



## Durham Catholic District School Board

**MINUTES** of the **OPEN SESSION** of the **DURHAM CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING** of the Durham Catholic District School Board which was held at Catholic Education Centre, North & South Boardroom, 650 Rossland Road West, Oshawa, on **Thursday, April 7, 2016**.

### **Committee Members**

Trevor Aitcheson  
Karolina Baker  
Kim Beatty  
Melissa Bevan  
Tom Brennan  
Tricia Chapman - Trustee  
Jon Clancy, Vice-Chair  
Christina Dodds  
Linda Dodson Trchala -  
Chair  
Kim Kehoe  
Susie Lee-Fernandes  
Rose LoPresti  
Ken Lyons  
Joni MacLean  
Josephine-Dora Spitale  
Chris Szent-Ivany  
Paulette Palumbo  
Dominic Pullano  
Amanda Roffey  
Rodney Romain

### **Regrets**

Bibi Ali  
Theresa Corless  
Richard  
Damianopoulos  
Sandy Freake  
Melanie O'Neil

### **Staff Present**

Rosemary Leclair  
Lorrie MacIntosh  
Ryan Putnam

## **CALL TO ORDER**

### **Item a.1**      **Opening Prayer**

D. Pullano & J. MacLean offered the opening prayer.

### **Item a.2**      **Welcome and Courtesies**

L. Dodson Trchala called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed all committee members to the April 7, 2016 meeting.

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## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

### **Item b.1      APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

#### **Motion No. DCPIC2016-04-07-01      Approval of Agenda**

Moved by M. Bevan, seconded by T. Brennan

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the April 7, 2016 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Agenda.”

Carried

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting will be held Thursday, May 12, 2016.

## **ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN**

### **Item d.1      Approval and Signing of Minutes of the Open Session of the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of March 10, 2016**

#### **Motion No. DCPIC2016-04-07-02      Approval of Minutes**

Moved by R. Romain, seconded by K. Lyons

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the Minutes of the March 10, 2016 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting.”

Carried

### **Item d.2      PRO Grant Topic Discussion for 2016-2017**

K. Baker asked the committee to please send her ideas for next year's PRO Grant. Superintendent Leclair spoke to the committee about potentially coordinating with SEAC and Superintendent Bowyer in their PRO Grant application for 2016/2017, with a potential for branding any subsequent events under a common “Parents as Partners Series” and spacing events out for parents throughout the year. Deadline for the PRO Grant Application is May 29, 2016. Please be mindful that the Ministry has outlined a specific focus for grants that must be adhered to.

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## **PRESENTATION**

### **DCDSB Budget Overview**

Superintendent Putnam provided the committee with an overview of the Board Budget Framework for 2016/2017. Please see attached for details.

## **REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Item f.1.1 Chair's Report**

Chair Dodson Trchala spoke to her report. She thanked J. Clancy and the PRO Grant committee for their wonderful job with the Numeracy webinar. The next event is a Literacy Webinar on April 18th with Prof. David Booth (University of Toronto) and Mike Hamill.

Christina Melick, parent representative resigned her position. We will be posting three Community Representative positions as well as a position for Parent Representative. M. O'Neill thanked the committee for the flowers and their prayers. OAPCE Conference May 6 & 7th, please let me know if you're able to attend. The PIC Symposium is on April 9th, thank you to those who will be attending from the group. Just a reminder of the Awards Night on April 12th, I encourage you all to attend.

### **Item f.1.2 Trustee's Report**

Trustee Chapman congratulated the PRO Grant committee on their successful Numeracy Webinar. Trustees met last Monday to discuss the new direction that Communications will be taking on promoting the Board and community outreach. The Board will look into having a Board presence at community events and to push forward with the Success Kit for grade 9 students including tips for parents.

### **Item f.1.3 Resource Report**

R. Leclair, Resource to the DCPIC, provided the committee with a summary of initiatives that have taken place in the Board, and upcoming events that support community engagement. She offered her thanks to the sub-committee for the organization of the Numeracy Webinar (March 31) which was a huge success.

The DCPIC members were invited to provide input on a document being created through a collaborative project with the Durham Region Public Health Department. A draft document for parents, to support the mental health and well-being of young people transitioning from elementary to secondary school would be shared via e-mail. Stakeholder feedback to be provided directly to Diane Mullane, Durham Catholic District School Board Mental Health Lead.

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## **REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS CONT'D**

The celebration of Catholic Education Week takes place May 1 to 6. The theme for this year is *Opening Doors of Mercy*, with a focus on sub-themes each day – Mercy that welcomes, loves, forgives, lives the gospel and rejoices. System wide celebrations begin in the Parishes on the weekend of April 30/May 1 and continue through to the celebration of the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation Dinner on Friday, May 6 at the Oshawa Jubilee Pavilion. Each school will celebrate in their own unique way and teachers will use specific curriculum resources in the classrooms. Any members of the DCPIC who wish to attend the Foundation Dinner, please contact Lorrie MacIntosh. Other community events include the Community Run for Hope on May 1 - families are welcome, and the first annual Student Walk for Hope (school based) on May 4.

### **Item f.1.4 PRO Grant Sub-Committee Report**

J. Clancy showed the committee a clip from the Numeracy webinar. Over 427 hits to the broadcast. The next webinar is April 18th. Please register if you have not already done so. Many thanks to Superintendent Camozzi, Superintendent Leclair, L. MacIntosh, R. Romain M. Jacobs. Math resources will be posted on our website. Our mid-term report was submitted in August.

### **Item f.1.5 Communications Sub-Committee Report**

K. Beatty shared that the Facebook page received a 126% increase the week of the webinar. We saw a huge boost in Twitter feed hits during week of webinar. The committee has been sending information through mailchimp re: DCPIC events. Just a reminder, the DCPIC committee members must sign in and activate their email as soon as possible.

### **Item f.1.6 School Council Outreach Sub-Committee Report**

M. Bevan provided the committee with a brief update that they are still working on the binders. August will be the best time to distribute the binders for the next school year.

### **Item f.1.7 Faith Formation Sub-Committee Report**

P. Palumbo asked the committee for volunteers for the event on April 12th. We're looking forward to a great evening.

### **Item f.1.8 Policy Sub-Committee Report**

R. Damianopoulos submitted the following report. Our last Webex was March 30th and we discussed the Access to School Premises policy. Our group reviewed Asthma Friendly Schools, Workplace Harassment, and Access to School Premises/Lockdown draft policies and procedures posted by the Board and provided feedback. The activity has gone very well. Input from all members has been insightful and relevant and I appreciate everyone's efforts to get this done.

**Item f.1.9**    **Budget Sub-Committee Report**

Deferred.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The DCPIC meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. A closing prayer was offered.

**Motion No. DCPIC2016-04-07-03**        **Adjournment**

Moved by T. Brennan, seconded by M. Bevan

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting of  
Thursday, April 7, 2016, adjourn.”

Carried

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Linda Dodson Trchala  
Chair, Durham Catholic Parent  
Involvement Committee

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Rosemary Leclair  
Superintendent of Education