



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 on **Thursday, October 8, 2015**.

Committee Members

Trevor Aitcheson
Kim Beatty
Melissa Bevan
Tom Brennan
Tricia Chapman - Trustee
Jonathan Clancy
Teresa Corless
Linda Dodson Trchala
Richard Damianopoulos
Roxanne Horwitz – Chair
Susie Lee-Fernandes
Rose LoPresti
Ken Lyons
Joni MacLean
Amanda McLaurin
Melanie O'Neill
Paulette Palumbo
Chris Szent-Ivany

Regrets

Christina Dodds
Dana Moxum
Rodney Romain
Cristina Melick
Dominc Pullano
Amanda Roffey

Staff Present

Bob Camozzi
Lorrie MacIntosh

Guest

Bibi Ali
Karolina Baker
Stephanie Hewitt
Donna Quinn - OECTA
Rep.
Josephine-Dora Spitale

CALL TO ORDER

Item a.1 **Opening Prayer**

J. McLean offered the opening prayer.

Item a.2 **Welcome and Courtesies**

Chair Horwitz called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm and welcomed all committee members to the October 8, 2015 meeting. DCPIC members shared good new events of their respective schools.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions to the Printed Agenda

Nil.

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

Item b.1 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion No. DCPIC2015-10-08-01 **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by T. Aitcheson, seconded by R. Romain

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the October 8, 2015, Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Agenda.”

Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item c.1 The Next Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting will be held November 12, 2015.

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 September 10, 2015**

Motion No. DCPIC2015-10-08-02 **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by R. Damianopoulos, seconded by T. Brennan

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the Minutes of the September 10, 2015 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting.”

Carried

Item d.2 **Approval and Election and of 8 Parent Members**

J. Clancy distributed a list of candidates. Dana Moxum has stepped aside. Karolina Baker and Josephine-Dora Spitale are both nominees in attendance. Christina Melick will be joining the committee by phone. Chair Horwitz asked the floor three times for any nominations. Bibi Ally declared her candidacy. Paulette Palumbo, Melissa Bevan, Amanda McLaurin, Rodney Romain, Josephine Dora-Spitale, Karolina Baker and Bibi Ally provided a brief summary of why they wanted to become members of the DCPIC. Shortly after the motion was approved, Christina Melick joined the meeting and another motion to accept her as a parent member was approved.

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN – Cont'd.

Motion No. DCPIC2015-10-08-03

Election and Approval of New Parent Member(s)

Moved by R. LoPresti, seconded by R. Damianopoulos

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the acclaimed committee members; Paulette Palumbo, Melissa Bevan, Amanda McLaurin, Rodney Romain, Josephine Dora-Spitale, Karolina Baker and Bibi Ally.”

Motion No. DCPIC2015-10-08-04

Moved by R. Lopresti, seconded by M. Bevan

"THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the acclaimed member Christina Melick."

Carried

PRESENTATION

Nil.

REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

Chair Horwitz provided an overview of her report (attached). On November 5, 2015, R. Horwitz and L. Dodson Trchala will be attending Cardinal's Dinner.

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

Trustee Chapman congratulated the new members of the DCPIC and shared with the committee that being a past member of the DCPIC was very gratifying and rewarding. At the September 28th Board meeting the Board of Trustees commissioned two new student trustees; Jordan Samaroo from All Saints CSS and Ciara Casalino from Msgr. Paul Dwyer CHS. Trustee Chapman encouraged the committee to come out to one of the Board meetings. Trustee Chapman also attended a presentation by Dr. Mark McGowan on *Witness: Faith as a Verb* for Board staff.

REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – Cont'd

Item f.1.3 **Resource Report**

B. Camozzi, Board Resource to the DCPIC provided the committee with an overview of Board events. Holy Family celebrated their 25th Anniversary on October 3, 2015 and St. Leo, St. Thomas Aquinas and Sir Albert Love Catholic Schools will be celebrating their 50th Anniversaries this year. B. Camozzi gave a brief synopsis of the Student Summit held September 29th and the Walk of Faith that will begin October 20th. He described the Think Tank on the New Evangelization that took place throughout the 2014-2015 school year. He announced that the Durham Catholic Teachers Guild started by a group of teachers is hosting an event on October 26th at St. Leo the Great, Brooklin in the Parish hall, with guest speaker Dr. Josephine Lombardi. All are welcome to attend and tickets are \$20.00 at the door. We are supporting Project Hope in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Toronto. He announced that Diane Mullane, the Board's Mental Health lead through SEAC, will be hosting a parent mental health forum in the New Year. He described the new Board policy entitled "*Community Concern Protocol*" that passed first reading at the Board Policy meeting held October 5, 2015 and a discussion was held regarding the mandate of the DCPIC for the benefit of new members.

Item f.1.4 **Nominations Sub-committee Report**

Nil.

Item f.1.5 **PRO Grant Sub-committee Report**

J. Clancy shared that we have been approved for \$15,000.00. We are looking to do six on-line sessions for parents highlighting numeracy and literacy hoping for January/February. We are still looking at media options and value any input you have to offer. We will schedule a meeting for early November.

Item f.1.6 **Communications Sub-committee Report**

The committee met just prior to tonight's meeting. K. Beatty shared that the committee is currently working on two newsletters, hoping to distribute in the first one in the first two weeks of December. Sub-Committee Chairs are asked to submit their messages at the November meeting. iCloud and Sharepoint options were discussed and an email will be submitted to R. Rodriguez requesting access. The "Contact Us" page will now have a DCPIC member email button to log in and to allow access to Sharepoint to enable all members to work on the same document during a virtual meeting. Committee members will now have access to "GoTo Meetings" please contact L. MacIntosh.

REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – Cont'd

Item f.1.7 School Council Outreach Sub-Committee Report

The Annual **Commissioning Mass** is on October 28th. Keynote speak is Marysia Parry from Free the Children (Me to We). The event will run from 8:30-12:00 noon. The committee requests that all available members help to set up the night before. On November 25th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. a **School Council Boot Camp** will be held at St. Bernadette CS. Jacqui Strachan, Engagement Director from People for Education is our key-note speaker. Please email M. Bevan if you are able to help out at either event.

Item f.1.8 Faith Formation Sub-Committee Report

The committee met last night and a date will be confirmed shortly for the Advent Night at Msgr. Phillip Coffey CS. The committee asks that the parish listing be updated on the website and more accessible way to find the list on the website as well. We are looking forward to Volunteer Award Ceremony in April.

Item f.1.9 Policy Sub-Committee Report

L. Dodson Trchla shared that they held their first meeting October 1st. The committee reviews Board policies and procedures that are currently out for stakeholder/staff input from the Board. The committee is currently looking at DCPIC By-Laws and will hopefully be meeting next week.

Item f.1.10 Budget Sub-Committee Report

Superintendent Camozzi provided the committee with the 2014-2015 budget report.

ADJOURNMENT

The DCPIC meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Motion No. DCPIC2015-10-08-05 **Adjournment**

Moved by P. Palumbo, seconded by R. Romain

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting of Thursday, October 8, 2015, adjourn.”

Carried

Roxanne Horwitz
Chair, Durham Catholic Parent
Involvement Committee

Bob Camozzi
Superintendent of Education