



# Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CATHOLIC PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CPEC) held on Monday, June 4, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Catholic Education Centre, 1355 Lansdowne Street West, Peterborough.

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**Present:** Linda Ainsworth, Jennifer Ball, Laura Bassett (Chairperson), Diane Corkery, Michelle Griepsma, Christine Haffie, Nathalie Ingram, Diane Mather, Julie McCarthy

**Absent/Regrets:** Lisa Hiltz, John Leduc, Fr. Paul Massel, Patrick McNeil

**Administration:** Michael Nasello, Director of Education

**Recorder:** Michelle Kennedy, Administrative Assistant

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**A. Call to Order:** Committee Chairperson, Laura Bassett, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer

At the request of the Committee Chairperson, Diane Mather opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Committee Chairperson, Laura Bassett, acknowledged the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishnaabe.

3. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION:** Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Diane Corkery that the Agenda be accepted.

Carried.

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None

5. Approval of the Minutes of the CPEC Meeting held on May 1, 2018.

**MOTION:** Moved by Linda Ainsworth, seconded by Diane Corkery that the minutes from the meeting held on May 1, 2018, be approved.

Carried.

## 6. Business Arising from the Minutes

Laura Bassett reported that she and Diane Corkery will not get to all of the feeder elementary schools as reported at an earlier meeting. They will not be able to coordinate visiting St. Mary Catholic Elementary in Campbellford this year. They will make arrangements to visit one of their meetings in September.

## B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

### 1. Year in Review

Laura Bassett invited the committee to comment about the activities of the committee over the school year. There was a discussion about the events that took place with the committee and improvements to consider.

It was noted that the Appreciation evening was very well received and the consensus was that the student focus and participation was a large factor in the enjoyment of the evening. It was also noted that the time for mingling between sessions was nice for the parents. There was a nice variety of presentation topic and style. The choir was a highlight and it was suggested that there be a recording of "O'Canada" done by our own student talent to be played in our schools.

There was discussion about the four Indigenous Education evenings that took place. While they were not all well attended, the impact and messages delivered were very impactful.

Some suggestions for future events were: a student led dramatization of Catholic Education; a presentation about the Sisters of St. Joseph; new indigenous education curriculum; projects led by students – perhaps a dramatization of a subject matter or theme.

### 2. Planning for November assembly and PRO Grant

There was a lengthy discussion about having a variety of workshops available for council members to participate in, some of them with the theme of wellness. There was discussion about the need for information workshops such as, how to conduct an effective meeting, grant proposals, for example. Indigenous education is also an area of interest.

It was recommended that St. Stephen be the first choice as a location for the year-end appreciation evening next year.

### 3. Draft Logo

Michael Nasello introduced the concept of the Catholic Parent Engagement Committee having their own logo for printed and online materials. The committee was given an opportunity to view and provide feedback on draft logos that were created by the Communications and Graphics department. Six draft logos were reviewed and discussed by committee members. Suggested changes on two of the draft logos which were favoured by the committee will be taken back for revision and will be presented to the committee for final choice.

## C. Information Items:

## 1. 2018-2019 CPEC Meeting Dates

Michael Nasello stated that the meeting dates have been chosen for next school year as follows:

Monday, September 17, 2018  
 Monday, October 15, 2018  
 Monday, February 4, 2019  
 Monday, April 1, 2019  
 Monday, June 3, 2019

All meetings will be held at the Catholic Education Centre,

CPEC special events for the next school year are as follows:

Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 6:30pm (General Assembly Event)  
 Wednesday, May 15, 2019 6:30 p.m. (Appreciation Event)

## 2. Committee Member Updates

Committee members were invited to share information. The following individuals gave verbal reports:

Diane Corkery – reported that her family hosted a prom social prior to the St. Mary Catholic Secondary School prom. She also reported that the Catholic School Council appreciation evening was enjoyed by herself and others she spoke with.

Diane Mather – reported that June is an exciting time in the schools. It can also be a time of uncertainty as planning is done for the next school year. There can be a lot of emotion with new assignments and preparations for retirements. On June 13, the principals and vice-principals will gather to celebrate and recognize principals who are retiring this year.

Jennifer Ball – reported that it is also an exciting time at St. Joseph. The council is in the final stages of installing the outdoor classroom which is being assisted by donation from a company in Bowmanville. They are very excited to be building an amphitheatre-style outdoor classroom.

Due to the successful fundraising at their dance-a-thon, the council has spent \$19,000 on technologies for the classroom. 'Junglesports' was also brought to their school and was well received.

Christine Haffie – reported that their council is excited that the new principal has been announced. There are many teachers retiring from their school this year and there will be a number of changes next year.

Michelle Griepsma – reported that Linda Ainsworth was elected onto the Board of Directors for the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association. Cali Brake, student trustee, has been elected as vice-president for the Catholic Student Trustees Association.

Michelle reminded everyone about the importance of placing an informed ballot for the provincial election and how it could impact the status of Catholic Education.

Linda Ainsworth – reported on her attendance at the Ontario College of Teachers' Conference where she attended an information session given by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection. Linda shared information about various organizations such as Cybertip.ca, Missingkids.ca, Kids in the Know, Commit to Kids and NeedHelpNow.ca and their missions and activities to help children in need of assistance. The importance of a teacher's duty to report was highlighted.

Natalie Ingram – reported about a presentation made by students to Clarington councilors regarding a teen 'hangout' lounge and a skate park. It was a great learning experience for presenting at a town council meeting which was part of a deep learning project.

There was a brief discussion about OAPCE representatives at the school level for next year. The status of the representatives will be reviewed in September.

Michael Nasello – brought up the topic of fundraising and differences of how it is approached differently in different areas of the board. Fundraising is often based on knowledge base and skill of council of council members and economic ability of the parents in the school. There was a lengthy discussion about sharing of skills and knowledge and the possibility of having workshops as part of the general assembly event.

**D. Next Committee Meeting/Special Events:**

1. Next Meeting:

September 18, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre.

2. Future Agenda Items

Please contact Michelle Kennedy if you have any future agenda items for discussion.

**E. Conclusion:**

1. Closing Prayer

Chairperson, Laura Bassett concluded the meeting with prayer.

2. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.