



Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CATHOLIC PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CPEC) held on Monday, October 16, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Catholic Education Centre, 1355 Lansdowne Street West, Peterborough.

Present: Linda Ainsworth, Laura Bassett(Chairperson), Jennifer Ball, Stefani Burosch, Diane Corkery, Michelle Griepsma, Nathalie Ingram, Lisa Hiltz, John Leduc, Fr. Paul Massel, Julie McCarthy

Absent/Regrets: Diane Mather, Patrick McNeil

Administration: Tim Moloney, Superintendent of Learning

Recorder: Michelle Kennedy, Administrative Assistant

A. Call to Order: Committee Chair, Laura Bassett, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

1. Opening Prayer

Father Paul Massel opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

Carried.

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Lisa Hiltz, declared that she is an employee of the Board.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the CPEC Meeting held on September 18, 2017.

MOTION: Moved by Natalie Ingram, seconded by Diane Corkery that the minutes from the meeting held on September 18, 2017, be approved.

Carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Michelle Griepsma informed the Committee that a letter was sent to OAPCE to invite them to attend a Board of Trustees meeting. No response from OAPCE has been received at this time.

Tim Moloney introduced himself and explained his presence on behalf of Michael Nasello. Tim reported that Rob Majdell, Principal at St. Mary Secondary, had been contacted to request that the Appreciation Evening in May be hosted at St. Mary. Rob has agreed and he will work with Geoff Taylor, teacher of the foods program to see if the meal could be prepared by the students in the foods program.

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

1. Be Well Strategy Update and Invitation to the Well-Being Advisory Group (WAG)

Stefani Burosch, Board Mental Health Lead gave a presentation on the 'Be Well' Strategy. She stated that last year, there were consultations throughout the board on the Be Well Strategy. This has resulted in a new 30 page strategy document which is posted on the Board website.

Stefani reviewed the Mental Health and Well-being board web page and the themes Mind, Body, Spirit and how we imbed our Catholic faith lens when we speak of well-being. Areas of focus for the next three years were highlighted which are built around the provincial framework. The Be Well strategy will have an action plan for each year.

Stefani showed the posters and visual materials that have been developed with the Communications Department which can be found on the site and explained that there is a set of 4 videos. One video is an overview and one on each of the three pillars: Mind, Body, and Spirit.

Stefani then answered questions from the Committee.

2. General Assembly Planning – Jennifer Kolari Presentation – November 8, 2017

Michelle Kennedy distributed a draft agenda for the event which included the committee member duties which were decided last meeting. It was noted that Michelle Griepsma is unable to attend. Linda Ainsworth will bring greetings on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Lisa Hiltz and Jennifer Ball volunteered to be at the 'welcome table' to greet attendees.

There was discussion about the distribution of the Jennifer Kolari books at the end of the evening. It was decided that there would be one book given per family. Natalie Ingram will mention the books in the recognition of guest speaker. It was suggested that if there are extra copies of the book, they be distributed to the schools for use in the parent resource lending libraries.

3. PRO Grant Updates – Confirmation of Grants

Tim Moloney spoke about the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants that have been awarded to individual schools. 19 schools were each awarded \$1,000. In addition, the Regional application submitted by Julie McCarthy for the speaker series was awarded \$7,500. The application for

the Jennifer Kolari evening was not awarded. There was agreement that the grant would be re-worked. There was discussion about hosting a mini-symposium. Some planning regarding setting a date and location will have to take place. Committee members expressed a willingness to assist with planning the event.

4. Financial Update

Michelle Kennedy reported that the amount of funds budgeted for Provincial OAPCE fees was \$2,600 and \$4,900 was budgeted for parent attendance at the OAPCE Conference. Since the conference was not attended, these funds could be redirected.

Michelle Griepsma made the Committee aware of an upcoming event in April, 2018. There will be a Mental Health and Wellbeing Symposium in Toronto. This is being held by the Coalition for Children and Youth Mental Health which is comprised of 26 agencies. It is an event that could be of interest to parents who would have the opportunity to hear about mental health issues through a Catholic lens.

5. Catholic School Council Visit Planning

The committee reviewed and edited the document to be used as a slide and discussion prompt for the Catholic School Council Visits that are being planned.

Michelle Kennedy will obtain the meeting dates for each school's Catholic School Council meetings and post the dates in a google doc. Committee members representing the FOS can sign up for meeting dates. Members will have to contact principals to arrange time on the CSC agenda for the desired date of visit.

C. Information Items:

1. Rosary Program – Update from Father Paul Massel

Father Paul Massel gave an update on the Rosary Program and reviewed the booklet with the committee and explained the components of the program from kindergarten through to secondary school. The volunteers of the Rosary program are also given a copy of 'The Rosary with Pope Francis' as a reference. It was noted that prayer is led by the volunteers but teachers are present in the classroom and are able to take the opportunity to pray with the students as part of the class. The program is in Peterborough and Kawartha Lakes, however they will work towards getting the program to the Clarington and Northumberland schools.

2. Committee Member Updates

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

Diane Corkery– On Friday, November 10, 2017, St. Mary is having Paul Davis, a social media speaker, present to the school to the students during the day and in the evening, he will speak with the parents. All parents are welcome.

Natalie Ingram – St. Francis had their welcome back barbecue where the Catholic School Council subsidized the food costs. This meant that families could come and participate and have supper for nominal cost. On the Feast Day of St. Francis, the school celebrated by having each student plant a tulip bulb in the school garden. Council is helping to fund the school's production of the Lion King musical. Fundraising activities are taking place; they will be having a Much Music Dance Party and Greeting Card Sales. The parish has incorporated monthly family Masses. Each month a grade is represented. Swim and gym nights and skating at the arena have been organized. A 'STEAM' (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) night is being organized as well.

John Leduc – reported that their Council has been planning fundraising and working to decide what to spend the funds on. They will be having an art therapy painting session where participants paint their emotions.

Lisa Hiltz – reported that there were elections at Holy Cross this year. They have already had their annual used clothing sale. They will also be getting a lottery license to raffle picnic tables built by the students to fund the Special Olympics team. There will be a school production of Grease this year. The council has had parent barbecue as well. Some funds were used to purchase temporary shelters that have the school logo on them. They are looking forward to having a fundraising dance-a-thon and will do a Fresh from the Farm fundraiser.

At St. Patrick, funds have paid for stenciling in the foyer that say 'Welcome to St. Patrick'.

Monsignor O'Donoghue held elections and the CSC are fundraising for the Learning Commons area. They will be hosting a Literacy Night and a Science night as well and a fundraising dance-a-thon and Fresh from the Farm.

Jennifer Ball – reported that the first council meeting and pizza celebration at St. Joseph was well attended. Their major fundraiser will also be a dance-a-thon. This is the first time that they have done this and their council is looking for tips from others who have had success with this. Their fundraising focus is to purchase more technologies and robotics. Their school has had their Gr. 4 Bible presentation and a Francophone flag raising celebration. They are looking forward to new outdoor equipment, however this will take more time as it has gone out to re-tender.

D. Next Committee Meeting/Special Events:

1. Next Meeting:

November 8, 2017 – General Assembly at the Catholic Education Centre, Peterborough.
Please gather at 6:00 p.m.

February 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre, Peterborough.

2. Future Agenda Items

Please contact Michelle Kennedy if you have any future agenda items for discussion.

Lisa Hiltz volunteered to lead opening prayer and Jennifer Ball volunteered to lead closing prayer at the next meeting in February.

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 8:21 p.m.