



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 10, 2019**.

Committee Members

Trustee Tricia Chapman
Melissa Bevan
Rose LoPresti
Erin Groat
Linda Dodson-Trchala
Candice Belmontes
Camilla Brown
Kimerbly Chisholm
Nancy Henry
Christina Melick
Josie Mullin
Cynthia Scott
Chris Szent-Ivany
Andrea Sullivan
Lara Spiers
Amanda Roffey

Regrets

Madonna Augustus
Maryanne Obwaka
Andrea Gagliardi
Angela Kielbowski
Tom Brennan
Adedoyin Adesemowo
Melanie O'Neill

Staff Present

Rosemary Leclair

CALL TO ORDER

Item a.1 **OPENING PRAYER**

Vice-Chair LoPresti opened with the Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory and Lara Spiers offered the Opening Prayer.

Item a.2 **WELCOME AND COURTESIES**

Vice-Chair LoPresti called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. and welcomed all committee members to the January 10, 2019 meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item b.1 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion No. DCPIC2019-01-10-01 **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Erin Groat, seconded by Christina Melick

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the January 10, 2019 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Agenda as printed.”

Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item c.1 The next Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2019.

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 November 7, 2018.**

Motion No. DCPIC2019-01-10-02 **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Kimberly Chisholm, seconded by Erin Groat.

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the Minutes of the November 7, 2018 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting.”

Carried.

PRESENTATION**Item e.1 Technology Tools to Support DCPIC Communications and Collaboration – Ronald Rodriguez, Chief Information Officer, DCDSB**

R. Rodriguez introduced himself and provided an overview of ICT initiatives in the DCDSB over the past five years to enhance workflow, communication with parents, and infrastructure to support student achievement. He also shared information about the use of Office 365 for DCPIC members including the use of the dedicated DCPIC SharePoint site for information sharing and collaboration.

Item e.2 STEM Learning Initiatives in the DCDSB – Brian Chen and Michael P. Cain, Teaching and Learning Consultants, DCDSB

Brian Chen and Michael P. Cain shared a presentation with committee members that provided an overview of STEM initiatives (both past and present) in the DCDSB with a focus on the evolution of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) to include the Arts (STEAM) and Religious Education (STREAM).

REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**Item f.1 Standing Items****Item f.1.1 CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Bevan thanked everyone for their attendance at the Christmas social and for signing up for the sub-committees. Members were invited to provide their preferred email contact in order to begin collaboration through our SharePoint Site.

Chair Bevan indicated that evening sub-committee meetings may take place at the Oshawa Campus of Archbishop Anthony Meagher Catholic Continuing Education Centre on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Members were asked to contact Superintendent Leclair and/or Lori Jones to arrange as needed.

Chair Bevan advised the committee that the DCDSB is now accepting nominations to the Distinguished Catholic Alumni Award 2019 through the online submission form accessible on either the DCDSB website or school webpages. She noted that the

DCPIC call for nominations for the Distinguished Catholic Volunteer Awards 2019 will be released in the near future, as well, through Superintendent Leclair's office.

Chair Bevan reminded and encouraged members to attend both the upcoming Math Café on January 15, 2019 and the 50th Anniversary Leadership Celebration on January 23, 2019.

Finally, Chair Bevan invited DCPIC members to consider offering their support towards the organization of the 50th Anniversary Family Picnic scheduled for Sunday, June 2nd, 2019. Further details to be shared at future meetings.

Item f.1.2 TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Chapman introduced herself as the new Trustee Designate to the committee along with Trustee Ste. Marie who will serve as alternate. Trustee Chapman indicated that she will also be serving as Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Chapman was pleased to share that she attended the official blessing of the new All Saints Arts and Media Program theatre and learning spaces on December 19, 2018. She noted that this was a wonderful celebration of our new regional program.

Trustee Chapman reminded committee members that registration for French Immersion is currently open and that Kindergarten Registration opens through the online application system on Monday, January 14, 2019.

Trustee Chapman encouraged members of the DCPIC to attend the upcoming 50th Anniversary Leadership Celebration of the Board hosted at Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School on January 23, 2019 beginning at 6:30pm.

Item f.1.3 RESOURCE REPORT

Superintendent Leclair echoed Chair Bevan's thanks to all committee members who were able to attend the annual Christmas social which was a wonderful opportunity for fellowship.

Superintendent Leclair encouraged committee members to attend the next Math Café to be held at Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School, in the Learning Commons on Tuesday, January 15th. She also indicated that the Math at Home Kits have been distributed to the schools and school staff are working on sharing the resources at the

classroom level and providing students with the opportunity to become proficient with the tasks in support of building fundamental math skills.

Superintendent Leclair was pleased to report that the Board had received notification from the Ministry of Education that a number of Parent Reaching Out Grants had been approved prior to the Christmas Break. A contact at the Ministry of Education indicated there were an overwhelming number of grant proposals submitted (an increase of 20% over the previous year), and not all projects were approved due to the overwhelming number of applicants both at the local school and regional level.

Superintendent Leclair congratulated committee member Melanie O'Neill on her recent appointment to the Indigenous Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB).

Item f.1.5 COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Candice Belmontes-Deonarayan indicated that the Fall Newsletter was distributed to parents electronically. Some hard copies were sent to each school for parents to access as well. She indicated that she was looking forward to working with other sub-committee members on the next edition of the newsletter to be published this winter.

Item f.1.6 SCHOOL COUNCIL OUTREACH SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Deferred

Item f.1.7 FAITH FORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Superintende Leclair announced that Luke Stoking has been invited to make a presentation at the February Meeting to share information about this year's Development and Peace Campaign.

Item f.1.8 POLICY SUBCOMITTEE REPORT

Cynthia Scott thanked sub-committee members for joining. She noted that one meeting had taken place prior to the addition of new members, and therefore a second meeting woule be scheduled within the next week. Sub-committee members were asked to look for the email inviting them to the team site.

Item f.1.9 BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Deferred

ADJOURNMENT

The DCPIC meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.. Chris Szent-Ivany offered the closing prayer.

Motion No. DCPIC2019-01-10-03 **Adjournment**

Moved by Rose LoPresti seconded by Erin Groat.

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting of Thursday, January 10, 2019, adjourn.”

Carried

Melissa Bevan
Chair, Durham Catholic Parent
Involvement Committee

Rosemary Leclair
Superintendent of Education

Recording Secretary: Lori Jones