



Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CATHOLIC PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CPEC) held on Wednesday, November 25, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Commons at St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School, Bowmanville.

Present: Linda Ainsworth, Jennifer Ball (CPEC), Julianne Charette (CPEC), Shawn Craggs, Sherri Craggs, Michelle Flintoff (CPEC), Lori-Ann Gervais (CPEC), Michelle Griepsma, Alexander Guevara, Terri Kinghan, Rachel Logan (CPEC), Kevin MacKenzie (CPEC), Fr. Paul Massel (CPEC), Julie McCarthy (CPEC), Maureen Rego, Jenn Tremain, Ashlee Wood.

Absent/Regrets: Laura Bassett (CPEC)

Administration: Michael Nasello, Director of Education, Dawn Michie, Superintendent of Learning

Recorder: Michelle Kennedy, Executive Assistant

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The evening began with a gathering and social time with refreshments available. The Catholic Parent Engagement Committee Chairperson, Jennifer Ball welcomed everyone at 6:45 p.m., gave opening remarks and then requested that everyone present introduce themselves. Michael Nasello, Director of Education also gave opening remarks and respectfully acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississauga Anishnaabeg.

Father Paul Massel, Board Chaplain was called upon to open the meeting with prayer.

CPEC BUSINESS MEETING:

A. Call to Order

Jennifer Ball, Chair of the Catholic Parent Engagement Committee called the business meeting to order.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Kevin MacKenzie, seconded by Rachel Logan

that the agenda be approved with the addition of item B.3, Update on OAPCE.

Carried.

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest. It was noted at the previous meeting that Rachel Logan occasionally works as student monitor for PVNC.

3. Approval of the CPEC Meeting held on November 6, 2019.

MOTION: Moved by Rachel Logan, seconded by Julie McCarthy

that the minutes from the meeting held on November 6, 2019, be approved.

Carried.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

1. Director's Report on Board Initiatives.

The Director of Education, Michael Nasello, gave a report on the Board Initiatives for the 2019-2020 school year and reviewed recent announcements made by the Ministry of Education. Mathematics continues to be a large focus for the Board and for the Ministry. Professional learning continues for teachers and there are central efforts to support schools in Math. There are two teacher consultants and one itinerant teacher who are dedicated to increasing performance in Mathematics. Ecology is another large focus for the Board this year. There is a group that meets each Friday as a think tank to look at the environment and our Board's work. Mr. Nasello has challenged each school to become an eco-school by the end of this year and acquire eco-school certification.

2. May 20, 2020 Event Planning.

The Ministry of Education has announced Parents Reaching Out for the 2019-2020 school year and PVNC has been given a one-time grant. This grant will be used to bring Craig Kielburger, from the We Organization to speak at a parent engagement event on May 20, 2020 at Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School. The title of the presentation will be "The World Needs Your Kid: How to Raise Children Who Care and Contribute".

There was discussion about the program and timing for the evening. The possibility of the school choir or band providing entertainment and the foods department providing refreshments will be investigated through the school principal. In the past, art displays

added to the evening and this will also be pursued. With the emphasis on the environment, eco-school or environment club displays could also be encouraged from Clarington schools.

3. OAPCE Update

Michael Nasello, Director of Education stated that a decision was made to enter into membership with the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE). To date we have not received an invoice for membership dues. Mr. Nasello will be reaching out to the President of OAPCE to express the Board's desire to move forward with membership.

C. Information Items:

1. Annual Board Meeting, Mass and Reception.

The Annual Board Meeting will be held on December 3, 2019 at the Mount Community Centre in Peterborough. All are welcome to attend this event which includes a Mass at The Sisters of St. Joseph Chapel and a reception following.

2. School Year Calendar Public Consultation

The options for the 2020-2021 school year calendar have been posted on the Board website for public consultation. Parents are encouraged to review the options and complete the survey to give their recommendations.

D. Next Committee Meeting/Special Events:

1. Next Meeting:

Monday, February 3, 2020, 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Secondary School, Cobourg.

E. Conclusion:

1. CPEC Business Meeting Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Julie McCarthy, seconded by Lori Ann Gervais

that the meeting adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

Carried.

Following the CPEC Business meeting, parents who were present were invited to participate in a discussion using the following guiding questions:

- a) What is working well at your school?
- b) What is an area of need for support?

There was participation from parents who were present which created a good discussion. Many of the attendees shared best practices with respect to attracting new council members and engaging volunteers. As well there was discussion about successful events hosted by some councils.

Following the roundtable discussion, Michelle Kennedy gave a very brief demonstration of the shared Google Drive for Catholic School Councils and CPEC members.

Catholic School Council chairpersons are encouraged to explore and use resources that are posted. If there are any questions, they can be directed by email to mkennedy@pvnccdsb.on.ca. Michelle Kennedy can also be reached by phone at the Catholic Education Centre at 1-800-461-8009, ext. 1247.

The CPEC Chairperson, Jennifer Ball thanked everyone for participating in this first regional meeting. She then invited Father Paul Massel to conclude the evening with prayer.