



# Minutes

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

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**Present:** Jennifer Ball, Michelle Flintoff, Christine Haffie, Lisa Hiltz, Rachel Logan, Kevin MacKenzie, Julie McCarthy, Fr. Paul Massel

**Absent/Regrets:** Laura Bassett, Julianne Charette, Lori Ann Gervais.

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

**Recorder:** Michelle Kennedy, Executive Assistant

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**A. Call to Order:** The meeting was chaired by Michael Nasello, Director of Education, as the two-year term for Chairperson, Laura Bassett ended at the completion of the 2018-2019 school year. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer

Father Paul opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Michael Nasello, Director of Education acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabe and also acknowledged Treaty Recognition Week and the importance of understanding partnerships and agreements as an integral part of the relationships that we continue to build. We are all treaty people.

New members were present at the meeting and Michael Nasello requested that everyone introduce themselves.

3. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION:** Moved by Kevin MacKenzie, seconded by Julie McCarthy  
that the agenda be approved.

Carried.

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Rachel Logan declared that she is employed by the Board as a Student Monitor.

5. Approval of the Minutes

a) Approval of the CPEC Meeting held on June 3, 2019.

MOTION: Moved by Julie McCarthy, seconded by Jennifer Ball

that the minutes from the meeting held on June 3, 2019, be approved.

Carried.

b) Approval of the CPEC Meeting held on September 30, 2019.

MOTION: Moved by Julie McCarthy, seconded by Jennifer Ball

that the minutes from the meeting held on September 30, 2019, be approved.

Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. Selection of Chairperson

The Director of Education opened nominations for the position of Chairperson.

Nominees

Jennifer Ball

Jennifer Ball accepted nomination and was acclaimed Chairperson of the Catholic Parent Engagement Committee for the 2019-2021 term. Mr. Nasello invited Jennifer Ball to assume the position of Chair of the meeting.

**B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:**

1. EcoSchools Information.

Michael Nasello, Director of Education shared information with the committee about EcoSchools Canada. EcoSchools is an organization that shares school resources and provides a guideline for certification as a Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum Level School. The certification requirements have tasks or standards to be met under six 'pillars': Teamwork and Leadership, Energy Conservation, Waste Minimization, School Ground Greening, Curriculum, and

Environmental Stewardship. Currently, about half of PVNC schools are working towards certification. Since the environment has become a focus of priority this school year, the rest of the schools have been challenged to become involved in this initiative. A central group at the Catholic Education Centre are meeting weekly to talk about next steps to create strategies and partnerships in becoming more environmentally conscious as a school board.

2. Planning for Satellite Meetings.

The committee discussed what the format of the satellite meetings would be. The group decided that the meeting would begin with a social time for mingling from 6:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Julie McCarthy, with guidance on budget available, will look after getting refreshments. The CPEC regular business meeting will take place from 6:45 p.m. to approx. 7:20 p.m. followed by the round-table group discussion involving all parents present. During the portion opened up to all participants, there will be two guiding questions, “What is working well at your school?” and “What is an area in need of support?” Following the discussion there will be a demonstration of Google Drive as a means for CSC to share resources.

Email invitations will be sent to all parents and the flyer noting all regional meetings will be posted on the web site. Following the conclusion of the roundtable discussions, the CPEC members will gather for a short discussion and debrief on the evening.

3. May Appreciation Event Update.

Following the September 30<sup>th</sup> CPEC meeting the possibility of a keynote speaker was investigated. The possibility of booking Craig or Mark Keilburger or Spencer West was discussed. The Keilburger brothers have a presentation that is entitled ‘The World Needs Your Kid: Raising Kids Who Care and Contribute’ which gives “key insights on guiding children to be compassionate and engage global citizens”. Their best-selling book by the same title was available for members to view.

MOTION: Moved by Christine Haffie, seconded by Rachel Logan

that the CPEC move forward with the contract with Marc or Craig Keilburger as guest speaker on May 20, 2020, with the topic of keynote to be ‘The World Needs Your Kid: Raising Kids Who Care and Contribute’; and that all parents in the Board be invited to attend.

Carried

**C. Information Items:**

1. Committee Member Updates.

Father Paul Masse – Announced that the small chapel which was built in the Catholic Education Centre was blessed by the Bishop and houses the Blessed Sacrament. The

Tabernacle and stand were designed and built by one of the technology teachers. All are welcome to stop and take a peaceful moment there.

Christine Haffie – Reported that plans are underway for fundraising efforts for this year at St. Anne and proceeds will continue to be put towards playground equipment and installation costs.

Michelle Flintoff – Reported that Holy Family Catholic Parent Council has goals to fundraise for a Kindergarten play structure, curriculum enrichments, and the Grade 8 Graduation Celebration.

Kevin MacKenzie – Invited parents to participate in the next Faith and Equity meeting which will take place on February 13, 2020 at the Catholic Education Centre. This is an open meeting and parent representation is welcome.

Rachel Logan – is attending her very first CPEC meeting and looks forward to being part of the committee and working with everyone.

Lisa Hiltz – Reported that St. Patrick was successful in raising \$5,500 at a recent dance-a-thon. They are looking forward to serving a Christmas Dinner and are working to add to their playground fund. At Monsignor O'Donoghue, the 'Welcome back to school night was a success and the Catholic School Council is planning on enhancing technology purchases. St. Alphonsus is having a dance-a-thon fundraiser. St. Catherine had planned to have guest speaker Laurie Faith in October. This was postponed due to the labour disruption. A rescheduled date will be shared in the near future. Holy Cross hosted their Gr 8 information night where CSC set up a table to encourage parent involvement. The school will be hosting a used uniform sale and a vaping information night.

Julie McCarthy – Back to school was successful. At St. Francis of Assisi there has been a successful used clothing swap. Bring unused clothing and families are welcome to take what they need. The school is doing a 'MacMillan Orchard' fall fundraiser. Other upcoming events are the Drama Production, a Family Advent Mass, a Gym/Swim night at the Newcastle Recreation Centre, a Book Fair and a Skating Day on December 20. The school is entering a float in the Nov 17 Santa Claus Parade in Bowmanville with the theme, 'Keeping Christ in Christmas'. Across from St. Stephen, there has been a crosswalk installed to assist students crossing to the mall on the busy street.

Jennifer Ball – Reported that Hot Lunches at St. Joseph have been increased to four days a week. This is a very successful fundraiser for the school and they are able to fund many initiatives with the proceeds. The CSC will be putting a Christmas Luncheon on this year and have also funded head lice checks this fall.

Michael Nasello – informed the committee that the CUPE Central Agreement was reached and recently ratified and local bargaining will continue. The OECTA negotiations are unfolding and

information will be shared when available. Recently water safety was in the news with reports about the levels of lead in drinking water. Michael shared where to find the school water testing results on the board's web site.

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

1. Next Meeting:

Monday, November 25, 2019, 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre, Peterborough, ON.

**E. Conclusion:**

1. Closing Prayer

Father Paul concluded the meeting with prayer.

2. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Julie McCarthy, seconded by Kevin MacKenzie  
that the meeting adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Carried.