



Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CATHOLIC PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CPEC) held on Monday, June 3, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Catholic Education Centre, 1355 Lansdowne Street West, Peterborough.

Present: Jennifer Ball, Laura Bassett (Chairperson), Diane Corkery, Christine Haffie, Lisa Hiltz, Nathalie Ingram, Kevin MacKenzie, Diane Mather, and Julie McCarthy

Absent/Regrets: John Leduc, and Fr. Paul Massel.

Administration: Michael Nasello, Director of Education

Recorder: Michelle Kennedy, Executive Assistant

A. Call to Order: Committee Chairperson, Laura Bassett, called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer

At the request of the Committee Chairperson, Lisa Hiltz opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Committee Chairperson, Laura Bassett, acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabe.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Diane Corkery, seconded by Natalie Ingram

that the agenda be approved as amended with the addition of item B.4, Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (O.A.P.C.E.).

Carried.

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the CPEC Meeting held on April 1, 2019.

MOTION: Moved by Diane Corkery, seconded by Lisa Hiltz

that the minutes from the meeting held on April 1, 2019, be approved.

Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising out of the minutes.

The Chairperson, Laura Bassett, recognized individuals who were attending their last CPEC meeting. Committee members Diane Corkery, Nathalie Ingram and Diane Mather were thanked for their service to the committee over the years. Best wishes were extended from all of the committee members.

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

1. May 15, 2019 – Catholic School Council Appreciation Evening – Review.

An attendance summary was shared with the committee members and was reviewed and discussed. 19 out of 36 schools were represented by approx. 40 parents (which included the CPEC members).

Committee members reported that the evening was well received by parents and the presentations were well done. The attendees liked hearing the students speak about the pride they have for the program and their accomplishments. Although the presentations were enjoyable, less presentations to attend would have ensured the evening finished sooner. The choir and the food prepared by the students and the art displays were enjoyed.

2. Planning for 2019-2020.

The committee discussed the events to take place next school year. The General Assembly will be held in November at the Catholic Education Centre on the topic of Catholic Secondary School Pathways.

In an effort to build on attendance for events and increase parent engagement, it was decided that the CPEC meeting locations would be rotated through the regions of the board. There was discussion about having a presentation/education component to each meeting to attract attendees.

3. Review of Catholic School Council Binder.

There was discussion about how the binder would be reviewed by the committee. The sections of the binder were shared in a google folder with the committee and are available in hard copy. It was agreed that some of the content could be omitted and replaced with up to date links which would connect to the important information without adding bulk to the binder.

A sub-committee will be set up in September to take on this job. Jennifer Ball volunteered to review a section over the summer.

4. Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE).

Michael Nasello reported that Michelle Griepsma, Board Chairperson and two other parents from PVNC attended the OAPCE Conference and AGM at the beginning of April. Ms. Griepsma has reported that there has been a movement forward to engage with school boards and build good working relationships.

MOTION: Moved by Diane Corkery, seconded by Jennifer Ball

that the Catholic Parent Engagement Committee recommend to the Board that the Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) be supported by PVNC and membership be renewed for the 2019-2020 school year.

Carried.

C. Information Items:

1. Meeting Schedule for 2019-2020

The meeting schedule was reviewed. November 6, 2019 was added as the CPEC/CSC General Assembly to be held at the Catholic Education Centre. The list of meeting dates with the updated locations, once confirmed, will be shared with the committee. The list will also be posted on the board website.

The proposed dates and locations are as follows:

Monday, September 30, 2019, at Catholic Education Centre, Peterborough
 Monday, October 21, 2019, at St. Stephen Catholic Secondary, Bowmanville (to be confirmed)
 Wednesday, November 6, 2019, at Catholic Education Centre, Peterborough
 Monday, February 3, 2020 at St. Mary Catholic Secondary, Cobourg (to be confirmed)
 Monday, March 23, 2020 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic, Secondary, Lindsay (to be confirmed)
 Wednesday, May 20, 2020 (Appreciation Event – Location to be determined)
 Monday, June 1, 2020 at Catholic Education Centre, Peterborough

2. Committee Member Updates.

Diane Corkery – Reported that there have been many events in her family of schools including fun fairs, 'Beauty and the Beast' drama production, qualification for OFSAA Rugby and a Spring Prom celebration.

Diane Mather – June is a busy month in all schools. Elementary track and field took place recently. Teachers and students are completing assessments in preparation for report card writing which will be reviewed by the principals. There are graduation celebrations and retirements and also preparations for the coming school year. The principals will be working to place students in their classes for next year. In cases where there are principals or vice-principals moving to a new location, the administrators stay in the school where they are assigned until the very end of the year.

Jennifer Ball – Reported that EQAO has wrapped up. Their school participated in the track and field events and also held a fun fair. A volunteer tea to thank parents and helpers will be taking place. She reported that the roof repair at the school was handled well. Jennifer told the committee about a program offered by the local Loblaws store called “Raise a Food Lover” which encourages healthy eating, preparing food as a family and eating together as a family ritual. This program has been well received at their school.

Christine Haffie – Reported that their family night which was organized with their PRO Grant funds was a great success; so much so that they had to turn away some families due to limited capacity. They are looking forward to graduations and end of year celebrations.

Kevin MacKenzie – Reported that at the May 2nd Faith and Equity Advisory Committee meeting, he learned of the plan to expand the reconciliation program in schools. A three minute video which was produced in the board to show how students view what it is like to say sorry or to hear someone say sorry to them.

Lisa Hiltz – Reported that St. Patrick used their PRO Grant funds to finance the family literacy night. Also at St. Patrick, council is working towards a playground fund. CSC has also funded couch and chairs for the Learning Commons. Monsignor O’Donoghue council sponsored a portable sunshelter with the school logo on it for use at sporting events, etc. Catholic School Council at Holy Cross has sponsored graduation ceremonies with the purchase of cake and awards. They will be preparing shortly for their annual clothing sale.

Natalie Ingram – Reported that the year-end CSC meeting at St. Francis is taking place this evening. His Excellency, Bishop Daniel Miehm celebrated confirmation recently. The annual movie night where a younger movie and an older movie are shown which engages more families took place recently. Talent shows are happening at both St. Francis and St. Stephen.

Michael Nasello – Reviewed with the Committee the Board electronic newsletter that is sent out by Galen Eagle, Manager of Communications each month following the Board meeting. The highlights of the system achievements are shared in a newsletter format and often incorporates a video component. Michael also shared information about funding changes which were recently announced by the provincial government. He explained the overall impacts on the changes of class sizes in secondary schools, which have increased in average size from 22 to 28.

D. Next Committee Meeting/Special Events:

1. Next Meeting:

Monday, September 30, 2019, 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre, Peterborough, ON.

2. Future Agenda Items

- Review of CSC Binder
- Please contact Michelle Kennedy if you have any future agenda items for discussion.

E. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer

At the request of the chairperson, Diane Mather concluded the meeting with prayer.

2. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.