



# Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Catholic Parent Engagement Committee (CPEC) held virtually by Google Meet on Monday, November 1, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

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**Present:**

**Committee Members:**

Jennifer Ball, Julianne Charette, Christine Haffie, Lisa Hiltz, Kevin MacKenzie, and Father Paul Massel.

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

Karen Goodhand, Jane Pryde.

**Administration:**

Joan Carragher, Director of Education.

**Recorder:**

Michelle Kennedy, Executive Assistant.

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**A. Call to Order:** The meeting was chaired by Joan Carragher, Director of Education, as the two-year term for Chairperson, Jennifer Ball ended at the completion of the 2020-2021 school year and a new chairperson was not chosen at the CPEC meeting held on October 4, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. and Mrs. Carragher welcomed committee members and parent guests to the meeting.

1. Opening Prayer

Father Paul Massel led the committee in prayer to begin the meeting.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Following prayer, Joan Carragher, Director of Education gratefully acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the treaty and traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabeg.

3. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION:** Moved by Jennifer Ball, seconded by Lisa Hiltz  
that the agenda be approved.

Carried.

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Committee member Lisa Hiltz declared a conflict of interest as an employee of PVNCCDSB.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of October 4, 2021.

**MOTION:** Moved by Kevin MacKenzie, seconded by Jennifer Ball

that the minutes from the meeting held on October 4, 2021, be approved.

Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes that would not be covered by existing agenda items.

7. Selection of Chair for the 2021-2023 term.

Joan Carragher called for nominations for the role of Chairperson for the Catholic Parent Engagement Committee for the term 2021-2023. Jennifer Ball was nominated and respectfully declined due to other commitments. There were no other nominations or volunteers for the chairperson position. The selection was, once again, deferred to the next meeting.

Principal representative, Julianne Charette noted that information was sent to principals regarding the Catholic Parent Engagement Committee's desire to have more members. Mrs. Charette will continue recruitment efforts. Jane Pryde and Karen Goodhand expressed interest in becoming members. Michelle Kennedy will follow up by contacting both Ms. Pryde and Ms. Goodhand to complete the process of committee membership.

**B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:**1. Inspiring Faith – Christian Meditation.

Father Paul Massel gave an informative slide show presentation about Christian Meditation, the 'Being' of prayer, as a creative way to pray. Father Paul played a video of PVNCCDSB students sharing their testimonies of the benefits they have experienced from the practice of Christian meditation.

2. Planning for May 18, 2022 Event – Guest Speaker.

Options for guest speakers for the May 18 event were discussed by the committee. Joan Carragher presented options that have been investigated so far.

[Dr. Jean Clinton](#), a child psychiatrist is available on May 18, 2022 and would cost approximately \$5,000 plus travel expenses to the venue. Her topic is related to one of her recent books on child development, “Love Builds Brains”.

[Dr. Robyne Hanley-Dafoe](#) is a speaker on resiliency and wellness who recently published “Calm with the Storm: A Pathway to Everyday Resiliency”. Her fee is typically \$10,000.

Other ideas were discussed including Paul Davis (internet safety), a math curriculum expert, and information on career pathways. Equity, diversity and reconciliation were also topics of interest.

Further investigation will be done with regard to speaker availability and Michelle Kennedy will send further information to committee members and work through email to determine a committee decision and secure a booking.

### **C. Information Items:**

#### 1. Committee Member Updates.

Jennifer Ball expressed how excited students and parents are to have schools open for in-person learning again.

Joan Carragher, Director of Education, answered questions about the possibility of returning to full semester in the second half of the year, the use of cafeterias and cafeteria service, and bussing difficulties experienced this year. Information was also shared about the application process for the interim trustee position left vacant by the resignation of Michelle Griepsma.

Lisa Hiltz reported on the activities of the Holy Cross family of schools. The annual affordable clothing sale and Domino Pizza fundraiser activities have taken place at Holy Cross. St. John Catholic Elementary School is looking into holding a cooking night and St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School will be doing a World’s Finest Chocolate fundraiser in support of the newly established playground committee. Monsignor O’Donoghue Catholic Elementary is supporting the Kawartha Food Share initiative.

Karen Goodhand reported that St. Thomas Aquinas is once again doing the Poinsettia Sale which will be a contactless fundraiser again this year. Details are available on the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School website.

#### 2. Next Committee Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 28, 2022, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m

### **D. Conclusion:**

1. Closing Prayer.

Lisa Hiltz closed the meeting with prayer.

2. Adjournment.

MOTION: Moved by Jennifer Ball, seconded by Lisa Hiltz  
that the meeting adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

Carried.