



Minutes

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

Present:

Committee Members:

Present: Julianne Charette, Karen Goodhand, Lisa Hiltz, Rachel Logan, and Father Paul Massel.

Regrets: Jennifer Ball, Christine Haffie, Kevin MacKenzie, and Jane Pryde

Administration: Joan Carragher, Director of Education.

Guests: Sheila Piggott, Superintendent of Learning.

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 gave a land acknowledgement noting that the meeting was taking place on the treaty lands and the traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig Anishnaabeg.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Lisa Hiltz, seconded by Karen Goodhand
that the agenda be approved.

Carried.

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Lisa Hiltz declared that she is an employee of PVNCCDSB.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held April 19, 2022.

MOTION: Moved by Julianne Charette, seconded by Karen Goodhand that the minutes from the meeting held on April 19, 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 Focus – Protecting the Environment.

Sheila Piggott, Superintendent of Learning gave a slideshow presentation about the Protecting the Environment Program that has been implemented in PVNCCDSB schools from Grades K-12. The pilot certification plan was launched at the end of March 2022 provides ideals for growth and meaningful learning and whole-school participation and encourages social media to share using #pvncECOhope. The presentation included an overview of events and projects being implemented at both the secondary and elementary level and summarized short and long-term goals which will connect with new components of the science curriculum for Grades K-9. At the conclusion of the presentation, the presenters answered questions from the committee members.

2. May 18, 2022 Event – Review.

The committee discussed the special event that took place on Wednesday, May 18th with the three guest speakers, Kevin Chief, Dr. Jean Clinton and Dr. Robyne Hanley-Dafoe.

The majority of participants were in attendance online, however those who attended the event at the Catholic Education Centre were very grateful to have seen Kevin Chief in person. In all, there were approximately 200 attendees. Positive feedback regarding all of the speakers was shared.

Remaining funds will be used to purchase resources pertaining to the presentations depending on cost and the amount of funds available. The resources will be distributed to the Catholic School Councils in the fall.

C. Information Items:

1. System Updates

Joan Carragher, Director of Education updated the committee on system events and initiatives from the months of April and May which included the following points:

The recent event at Uvelde, Texas has been deeply impactful even to our school communities. We pray for healing in their community and other communities impacted by violence.

The May 21st wind storm greatly impacted most of the province. On the Tuesday following, 28 of our 36 PVNCCDSB schools were safe to open. The eight schools that did not open were closed due to lack of power. As of Monday, May 30, all 36 schools were open. The Facilities department were extremely efficient in getting around to each school to clear debris, if necessary and ensure our schools were safe to attend.

At the beginning of May Catholic schools across the province celebrated Catholic Education week and the highlight each year is the Catholic Student Leadership Awards ceremony.

The Human Rights Commission of Ontario's 'Right to Read' Inquiry recently released their findings report. Senior Administration will be reviewing the report and working with the Ministry of Education to bring the recommendations to light.

Grade 9 and Grade 10 students will need to have two e-learning courses to fulfill requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma beginning in 2022. Work is being done with the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association to ensure that there are online courses available that will have Catholic content, be taught through a Catholic lens and delivered by Catholic teachers.

Board Chaplain/Faith Animator, Father Paul Massel has been featured on the program Shalom where he was interviewed about his vocation as a Catholic priest.

<https://shalomworld.org/episode/toronto-actor-and-aids-care-giver-turns-priest-fr-paul-massel>

Board of Trustees passed a motion to fly the pride flag, which will be flown at each school for the month of June. Communication has been sent to parents via school messenger on May 30.

2. Committee Member Updates.

Committee members shared updates from their schools. Many activities included a return to activities at the school, such as open house events, hot lunches and sales of snacks.

A concern was raised with regard to the requirement of online training to qualify as a volunteer in the school. Some schools are finding the required training to be a barrier to having volunteers coming forward. It was noted that for some, the quality of internet is prohibiting the completion of the training in a reasonable amount of time.

3. 2022-2023 CPEC Meeting Dates:

A list of dates for CPEC meeting was shared with the committee. The next CPEC meeting will be held on Monday, October 17, 2022, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

D. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer.

Joan Carragher invited Father Paul Massel to close the meeting with prayer.

2. Adjournment.

MOTION: Moved by Karen Goodhand, seconded by Julianne Charette
that the meeting adjourn at 7:33 p.m.

Carried.