indicated on when students will return to in-person learning. Virtual learning has been supported by the Information Technology department, which has a technology helpdesk set up. A communication to parents about the available resources, including the parent guide and helpdesk phone number was sent out by a school messenger on April 19.

There was discussion about parent engagement and Catholic school council experiences during the 2020-2021 school year. Some Catholic school councils were able to conduct successful fundraisers such as a Poinsettia sale with contact-less pick up. St. Anne Catholic Elementary School was able to hold a Dance-a-thon prior to the school closure that raised \$8,400 in donations that were all collected online. The students were able to dance within their classrooms or in the gymnasium within their cohorts.

Many Catholic School Councils have concerns about exhausting their existing funds and will have to get creative with future events with the movement back to online.

### **D. Information Items:**

#### 1. Next Meeting

CPEC Event – Dr. Joti Samra, Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 6:45 p.m.

Monday, May 31, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

### **E. Conclusion:**

1. Closing Remarks.

CPEC Committee Chairperson, Jennifer Ball thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and noted that the next meeting will be the May 19 online event.

2. Closing Prayer.

Father Paul Massel was invited to close the meeting with prayer.

3. Adjournment.

MOTION: Moved by Rachel Logan, seconded by Lori Ann Gervais  
that the meeting adjourn at 8:43 p.m.

Carried.