



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, February 4, 2016**.

Committee Members

Trevor Aitcheson
Karolina Baker
Kim Beatty
Melissa Bevan
Tom Brennan
Tricia Chapman - Trustee
Theresa Corless - Chair
of the Board
Richard Damianopoulos
Christina Dodds
Linda Dodson Trchala -
Chair
Sandy Freake
Susie Lee-Fernandes
Rose LoPresti
Kim Kehoe
Joni MacLean
Melanie O'Neill
Paulette Palumbo
Rodney Romain
Josephine-Dora Spitale
Chris Szent-Ivany

Regrets

Bibi Ali
Jon Clancy
Ken Lyons
Christina Melick
Dominic Pullano
Amanda Roffey

Staff Present

Rosemary Leclair
Lorrie MacIntosh
Bob Camozzi
Mike Gray

CALL TO ORDER

Item a.1 Opening Prayer

J. MacLean offered the opening prayer.

Item a.2 Welcome and Courtesies

Chair Dodson Trchala called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and welcomed all committee members to the February 4, 2016 meeting. She welcomed Superintendent Leclair as resource to the DCPIC. Superintendent Leclair provided an overview of her portfolio and experience.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions to the Printed Agenda

Nil.

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

Item b.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion No. DCPIC2016-02-04-01 Approval of Agenda

Moved by R. LoPresti, seconded by M. Bevan

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the February 4, 2016 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Agenda.”

Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting will be held Thursday, March 10, 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 January 7, 2016

Motion No. DCPIC2016-02-04-02 Approval of Minutes

Moved by R. Damianopoulos, seconded by T. Brennan

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the Minutes of the January 7, 2016 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting.”

Carried

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN Cont'd

PRESENTATIONS

Item e.1 Complaint Process Regarding School Boards

Sue Haslam, Director of Investigations with the Office of the Ontario Ombudsman provided the DCPIC committee with a history of the office Ombudsman. Ontario's Acting Ombudsman is Barbara Finley. Under Bill 8, *The Public Sector and MPP Accountability and Transparency Act, 2014*, the Ontario Ombudsman will have full oversight of municipalities, universities and school boards – in addition to provincial government bodies. The Ombudsman only makes recommendations by conducting credible and thorough investigations. They are not advocates or apologists for the government, and they conduct themselves impartially. Most complaints are related to communication or misunderstanding. The Ombudsman is an avenue of last resort. You can get more information through Facebook, Twitter and the Ontario Ombudsman website. <https://www.ombudsman.on.ca/Home.aspx>.

Item e.2 Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP)

Superintendent Camozzi provided the committee with an overview of the Long Term Accommodation Plan including the Guiding Principles and the 2016 proposed actions. He reviewed elements of the LTAP and encouraged the committee to review it on the Board website. A discussion was held related to the effects of demographics in Durham Region (ie lower birth rate and changes in immigration patterns over the last twenty five years), Ministry requirement to review On the Ground Capacity (OTC), and the construction of the 407 highway.

Superintendent Camozzi then responded to questions from DCPIC members.

REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item f.1.1 Chair's Report

Chair Dodson Trchala spoke to her report (as attached). This year's Pro Grant funding is focused on Literacy & Numeracy. Dr. Lynda Coglán will be presenting at the webinar. The Ministry of Education's PIC Symposium will be held in April. The OAPCE Conference will be held in May. This year all school council chairs will be designated as the liaison reps to OAPCE.

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN Cont'd

Item f.1.2 Trustee's Report

Chair Corless spoke to the Board's Scugog Accommodation Review. The first public meeting will be held March 9th for Port Perry at Good Shepard CS at 7:00m pm The Finance Committee's next meeting is February 22, 2016. All input is welcome. There will be two presentations, one on Communication and the other on Special Education. The next Policy meeting will be held February 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Sharing of Excellence presents Ann Douglas on *Parenting Resilient Children* at All Saints Catholic Secondary School on February 25, 2016. Trustee Chapman advised the committee that the Student Trustees meet monthly and work with the Student Senate This year's initiative is Financial Literacy. The Student Senate have arranged various speakers to speak with the students on financial literacy during their lunch hour. The first in the series will be held on February 16, 2016 at All Saints CSS followed by a presentation at Fr. Leo J. Austin CSS on February 25, 2016. They are also in the process of organizing an Employment Fair at the secondary schools. The Student Senate put forward a motion to recommend the naming of our conference centre as the *Pope Francis Centre*. Chair Corless asks for the DCPIC's support regarding a Grade 9 Student Success Kit, she will be bringing this initiative forward to the Board of Trustees.

Item f.1.3 Resource Report

R. Leclair, Resource to the DCPIC provided the committee with a summary of recent Board events. May 6th is the Third Annual Children's Foundation Dinner at the Jubilee Banquet Centre. As noted in Superintendent Camozzi's presentation the Board has presented a Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP). As Superintendent Leclair is also responsible for the Oshawa Family of Schools and Scugog she shared with the committee that there is a dedicated email and phone line monitored daily and is part of the public record for the consultation process. Superintendent Leclair reminds the committee that we are starting our Lenten Journey next week and the Board will be connecting this journey to the Year of Witness and Mercy.

Item f.1.4 PRO Grant Sub-Committee Report

Deferred.

Item f.1.5 Communications Sub-Committee Report

R. Romain provided the committee with a report. K. Baker updates the Facebook page. The next newsletter will be coming out in April. Please submit your reports by March 9th. The DCPIC's new website should be rolled out sometime in March. The next Communications Sub-committee meeting is March 8th.

Item f.1.6 School Council Outreach Sub-Committee Report

M. Bevan, is distributing the binders to schools who are missing theirs. They are also working on the School Council Handbook.

REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS Cont'd

Item f.1.7 Faith Formation Sub-Committee Report

P. Palumbo shared that the Faith Formation Sub-Committee will meet February 7, 2016 Volunteer Appreciation Awards night is approaching.

Item f.1.8 Policy Sub-Committee Report

R. Damianopoulos shared that the Policy Sub-Committee met last Wednesday. They discussed the need to review policies through the sub-committee. They are looking for volunteers to review the policies. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 2, 2016 via Webex from 8:00-9:00 p.m. C. Dodds reviewed the Workplace Harassment Policy. Please provide your policy input via the input section on the Board website.

Item f.1.9 Budget Sub-Committee Report

R. Lopresti advised the committee that a quarterly update will be available at the March meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The DCPIC meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Motion No. DCPIC2016-02-04-03 Adjournment

Moved by R. Lopresti, seconded by P. Palumbo

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting of Thursday, February 4, 2016, adjourn.”

Carried

Involvement Committee