



Minutes

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

Present: Laura Bassett, Christine Haffie, Kevin MacKenzie, and Julie McCarthy, Fr. Paul Massel

Absent/Regrets: Jennifer Ball, Lisa Hiltz, and John Leduc.

Administration: Michael Nasello, Director of Education

Recorder: Michelle Kennedy, Executive Assistant

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 6:32 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 September 30 as 'Orange Shirt Day' commemorating and bringing awareness of the Residential School experience as we journey toward reconciliation and continue to grow our relationships with First Nations, Métis and Inuit partners.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Kevin MacKenzie, seconded by Laura Bassett

that the agenda be approved as amended, as follows:

- deferred item A.7, Selection of Chair for the 2019-2021 term.
- removal of B.4, Curriculum Updates, which will be address under item B.1, Strategic Planning and Curriculum Changes for 2019-2020.
- change numbering of item B.5, Labour Disruption Updates to B.4, Labour Disruption Updates.

Carried.

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the CPEC Meeting held on June 3, 2019.

The minutes of the CPEC meeting held on June 3, 2019, were reviewed. These minutes will be deferred to the next meeting to be approved when quorum is present.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. Selection of Chairperson

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

1. Strategic Plan Update and Curriculum Changes for 2019-2020.

Michael Nasello, Director of Education stated that there will be a commitment to a focus on the environment this year. This initiative falls under the 'serve' pillar of the current strategic plan. A challenge has been made to each school to become an 'eco-school'. More information will be provided to the committee about this program that has already been established in some PVNC schools.

Mr. Nasello explained that the strategic plan review will be coming up in the next year. The last review was done three years ago, during the 2016-2017 school year. The strategic plan review will engage all aspects of the board in consultation into the next strategic direction of the Board.

An overview of changes to Mathematics, Career Studies, Health and Physical Education Curriculum was given by Michael Nasello. It was noted that adjustments to the Health Curriculum did not affect the Fully Alive program as it remains appropriate. Parents wishing for an exemption from the Human Development and Sexual Health portion can now withdraw their children from that entire unit. The Ministry is requiring Boards to have a policy and procedure on how parents can do so.

2. Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant.

Notification from the Ministry of Education which confirmed that the Board has received a PRO grant in the amount of \$10,499.76. This predetermined funding amount is in place of the grants

that were previously available by application. These funds are to be used to enhance parent engagement and must be used prior to the end of the school year. The projects that these funds used for “will be required to demonstrate a commitment to respecting the role of parents in students’ educational experiences by working with parents or seeking parent input on how schools can:

- Provide a safe and welcoming school environment;
- Maintain open communication with teachers;
- Respect parents as valued partners within the education system in relation to decisions about their child’s education; and,
- Parents are informed about the content of the Ontario Curriculum Guidelines.”

3. General Assembly Planning – November 6, 2019.

There was discussion about the desire to provide more professional development opportunities for Catholic School Councils. The format for future CPEC meetings which are planned to be held in various secondary schools in the coming months would include a learning component following the business of the meeting thus engaging parents to learning about CPEC and providing some professional development as well. There was a lengthy discussion about what the content of the November 6 evening could be and the time constraints for planning. It was decided that the November 6 General Assembly would be cancelled.

In light of the newly acquired funding from the Parents Reaching Out Grant, it was decided that a keynote speaker for May should be investigated.

4. Labour Disruption Updates.

Michael Nasello updated the committee on the recently announced actions being taken by CUPE workers. The Board has taken steps to mitigate the labour disruption as much as possible, however, parents may experience inconveniences due to the sanctions being taken. A special portion of the Board web site is being devoted to sharing information about the labour disruption being imposed by CUPE at this time. Further communications will be sent home to keep parents informed.

C. Information Items:

1. Meeting Schedule for 2019-2020

The meeting schedule was reviewed and changed accordingly.

The revised dates and locations are as follows:

Monday, October 21, 2019, at Catholic Education Centre, Peterborough
 Wednesday, November 6, 2019 – General Assembly Event – CANCELLED
 Monday, November 25, 2019 at St. Stephen Catholic Secondary, Bowmanville

Monday, February 3, 2020 at St. Mary Catholic Secondary, Cobourg
Monday, March 23, 2020 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary, Lindsay
Monday, April 20, 2020 at St. Peter Catholic Secondary, Peterborough
Wednesday, May 20, 2020 (Appreciation Event – 6:00 p.m. – Location to be determined)
Monday, June 1, 2020 at Catholic Education Centre, Peterborough
All meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m.

2. Committee Member Updates.

Laura Bassett – reported that there are only three members on Catholic School Council at St. Mary Catholic Secondary. Principal Jamie Brake plans on bringing Eco schools to St. Mary this year and they look forward to learning about that.

Julie McCarthy – reported that first Catholic School Council meetings have taken place with good turnout. Likewise, the annual school barbecue was well attended at St. Francis of Assisi. The CSC plans for this year include a Christmas Luncheon, a fall fundraiser and a Dance-a-thon.

Christine Haffie – The year at St. Anne has begun with 18 members on their Catholic School Council. Their Open House and Barbecue were also well attended. The council has set their goals for fundraisers for the year. They are working towards their goal of installing new playground equipment.

Michael Nasello – Gave an update on a request for information from OAPCE which has not been responded to. An invoice for membership for this school year which was requested has not yet been received. Currently, our board is not a membership board with OAPCE.

D. Next Committee Meeting/Special Events:

1. Next Meeting:

Monday, October 21, 2019, 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre, Peterborough, ON.

E. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer

Kevin MacKenzie concluded the meeting with prayer.

2. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Laura Bassett, seconded by Julie McCarthy
that the meeting adjourn at 8:19 p.m.

Carried.