



## 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, January 7, 2016**.

### **Committee Members**

Trevor Aitcheson  
Bibi Ali  
Karolina Baker  
Kim Beatty  
Tom Brennan  
Tricia Chapman  
Jonathan Clancy  
Richard Damianopoulos  
Christina Dodds  
Linda Dodson Trchala -  
Chair  
Rose LoPresti  
Joni MacLean  
Paulette Palumbo  
Amanda Roffey  
Rodney Romain  
Josephine-Dora Spitale

### **Regrets**

Melissa Bevan  
Teresa Corless -  
Chair of the Board  
Susie Lee-  
Fernandes  
Ken Lyons  
Amanda McLaurin  
Christina Melick  
Melanie O'Neill  
Dominic Pullano  
Chris Szent-Ivany

### **Staff Present**

Bob Camozzi  
Lorrie MacIntosh

### **Guests**

Kim Kehoe  
Sandy Freake

## **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 January 7 2016 meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

### **Additions to the Printed Agenda**

Nil.

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## **ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN**

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

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

Moved R. Romain, seconded by T. Brennan

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

Carried

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting will be held Thursday, February 4, 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 November 12, 2015**

#### **Motion No. DCPIC2016-01-07-02      Approval of Minutes**

Moved by R. LoPresti, seconded by J. MacLean

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the Minutes of the November 12, 2015 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting.”

Carried

### **Item d.2      Election of Two DCPIC Parent Members**

Amanda McLaurin resigned as her position of Parent Member as she is now a full time teacher with the Board. Kim Kehoe and Sandy Freake were nominated as Parent Members. S. Freake and K. Kehoe provided the committee with a brief summary of their experience and why they would like to be members of the DCPIC. Chair Dodson Trchala asked three times if there were any more nominations from the floor, and there were none.

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## **ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN**

### **Motion No. DCPIC2016-01-07-03**

### **Election of Two Parent Members**

Moved by J. Clancy, seconded by K. Beatty

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve Sandy Freake and Kim Kehoe as acclaimed Parent Members.”

Carried

## **PRESENTATION**

### **Item e.1 School Board Website**

Amanda Roffey, Communications Officer presented a brief overview of the Board's new website to the committee and provided a site map. A. Roffey asked the committee to provide suggestions on what they would like to see on the website. The committee suggested more focus on Mental Health, a rolling banner, the curriculum be separated Elementary and Secondary, community links, an EQAO support link and fundraising ideas.

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

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

Chair Dodson Trchala spoke to her report (as attached). PRO Grant webinars will be conducted in March and April focusing on Literacy and Numeracy. She attended the St. Christopher parent council meeting and found it very valuable. She encouraged the committee to please attend school council meetings to make a connection with them and put a face to the DCPIC. Chair Dodson Trchala asked the committee if anyone is interested in attending the PIC Symposium in April. J. Clancy and K. Baker are interested in attending. J. Clancy attended the Msgr. John Pereyema CSS Open House with Chair Dodson Trchala and was very impressed with the integration between the Intermediate and secondary students. The students were very enthusiastic about the school.

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

Trustee Chapman is the new DCPIC representative. Trustee Corless is now the Chair of the Board and Trustee Oldman has been elected Vice Chair of the Board. Trustee Chapman is a former member of the DCPIC and is a member of the Finance committee. Trustee Chapman welcomed the DCPIC committee to attend the Finance committee meetings as they are a public meeting, and all are welcome to attend. She noted that it is

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## **REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS Cont'd**

important to have a DCPIC representative at the Finance committee meeting. Trustee Chapman attended the Fr. Fenelon CS opening and commended the planning committee for building an accessible school. Trustee Chapman acknowledged the work done by the St. John the Evangelist community, as they were successful in obtaining \$5,000.00 for their playground.

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

B. Camozzi, Resource to the DCPIC provided the committee with a summary of recent Board events. The Year of Mercy began September 10<sup>th</sup>. The Catholic Children's Foundation is in its third year. The third Annual Priests' Appreciation Breakfast was held today, with a great turnout from the community. Board students, staff and parents raised over \$30,000 for Project Hope. The Board is still taking public input for the Asthma Friendly Schools (Ryan's Law) policy. Every school will be getting an asthma package and be required to complete a student asthma plan. The next Policy meeting is February 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Superintendent Camozzi commended the DCPIC for their advocacy for families and Catholic communities. Superintendent Leclair will be the new resource for the DCPIC effective January 25, 2016.

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

J. Clancy provided the committee with an overview on the PRO Grant Literacy/Numeracy projects which will be held tentatively March 30, 31<sup>st</sup> for Literacy and April 4<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> for Numeracy with a webcast and live in-person audience in the conference centre.

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

R. Romain shared that there is an increasing awareness on Twitter and Facebook. The Communications committee wants to support the PRO grant initiative through Facebook and Twitter. The next newsletter will be published in the Spring, during the week of April 11<sup>th</sup>. He will be requesting input from the chairs. Josephine-Dora Spitale and Karolina Baker will look after Facebook and twitter notifications. The next Communications Sub-Committee meeting will be held February 4th @ 6:00 pm

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

Deferred.

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

P. Palumbo thanked the DCPIC members who came out to support the Family Advent Craft night held December 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Monica CS. Everyone enjoyed themselves and it was a great success.

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## **REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS Cont'd**

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

R. Damianopoulos provided the committee with an overview of the meeting last Tuesday. Work on reviewing the DCPIC by-laws continues. The draft by-laws will be reviewed by legal council. The committee will report back with revised by-laws once the review process is complete. The Policy Sub-Committee will discuss building capacity for policy review at its next meeting. All DCPIC members are welcome to attend the sub-committee meetings.

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

R. Lopresti provided the committee with a proposed budget for this year. J. Clancy requested \$400.00 for a video conferencing service. The committee is in favour of this expense. It is the hope of the committee that by providing video conferencing, this will reduce mileage expenses for sub-committee meetings.

### **Motion No. DCPIC2016-01-07-04 DCPIC Budget Amendment**

Moved by R. Romain, seconded by B. Ali

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approves  
The amendment to the 2015-2016 budget to reflect the purchase of a video  
conferencing service.”

Carried

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The DCPIC meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

### **Motion No. DCPIC2016-01-07-04 Adjournment**

Moved by K. Beatty, seconded by T. Aitcheson

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

Carried

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Linda Dodson Trchala  
Chair, Durham Catholic Parent  
Involvement Committee

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Bob Camozzi  
Superintendent of Education