



Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Catholic Parent Engagement Committee (CPEC) held virtually by Google Meet on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Committee Members:

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

Parent/Catholic School Council Guests:

Kate Ahrens (St. Catherine), Vanessa Lobo (St. Catherine), Ginny Walsh (Monsignor O'Donoghue)

Administration: Joan Carragher, Director of Education.

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

Carried.

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Rachel Logan declared that she is an employee of PVNCCDSB.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held May 30, 2022.

MOTION: Moved by Julianne Charette, seconded by Karen Goodhand that the minutes from the meeting held on May 30, 2022, be approved.

Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. Selection of Committee Chairperson for the 2022-2024 term.

Joan Carragher, Director of Education, invited all present at the meeting to introduce themselves. There was discussion about committee membership and the desire to have all parts of the board represented. The former chairperson, Jennifer Ball gave an overview of the responsibilities of the role of committee chairperson. There were no members willing to take the role of chairperson. Joan Carragher, Director of Education, will continue to act in the role of chairperson and continue to advocate to have other parents join the committee.

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

1. Strategic Priority Focus – Providing Excellence in Teaching and Learning: Catholic Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being (CSIPSAW).

Julie Selby, Superintendent of Learning and Sandra Connolly, Learning Consultant presented a slideshow about the Catholic Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being. The presentation included background information on how the plan is developed and the action goals that were created through the plan development process. The presenters demonstrated the CBIPSAW website (<https://cbipsaw.pvnccdsb.on.ca/>) and reviewed the goals under the three pillars: Being Creative, Being Well and Being Community. Work with each school and their individual plans, learning visits, monitoring the school plans and board plans are the next steps in the process. This year's work and data collected will help to develop next year's plan.

Following the presentation, Sandra Connolly and Julie Selby answered questions from the committee members.

2. Funding – Parents Reaching Out.

Michelle Kennedy, Executive Assistant, reported that funding from the Ministry of Education has been provided once again for parent engagement initiatives. Each school in the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board will receive \$500 for parent engagement activities that take place at the school level. System

funds have also been awarded to school boards to lead initiatives with the board's parent involvement committee. This funding could enable CPEC to host another annual guest speaker event in the spring of 2023.

C. Information Items:

1. System Updates

Joan Carragher, Director of Education updated the committee on system events and initiatives from the start of the 2022-2023 school year which included the following points:

- It has been wonderful to see the school year begin with extra-curricular activities, such as the Terry Fox Campaign, Sports, and Clubs.
- We respectfully acknowledge the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and thank the school communities who participated in prayer services at the time of her funeral.
- There were a significant number of capital building projects undertaken in many schools to improve PVNCCDSB facilities over the summer months, under the supervision of Richard Driscoll, Manager of Facilities Services.
- The board welcomes Benjamin Tenesia who has been permanently hired to the board in the position of Equity Advisor. Benjamin will join a future CPEC meeting to share work being done in our board.
- September 30 was National Truth and Reconciliation Day on which many events took place at PVNCCDSB to honour the survivors and lost children of the residential school system.
- Municipal election campaigns are underway for the October 24 election. There will not be any trustee acclamations this election for PVNCCDSB as multiple candidates are running for trustee in all regions of the board.
- Catholic Virtual Online courses (CVO) has established 35 online courses with catholic context and content, written by Catholic educators. This course offering is meaningful for our students who will be able to register for these Catholic online courses to meet the new Ontario Secondary School Diploma requirements to earn a minimum of two courses online. <https://www.catholicvirtualontario.org/>
- Attended the Board-wide Cross-country event held in Peterborough. It was exciting to see the students out competing and enjoying the event. Commendation was extended to the staff who were involved in the organization of the event.

Joan Carragher invited and answered questions from the committee members.

2. Committee Member Updates.

Committee members shared updates from their schools:

- A dance-a-thon is being held on Halloween which will include sale of snacks.
- Overnight excursion to Camp Muskoka – greatly appreciated that students were able to do their overnight excursion this year.
- Participation on Catholic School Council is promising so far, now that in-person meetings are back in place. Always seeking ways to improve parent engagement and communication.
- Welcome night for Grade 9 parents.
- Exciting to have the cafeteria is back operating and school trips available again.
- The disruptions caused by the labour shortages have been frustrating. If the parents could get the information about cancellations as soon as possible, it would go a long way to ensure that they have a good backup plan in place.
- Paul Massel noted that there is a new pastoral plan in place. Each school has a designated “Faith Ambassador” who will assist to carry out the pastoral plan with the assistance of the Chaplaincy Leaders who are a wonderful resource to staff, students and families.
- In person “Open House” took place at St. Catherine with 600 parents attending. Book fair has returned and council is hoping to have a Christmas luncheon this year as well.

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, January 30, 2023, 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 Jennifer Ball, seconded by Rachel Logan
that the meeting adjourn at 7:42 p.m.

Carried.