



## 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, October 6, 2016.**

### **Committee Members**

Trevor Aitcheson  
Karolina Baker  
Judy Bear  
Kim Beatty  
Melissa Bevan  
Tom Brennan  
Tricia Chapman – Trustee  
Jon Clancy -Teleconference  
Linda Dodson Trchala  
Rose LoPresti  
Ken Lyons  
Melanie O’Neill  
Andrea Sullivan  
Chris Szent-Ivany

### **Regrets**

Bibi Ali  
Erin Groat  
Kim Kehoe  
Rodney Romain  
Amanda Roffey  
Josephine-Dora Spitale

### **Staff Present**

Rosemary Leclair  
Cynthia Mackey

### **Guest**

Bob Camozzi  
Camilla Brown  
Monica Chevalier  
Kamille Rambally

## **CALL TO ORDER**

### **Item a.1**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Chris Szent-Ivany offered the opening prayer.

### **Item a.2**

### **WELCOME AND COURTESIES**

Superintendent Leclair called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. and welcomed all committee members to the October 6, 2016 meeting.  
A welcome was also extended to new Principal representative Andrea Sullivan, new Teacher Representative Judy Bear, and new Non-Teaching Representative Amanda Roffey.  
Jon Clancy, attending electronically, was also acknowledged.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

#### **Motion No. DCPIC2016-10-06-01**                    **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by M. Bevan, seconded by R. Lo Presti

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the October 6, 2016 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Agenda.”

Carried

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Item c.1**                    The next Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting will be held Thursday, November 3, 2016.

## **ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN**

### **Item d.1**                    **APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE DURHAM CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF September 8, 2016**

#### **Motion No. DCPIC2016-10-06-02**                    **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by M. O'Neill, seconded by K. Beatty

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the Minutes of the September 8, 2016 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting.”

Carried

### **Item d.2**                    **ELECTION OF 3 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

Superintendent Leclair reviewed the role of Community Representatives and called 3 times for nominations. Melanie O'Neill, Kim Beatty, and Tom Brennan indicated that they wish to declare their candidacy for the positions and were acclaimed.

### **Item d.3**                    **ELECTION OF 9 DCPIC PARENT MEMBERS**

Superintendent Leclair reviewed the DCPIC By-laws in reference to the role of parent representatives and opened the floor to nominations for 9 parent representatives.

**Item d.3**      **Election of 9 DCPIC Parent Members – continued**

Linda Dodson Trchala, Rose Lo Presti and Ken Lyons were present and had submitted their nominations to the Committee.

Kamille Rambally, Monica Chevalier and Camilla Brown, having previously submitted their nominations to the Committee, were present and confirmed their candidacy.

Each candidate was invited to provide a brief summary of why they would like to either continue in their roles or become new parent representatives of DCPIC.

Trevor Aitcheson joined the meeting and submitted his nomination.

Superintendent Leclair called 3 times for further nominations. The new parent representatives were acclaimed. There are 2 vacancies remaining to be filled.

**Item d.4**      **ELECTION OF DCPIC CHAIR**

Superintendent Leclair reviewed the role of the Chair as per DCPIC By-laws and called for nominations.

R. Lo Presti nominated Linda Dodson Trchala. Superintendent Leclair called 3 times for further nominations. L. Dodson Trchala was asked if she is willing to stand? Yes.

Congratulations were extended by the Committee.

**Item d.5**      **ELECTION OF DCPIC VICE-CHAIR**

Superintendent Leclair reviewed the role of the Vice-Chair as per DCPIC By-laws and called for nominations.

T. Aitcheson nominated Rose Lo Presti. Superintendent Leclair called 3 times for further nominations. R. Lo Presti was asked if she was willing to stand? Yes.

Congratulations were extended by the Committee.

**Item d.6**      **ELECTION OF SECRETARY**

Superintendent reviewed the role of Secretary as per DCPIC By-laws and called for nominations.

K. Beatty nominated Melissa Bevan. Superintendent Leclair called 3 times for further nominations. M. Bevan was asked if she was willing to stand? Yes.

Congratulations were extended by the Committee.

**REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Item f.1.1**      **CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Dodson Trchala submitted her report as attached. A welcome was extended to Cynthia Mackey as new Recording Secretary to the DCPIC. Chair Dodson Trchala announced the dates for upcoming events including the Annual Commissioning Mass on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Item f.1.2 TRUSTEE REPORT**

Trustee Chapman congratulated the new members of DCPIC and welcomed them as part of an innovative group who share their talents in the spirit of learning and leadership and which is an inspiration to our families.

The following updates were shared from the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 26:

- Rededication Ceremonies will be held in October at St. André Bessette CS, St. John Paul II CS, St. John XXIII CS, and St. Teresa of Calcutta CS.
- In recognition of the traditional lands of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island, the Acknowledgement of Traditional Land/Territory Prayer has been proposed to open Board meetings.

