



Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CATHOLIC PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CPEC) held on Monday, October 15, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Catholic Education Centre, 1355 Lansdowne Street West, Peterborough.

Present: Linda Ainsworth, Laura Bassett (Chairperson), Diane Corkery, Lisa Hiltz, Nathalie Ingram, Fr. Paul Massel, Julie McCarthy

Absent/Regrets: Jennifer Ball, Christine Haffie, John Leduc, Diane Mather

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 6:30 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer

At the request of the Committee Chairperson, Fr. Paul Massel opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Land Acknowledgement

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

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Diane Corkery, seconded by Natalie Ingram that the Agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried.

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Lisa Hiltz declared that she is an employee of the PVNC Catholic District School Board.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the CPEC Meeting held on September 17, 2018.

MOTION: Moved by Diane Corkery, seconded by Lisa Hiltz that the minutes from the meeting held on September 17, 2018, be approved.

Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

1. Director's Report on Board Initiatives

The Director of Education, Michael Nasello reported on initiatives being undertaken at the Board.

He gave a brief presentation about 'Renewing the Promise' on the pastoral letter issued in May, 2018, by the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario and overviewed the key messages and statements in the letter. He gave a brief history of the previous letters, 'This Moment of Promise' and 'Fulfilling the Promise' and the consultation process used to inform 'Renewing the Promise'. The next steps for the document will be the system-wide professional development day on October 26, 2018. A day of reflection will be facilitated at each work location in the Board and will give all PVNC staff the opportunity to more fully explore the document with the insights of Dr. David Wells, who has pre-recorded video messages especially for our Board. . Next steps, Faith Day, October 26, 2018

Michael Nasello gave an overview of the practice of Christian meditation in our schools. At present staff are working on a program and a focus for our board in this area.

Information about the provincial consultation was given to the committee. The government has set a web site www.ForTheParents.ca. There are seven questions for parents, which can be seen as seven focusses for the government. Consultation is being sought from parents. All are encouraged to participate in sharing what they feel are priorities in education.

A poster which has been designed for communicating the legalities of cannabis to parents and students in secondary schools was shared.

2. Recruitment for Committees

Michael Nasello asked the committee to keep working to seek out committee members to round out the table. There are openings for representatives for the Holy Cross, St. Peter, St. Thomas Aquinas, Holy Trinity Families of Feeder Schools.

There was a discussion about grant funding and the funds available for projects this year. It was noted that budget cannot be rolled from one year over to the next if it is not used.

3. Planning for November General Assembly

The draft program for the evening was presented and the format of the presentation was discussed. Members volunteered for the various duties on the agenda for the evening, such as opening and closing prayer, introduction and thanking of the guest speakers. Committee members were asked to arrive between 6:00 and 6:15 p.m. to assist with welcoming participants. Michelle Kennedy will have name tags available. Snacks (cheese, crackers and fruit) will be ordered.

4. Communications with Catholic School Councils and Parents

Laura Bassett led a discussion about communications with school councils in the coming months. She encouraged the committee members to work towards doing the brief presentation that was developed last year at feeder school Catholic School Council meetings.

Based on feedback gained from the out-reach presentation which aims to give Council information about the Catholic Parent Engagement Committee, the committee can then establish some goals for CPEC to work towards.

There was discussion about a 'handbook' binder that exists for Catholic School Councils. Some schools no longer have a copy of the binder. It was felt that the information was old and could use some updating.

There was further discussion about goal-setting, communication and working over email to update resources to assist the Councils in their work. Michelle Kennedy will work to find a copy of the binder and get it in electronic form so that it can be reviewed by the committee electronically.

C. Information Items:

1. OAPCE Membership

It was reported that the Board reviewed the status of its membership with OAPCE and has opted not to join this year. The trustees are interested in gaining further insights and would like parents to attend the upcoming conference to gain perspective on the current affairs of the OAPCE.

2. OAPCE Conference – Change of date and location: November 24, 2018 at St. Francis Xavier Secondary School, 50 Bristol Rd. W., Mississauga, ON.

At the last Board Meeting, trustees passed a motion to approve five parents to attend the OAPCE Conference. The motion was passed under the premise that the conference was being held at Whitby, ON, on October 27, 2018. Since then, it has been discovered that the date and location have changed for the conference. This item will be going back to the Board of Trustees for review in light of the additional costs of travel expenses due to the change in location. Further communication will be forthcoming.

3. Inaugural Board Meeting, Mass and Reception – December 4, 2018.

Michael Nasello invited CPEC members to attend the Inaugural Board Meeting, Mass and Reception be held at the Mount Community Centre, Peterborough on December 4, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. An invitation will be sent out prior to the event.

4. Committee Member Updates

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

Diane Corkery – Reported that a large number of students took part in the Terry Fox Run. There was participation in the Community Expo, which is an event that inspires youth; Gr. 10 students participate. She also reported that Sarah Westbrook spoke at St. Mary Grafton.

Linda Ainworth – Reported about her participation at the OCT conference, where there was a presentation regarding children's safety and well-being.

Father Paul Massel – Reported on the Board's new resource on Christian Meditation. The principals will participate in professional learning and Fr Paul and consultant, Peter Bagnall will work to implement Christian into classroom practice in more classrooms throughout the board.

Lisa Hiltz – Reported on many activities in family of schools. The Health and Wellness presentation that took place in early October was well received. Holy Cross CSC will be using funds from their clothing sale to assist the Amigos program and purchase t-shirts for student excursion to Africa. There are many activities and volunteer programs happening at Monsignor O'Donoghue – breakfast programs and fall trips, robotics and Halloween dance-a-thon. St. Catherine hosted a barbecue night and will be having a magazine fundraiser.

Natalie Ingram – Reported that St. Francis CSC is supporting a medicine garden at the school. An Elder will be coming to the school to explain the plants and their importance. The Toronto Argos are coming to the school to promote an anti-bullying program. The recent barbecue was successful as costs were kept low as a lot of the food served was donated. Parents were able to meet with the teachers to learn rules of the classrooms and expectations of the students, including cell phone use. There are many upcoming events in the planning stages including finding a club for everyone, family skating nights, Christmas Mass and luncheon. Students were involved with planting 40 tulip bulbs for the upcoming 40th anniversary.

Michael Nasello – Reported that the United Way campaign is underway and there is a Peterborough Petes promotional night in support of United Way on November 1. Also, Toonies for Tuition will take place on November 30 in PVNC Schools. This initiative raises funds for Catholic School tuition.

D. Next Committee Meeting/Special Events:

1. Next Meeting:

February 4, 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

At the request of the chairperson, Father Paul Massel concluded the meeting with prayer.

2. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.