



Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CATHOLIC PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CPEC) held virtually by Google Meet on Monday, May 31, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Committee Members:

Jennifer Ball (Chairperson), Lori Ann Gervais, Lisa Hiltz, Rachel Logan, Kevin MacKenzie, and Father Paul Massel.

Catholic School Council Members/Parents/Guests:

Angelo Costa, Karen Goodhand, Joan Tigert.

Administration:

Joan Carragher, Director of Education, and Laurie Corrigan, Superintendent of Special Education.

Recorder:

Michelle Kennedy, Executive Assistant.

Regrets:

Michelle Flintoff, and Christine Haffie.

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

4. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Kevin MacKenzie, seconded by Lisa Hiltz
that the agenda be approved.

Carried.

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

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 April 19, 2021 meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Lori Ann Gervais, seconded by Kevin MacKenzie
that the minutes from the meeting held on April 19, 2021, be approved.

Carried.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

1. Summer Learning Programs.

Laurie Corrigan, Superintendent of Special Education gave a slide show presentation of the summer programs being offered at PVNCCDSB this year. Programs for elementary students include Camp Aim, Ojibwe Language and Grade 8 Transition to Secondary and Reach Ahead. Secondary students are able to take courses in many subject areas including cooperative education to obtain credit for the first time, credit recovery, or for credit upgrade. The special education components of the summer learning program were also highlighted.

Following the presentation, Laurie Corrigan answered questions from the committee.

2. Director's Report.

Joan Carragher, Director of Education reported to the committee on the following topics:

- Strategic Priorities Planning has been ongoing from February through to May and consultations are now complete. Numerous virtual meetings were held with employees, students, and various committees (including this one), and data was collected through the ThoughtExchange platform and through Google surveys. It was noted that the parent participation in the ThoughtExchange involved almost 2,000 participants. The next step will be to review all of the data collected to form

the draft renewed strategic priorities which will be shared with this committee once developed and brought to the Board of Trustees for approval in September 2021.

- Students aged 12-17 years of age are now eligible for COVID-19 vaccination and there will be mass vaccination clinics available in June and again in August in an effort to have as many students vaccinated prior to the startup of school in September. The board will be working in collaboration with the public health units to distribute and promote information about the importance of vaccination and the scheduling of the clinics.
- It was hoped that there would be information to share about return to school in June. At this time there is no update or date when that may happen. The committee was reassured that if there is any communication from the Ministry to be shared, it will be sent out to parents as soon as possible.

Following her report, Mrs. Carragher answered questions from the committee.

3. May 2021 Catholic Parent Engagement Committee Event Debrief.

Joan Carragher began the discussion by thanking all those who had contributed to a successful event. The first time using the “Big Marker” program to broadcast had some minor glitches but the preparation of the MC, Julianne Charette enabled the event to keep flowing.

Michelle Kennedy provided an overview of the attendance statistics for the online event. There was discussion about using the same or similar format in the future to enable parents from all areas of the board to overcome geographic barriers or access to childcare barriers in order to attend the event. It was noted that the recording of the event was received and will be shared with schools and Catholic School Councils to allow parents to view if they were not able to attend.

C. Information Items:

1. Provincial Parent Engagement Summary, April 2021.

The summary from the provincial parent engagement for April was distributed with the agenda for information purposes.

2. Meeting Schedule for 2021-2022.

Committee Chairperson, Jennifer Ball reviewed with the committee the list of dates and noted the format of the meetings being regional again next year. The location of meetings will depend on restrictions of indoor gatherings, if any, at that time.

3. Committee Member Updates.

Kevin MacKenzie reported that the next Faith and Equity Advisory Committee will be held on October 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

D. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer.

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

2. Adjournment.

MOTION: Moved by Rachel Logan, seconded by Lori Ann Gervais
that the meeting adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

Carried.