



Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CATHOLIC PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CPEC) held on Monday, September 17, 2018, 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, Michelle Griepsma (via telephone), Christine Haffie, Lisa Hiltz, Nathalie Ingram, John Leduc, Diane Mather, Julie McCarthy

Absent/Regrets: Linda Ainsworth, 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 6:34 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer

At the request of the Committee Chairperson, Michael Nasello 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 Natalie Ingram, seconded by John Leduc 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 June 4, 2018.

MOTION: Moved by Jennifer Ball, seconded by Diane Corkery that the minutes from the meeting held on June 4, 2018, be approved.

Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

1. Strategic Plan Update and Curriculum Changes for 2018-2019

The Director of Education, Michael Nasello, gave a presentation on the Board's Strategic Plan for the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Nasello reviewed elements that will be points of action for the year which are related to the strategic goals under each of the 'Learn', 'Lead', 'Serve' pillars.

Michael Nasello also spoke about the communications that were sent out to parents and staff at the beginning of the school year about the Health and Physical Education and Mathematics curriculum.

2. Planning for November General Assembly and PRO Grant

There was a discussion about how the overall attendance at the November General Assembly could be improved.

Topics and format of the November event were discussed. Dr. Stephen Shore, a special education expert in the area of Autism had been contacted by the Director's office but was not available for the November date. A mental health presentation on the Board's 'Be Well Strategy' was suggested to be given by Jennifer Angelo, Mental Health Lead, Dr. Cynthia Chan Reynolds and Father Paul Massel. There was consensus from the group that the committee proceed with this topic.

It was hoped that the participants would gain some home strategies and a list of resources customized for each community. Communication will give a message of welcoming and use the new logo. Committee members will reach out to invite the schools in their areas. Michelle Kennedy will facilitate this contact with the committee members.

3. CPEC Logo

The logo revisions which were suggested at the last meeting were incorporated by the Board's Graphic Design person. The most popular choice of the committee was presented as the new logo for the CPEC Committee. This logo will be used in correspondence and communications for events of CPEC.

4. OAPCE Membership

Mrs. Michelle Griepsma stated that correspondence has been received by the board from the Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) encouraging the Board to take up membership for the 2018-2019 school year.

A discussion took place questioning what the benefits are to be gained with an OAPCE membership. There was also discussion about the upcoming conference and if there was interest of any members attending. There were no members present interested in attending the one-day conference in Whitby, Ontario, on October 27, 2018.

Michelle Griepsma stated that she would take the information from the discussion today back to the Board of Trustees. Further conversation with OAPCE will be pursued and reported back to CPEC.

5. Representation of the Faith and Equity Committee

It was noted that the terms of reference for the Faith and Equity Advisory Committee allows for parent representation from CPEC. There are three meetings a year that take place at the Catholic Education Centre. Christine Haffie put her name forward to be the parent representative. The next Faith and Equity Advisory Committee meeting takes place on October 11, 2018.

C. Information Items:

1. Renewing the Promise

Michael Nasello gave a brief update on the release of the pastoral letter “Renewing the Promise”. Physical copies of the document have been received and will be shared with all staff members on the Faith-themed Professional Development Day which will take place in all PVNC schools on October 26, 2018.

2. 2018-2019 CPEC Meeting Dates

The list of meetings for the 2018-2019 were noted.

3. Committee Member Updates

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

Diane Corkery – reported that St. Mary Catholic Secondary held a clothing drive where used uniforms were donated. These were sold at the beginning of the school year. This fundraiser profited \$1465.

Jennifer Ball – reported that their school will be having a hot lunch program again this year. The welcome back barbecue will be taking place and there is enough interest in their Catholic School Council this year that there will be an election. Jennifer expressed her interest in connecting with the other schools in her ‘feeder school family’ to share information. Contact information will be shared by Michelle Kennedy as soon as it is available.

Christine Haffie – reported that their school council will be holding its first meeting on September 24. Their school has grown and they have received a new portable.

John Leduc – reported that there was a great turnout for their back to school barbecue. Their Catholic School Council will be formed next week at their first meeting.

Lisa Hiltz – reported that Holy Cross had a very good response to their parent council meeting. Most of the schools in her feeder school family have had their welcome back evening. Lisa extended an invitation to those present to attend an information night at Holy Cross on October 4 about vaping and marijuana use.

Diane Mather – reported that it is exciting for principals to be back to schools and in a routine again.

Natalie Ingram – St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Elementary will be having their first council meeting next week and St. Stephen Catholic Secondary will be held on the first week of October. St. Stephen has had a great start to the school year – there was an orientation evening for parents of grade nine students which was fun and informative.

Laura Bassett – encouraged everyone to reach out to their feeder families to bring back information from the other schools. Following social media of other schools is a good way to find out the current events.

D. Next Committee Meeting/Special Events:

1. Next Meeting:

October 16, 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.

Diane Mather volunteered to prepare opening and closing prayers for the next meeting.

E. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer

At the request of the chairperson, Michael Nasello concluded the meeting with prayer.

2. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.