Trustee Chapman recently had the opportunity to represent the Board of Trustees at Msgr. John Pereyema Catholic Secondary School while hosting delegates from Simcoe Muskoka District School Board. The delegates visited the school to learn about best practices and gain knowledge of the grade 7 to 12 model which has been in place for a year. Student voice is extremely important; therefore it was a particularly great experience to receive input from the students themselves.

### **Item f.1.3 RESOURCE REPORT**

Superintendent Leclair provided an update on areas of focus at the system level. October is designated as Indigenous (First Nation, Métis and Inuit) Education Awareness Month – schools were provided with resources to encourage exploration and understanding of indigenous perspectives through prayer, reflection and classroom resource. Further celebrations will take place in June which is a national month of recognition. The Ministry has introduced a Renewed Math Strategy, and the system is implementing a variety of supports to address student achievement in mathematics. This year is designated as the Year of Community under the Board's New Evangelization 3-Year Plan. Upcoming activities include the System Wide Mass on October 3 and the second annual Student Summit for secondary student leaders on October 18. Secondary students will be planning faith-based activities to engage their associate elementary schools and a video for the Year of Community is being prepared.

Superintendent Leclair invited Superintendent Bob Camozzi to provide an update on the Whitby Secondary School Study – all are invited to the next public meeting on October 18 at Father Leo J. Austin Secondary School.

### **Item f.1.5 PRO GRANT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

K. Baker shared the following report:

The DCPIC made a Pro-Grant application to the Ministry of Education in the amount of \$30,000.00 and was awarded \$12,500.00 to fund projects in the 2016/2017 school year. We will manage the funding to host three events as planned even though we did not receive the full amount of \$30,000 as requested.

**Item f.1.5 Pro Grant Sub-Committee Report - continued**

Year of Mindfulness for Parents begins Nov.1<sup>st</sup> at the Parent Resource Centre and will continue on for the year, each week until June 2017. A schedule of dates and times will be posted on [www.dcpic.ca](http://www.dcpic.ca). Childminding will be provided. We will also host a Healthy Mind, Body and Spirit Symposium, Feb.11, 2017 at All Saints C.S, Whitby. Josephine-Dora Spitale will be the lead on this event. Our third event will be a presentation by Paul Davis on April 20, 2017. He is one of Canada's leading internet safety experts and through his presentation will help empower parents and age 13+ students to feel safe and in control of technology they use every day. Both the Symposium and Paul Davis will also be broadcast live via the internet to help reach parents who cannot attend. A communication plan is being rolled out with flyers to our students and information being posted on our website, Facebook page, Twitter feed and published on our newsletter.

**Item f.1.6 COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

Based on feedback from the year-end survey, the sub-committee is working on the Newsletter which will be ready soon and will provide information about DCPIC:

- Who we are;
- What we offer;
- When we meet.

A task force within the Communications Committee will be created to look at revamping the year-end survey – anyone who would like to join is welcome.

Linda Dodson Trchala added that the new DCPIC website is up and running – the hope is to populate it with relevant information on a variety of topics for parents, including student achievement and well-being, homework tips, and information for Catholic School Councils and how to run them. All members are encouraged to share information.

**Item f.1.7 SCHOOL COUNCIL OUTREACH SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

M. Bevan shared the date of the DCPIC Commissioning Mass – Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at the Pope Francis Centre, and asked for assistance from anyone who is able to help out with the event. Ideas for discussion and collaboration include round table discussions with other school members. Ideas for Team-Building activities would be welcome. M. O'Neill suggested an exercise where members switch tables at intervals in order to facilitate a broader range of sharing of ideas.

**Item f.1.8 FAITH FORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

R. Lo Presti did not have a report but encouraged the input of other members for ideas and activities – perhaps a speaker. Anyone wishing to join the sub-committee is welcome.

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**Item f.1.9    POLICY SUBCOMITTEE REPORT**

The representative for this subcommittee has resigned the position. L. Dodson Trchala reviewed the role of the subcommittee as providing review and feedback on DCDSB policies. The DCPIC By-laws are also reviewed every 3 years but this took place in the spring and will not occur until 2019. Anyone is welcome to participate in this subcommittee.

**Motion No. DCPIC2016-10-06-03            Purchase Tickets for the Cardinal's Dinner**

Moved by M. Bevan, seconded by M. O'Neill

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee purchase two tickets for the Chair and Vice-Chair to attend the Cardinal's Dinner”

Carried

**Motion No. DCPIC2016-10-06-04            Submission of DCPIC Minutes**

Moved by K. Baker, seconded by T. Brennan

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the submission of the meeting minutes to the Durham Catholic Board of Trustees in the same month that the meeting occurs.”

Carried

**ADJOURNMENT**

The DCPIC meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. Ken Lyons offered the closing prayer.

**Motion No. DCPIC2016-10-06-05            Adjournment**

Moved by T. Brennan, seconded by T. Aitcheson

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting of Thursday, October 6, 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

Recording Secretary: Cynthia Mackey