



# Minutes

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

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## Present:

### **Committee Members:**

Present: Jennifer Ball, Julianne Charette, Karen Goodhand, Christine Haffie, Rachel Logan, Kevin MacKenzie, Father Paul Massel and Jane Pryde.

Regrets: Lisa Hiltz

### **Catholic School Council Members/Parents/Guardians:**

### **Administration:**

Joan Carragher, Director of Education.

**Guests:** Mante Molepo, Board Equity Advisor.

**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 Jennifer Ball, seconded by Rachel Logan  
that the agenda be approved.

Carried.

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Rachel Logan declared a conflict of interest as an employee of PVNCCDSB.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held February 28, 2022.

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

that the minutes from the meeting held on February 28, 2022, 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.

Mante Molepo reviewed the work being done in the area of equity since she joined the board in May 2021. The work that Ms. Molepo has guided has included a review of policies and administrative procedures relating to equity and inclusive education, purchase of resources reflecting diversity, anti-black racism consultations, and professional development in the areas of leadership, anti-racism and anti-black racism. Professional development was also delivered with respect to Black History Month, which has included furthering education about changes to narratives throughout the year, beyond February. In addition, supports to educators and administrators on racism, equity, and inclusive education, supports to parent, in person visits to schools were also noted.

Following the presentation, the committee was invited to ask questions. Director of Education Joan Carragher thanked Mante Molepo for her ongoing consultations and commitment to her work with the board.

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

A chart of various duties for the evening of the event was reviewed and committee members signed up to assist with introduction of guest speakers, thanking guest speakers, opening and closing prayers, etc.

The IT department will be assisting onsite to help deliver the hybrid event. Kevin Chief, the first keynote speaker will be delivering his presentation in person and will be broadcast live via videolink for those who choose to participate remotely. The other two speakers will be simultaneously delivering their presentations remotely in the second session. The

participants that are attending in person will choose one of two sessions, given in separate rooms and will view the presentation being broadcast on a screen.

A poster will be developed for distribution on social media, on the Board website, school newsletters, and parent communications.

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

#### **1. Committee Member Updates.**

Father Paul Massel updated the committee on the work being done by the Religious Education department. He and Peter Bagnall, Learning Consultant, along with Mandy Hamu and Jennifer Angelo, Board Mental Health Leads, are meeting with students in smaller groups for synodal discussions. The information gathered will be shared with the Diocese. Father Paul also reported that the Board-wide Faith Day will be held for Board staff on April 8 and there will be a meeting with Parish Priests, Principals and Chaplaincy Team Leaders on March 30, which will engage our parish and school leaders in further synodal conversations.

Christine Haffie reported on St. Anne's Dance-a-thon event that also had a successful tuck shop where \$10,500 was raised for their playground fund. Christine Haffie proposed an idea for collecting fundraising information to assist other Catholic School Councils. An electronic document will be shared with CSC Chairpersons and Principals.

There was further discussion about fundraising activities. The Ministry has specific nutritional requirements in schools for foods served and fundraising activities. The Board's Administrative Procedure that addresses these restrictions will be shared with principals and CSC chairpersons as a reminder.

There was discussion about the coordination of an inservice in the fall for new Catholic School Council chairpersons to provide information about various aspects of CSC operations.

#### **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.

It was reported that student and staff absenteeism continue to be monitored. An informal survey was taken with schools regarding the wearing of masks. During the first week back to school following the March Break, on average, across all schools approximately 75% staff were continuing to wear masks and approximately 35% of students were continuing to wear masks.

Joan Carragher informed the committee about the Ministry's Learning Recovery Action Plan which has a component for student tutoring. There will be a significant amount of money to address student achievement in literacy and more specific information will be shared with parents in the coming weeks. The funding will have a short timeline for turnaround and have specific requirements.

Updates were given on destreamed science curriculum that will be implemented this fall and the new online course requirement for secondary school graduation. The board will be working with the other Catholic boards and provincial associations to ensure there will be access to excellent courses with appropriate content that will be taught with a Catholic lens.

The committee had the opportunity to ask questions about elearning and virtual school, which were answered by the Director.

3. Next Committee Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m

**D. Conclusion:**

1. Closing Prayer.

Joan Carragher, Director of Education, invited Father Paul Massel to close the meeting with prayer.

2. Adjournment.

MOTION: Moved by Kevin MacKenzie, seconded by Jennifer Ball  
that the meeting adjourn at 7:39 p.m.

Carried.