



Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Catholic Parent Engagement Committee (CPEC) held virtually by Google Meet on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Committee Members:

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

Catholic School Council Members/Parents/Guardians:

Nora Darling, Karen Goodhand, Samantha Rychel.

Administration:

Joan Carragher, Director of Education.

Guests:

Jennifer Angelo, Board Mental Health Lead, Dr. Cynthia Chan-Reynolds, Board Psychologist, and Mandy Hamu, Board Mental Health Lead.

Recorder:

Michelle Kennedy, Executive Assistant.

A. Call to Order: The meeting was chaired by Joan Carragher, Director of Education.

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 Lisa Hiltz, seconded by Rachel Logan
that the agenda be approved.

Carried.

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Committee members Lisa Hiltz and Rachel Logan declared a conflicts of interest as employees of PVNCCDSB.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held November 1, 2021.

MOTION: Moved by Kevin MacKenzie, seconded by Jennifer Ball

that the minutes from the meeting held on November 1, 2021, be approved.

Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

1. Strategic Priority - Nurturing Mental Health and Well-being: Being Well Strategy.

Board Mental Health leads, Jennifer Angelo and Mandy Hamu, reviewed the newly updated Being Well Strategy. The presenters gave an overview of the four-year plan and its alignment with the board's strategic priorities and included an overview of initiatives that are being undertaken. The Being Well portal was introduced and demonstrated how parents, staff and students can access important information to support mental health and well-being.

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

Joan Carragher, Director of Education reported that the investigation of potential guest speakers resulted in choosing three speakers for the evening. With the amount of funding that has been provided in the Parents Reaching Out grant, it will be possible to structure the evening to have one keynote and then a second session with the choice of two other speakers who will be presenting simultaneously. The committee discussed the potential to have all sessions recorded and available afterwards as well as the ability to have the keynote available online for those who are not able to physically come to the event.

The three speakers who have confirmed their availability:

1. [Kevin Chief \(Chiefer\)](#) (Keynote) will share stories on his personal and professional experiences, from growing up as an Indigenous youth in Winnipeg's North End, of seeing potential and possibility, overcoming barriers, and creating opportunities out of challenges and building resilience in young people and working towards reconciliation.
2. [Dr. Jean Clinton](#), a child psychiatrist speaking about child development, "Love Builds Brains"

3. [Dr. Robyne Hanley-Dafoe](#) speaking on resiliency and wellness who recently published “Calm with the Storm: A Pathway to Everyday Resiliency”.

Further details will be confirmed with the speakers and Michelle Kennedy will arrange a sign up with the committee to cover duties at the event such as speaker introductions, thanking the speakers, etc. Once more details are confirmed, a parent communication will be sent out and it will be advertised on the Board website.

C. Information Items:

1. Committee Member Updates.

Rachel Logan provided an update from St. Joseph, Bowmanville where they will be selling Purdy’s chocolates for Easter. Holy Family will be conducting fundraisers selling Pizza and Krispy Kreme donuts. Both schools are dealing with issues with kiss & ride there have been recent issues for some of the schools due to the size of the snowbanks. There was also discussion about the cancellation of buses due to the lack of drivers.

The St Stephen Family of Schools put their PRO Grant money together hired speaker Paul Davis to speak about online safety. Approximately 150 parents were registered to attend.

Lisa Hiltz provided an update of the Holy Cross Family of Schools. Catholic School Councils are working on their school community profiles. Councils are also looking for ways to spend PRO grant money keeping in mind current pandemic restrictions. Monsignor O’Donoghue CES is having a Little Caesar Pizza fundraiser. The St. Paul Norwood community is beginning to plan their 50th Anniversary celebration this fall. At Holy Cross, the Catholic School Council was invited to participate in the “Coldest Night of theYear” charity event raising awareness of homelessness in the Peterborough community. They are also looking forward to a family cooking night being planned for April 21. Each family is invited to pick up a bag of ingredient and join an online cooking class, following the recipe, creating and eating together.

Father Paul Massel reported that he and the Religious Education consultant will be going to all secondary schools to speak with students about the Synodal discussion which will engage the youth about church and our faith. The season of Lent will begin this week with Ash Wednesday and the department is busy planning a board-wide Faith day in April.

2. System Updates – 2022-2023 Budget Preparation (Grants for Student Needs), Public Health

Director of Education, Joan Carragher provided some system updates to the committee regarding preparations for the upcoming school year and public health guidelines.

Joan Carragher explained that information has been received from the Ministry regarding the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) which is the foundation for the board budget for the coming year. Included in the information is a ‘Learning Recovery Action Plan’ which will

focus funding on tutoring programs between April 2022 and December 2022. More details will be forthcoming in the spring as board leadership works through the details

The Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health continue to review all aspects of public health mandates and guidelines in place. Updates with respect to operational guidelines are anticipated in the coming weeks. The Board will continue to follow directives and will be meeting with local public health to make sure provincial guidelines are in line with requirements locally. It is the hope that schools will be able to return to activities such as trips, graduations, proms. Cafeteria service in schools will likely not return this year due as the contracted companies require lead time to operate. With few months remaining in the school year, it will not be viable to re-open.

Joan Carragher reminded the committee of the importance of completing the school Community profile as a Catholic School council. The deadline to complete the online form is March 25 and the information provided is used when considerations of principal placement are made.

3. Next Committee Meeting:

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

D. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer.

Julianne Charette closed the meeting with a prayer for peace, keeping the people of Ukraine in our thoughts.

2. Adjournment.

MOTION: Moved by Rachel Logan, seconded by Jennifer Ball

that the meeting adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Carried.