



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 15, 2018.**

Committee Members

Trevor Aitcheson
Judy Bear
Candice Belmontes-Deonarayan
Tom Brennan
Camilla Brown
Nancy Henry
Natalie John
Rose LoPresti
Kamille Rambally (teleconference)
John Rinella - Trustee
Cynthia Scott
Andrea Sullivan
Chris Szent-Ivany

Regrets

Adedowyin Adesemo
Melissa Bevan
Theresa Corless
Linda Dodson-Trchala
Erin Groat
Lori Jones
Hannah Kent
Ken Lyons
Babajide Ogundare
Caroline Ogundare
Amanda Roffey
Josephine-Dora Spitale

Staff Present

Rosemary Leclair

CALL TO ORDER

Item a.1

OPENING PRAYER

Vice-Chair LoPresti opened with the Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory and C. Szent-Ivany offered the Opening Prayer.

Item a.2

WELCOME AND COURTESIES

Vice-Chair LoPresti called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and welcomed all committee members to the February 15, 2018 meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item b.1 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion No. DCPIC2018-02-15-01 **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by C. Scott, seconded by C. Brown

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the February 15, 2018 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Agenda as printed.”

Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item c.1 The next Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting will be held Thursday, March 22, 2018.

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 9, 2017**

Motion No. DCPIC2018-02-15-02 **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by T. Brennan seconded by C. Scott

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the Minutes of the November 9, 2017 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting.”

PRESENTATION

Item e.1 “Prevalent Medical Conditions” Policy Consultation
(Superintendent Bob Camozzi)

Superintendent Camozzi shared that under PPM 161, the Ministry of Education has given direction to Ontario School Boards to develop and maintain a policy/policies to support students in schools who have asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, and/or are at risk for anaphylaxis. These medical conditions, as per the PPM, will now be referred to as “prevalent medical conditions”, and a policy direction to address “prevalent medical conditions” is to be implemented by September 2018.

Superintendent Camozzi shared that the Board has existing policies related to anaphylaxis and asthma, and will be reviewing these policies and procedures along with developing the new policy/procedures as per the requirements of PPM 161. He also

provided the committee with some background and statistics on each of the four prevalent medical conditions and shared the Ministry of Education templates which have been created to develop a Plan of Care in schools for each of the four prevalent medical conditions.

After a review of the information and four Plan of Care templates, Superintendent Camozzi provided an opportunity for questions and committee input. He encouraged the committee members to watch for the draft policies and review them carefully for further input through the dcdsb.ca policy input process.

REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

F.1 **Standing Items**

Item f.1.1 **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Vice-Chair LoPresti shared a framework that outlined the purpose of each DCPIC Sub-Committee. Existing members of the sub-committees were confirmed by those in attendance. All members were encouraged to join one sub-committee and consider their preferences in that regard.

Vice-Chair LoPresti shared a renewed framework for supporting local Catholic School Councils. Historically, committee members were assigned as DCPIC contact persons, and were asked to engage in direct outreach with a number of schools. Moving forward, the Chair will send an e-mail to all Catholic School Council Chairs indicating that the committee is available to provide resource and that any questions could be sent to the central intake e-mail for the DCPIC. The committee would also ask Catholic School Councils to share best practice ideas and resources which the DCPIC would document through dcpic.ca. Through the sharing of best practice and providing a consistent means by which local Catholic School Council Chairs can contact the committee, the hope is to better serve the needs of our schools.

Item f.1.2 **TRUSTEE REPORT**

Trustee Rinella was very pleased to share in the Ministry of Education's announcement of a replacement school to be built on the current site of St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic School in Whitby. The Board looks forward to providing staff, students and families in this community with a new and innovative learning environment, projected to open in 2020. He also noted that the Ministry of Education also announced funding for two new full service childcare centre additions to be built at Good Shepherd Catholic School in Port Perry, and Monsignor Philip Coffey Catholic School in Oshawa.

Trustee Rinella shared that at the recent Board Meeting, staff presented an annual update on the Long Term Accommodation Plan, which outlines future vision and projects (subject to Ministry approval) which will respond to the growing needs in our region for, e.g. new schools and childcare centres, etc. The plan can be found on the Board website within the posted Agenda for the January Board Meeting.

Trustee Rinella encouraged parents to attend the Special Education Advisory Committee's Parents as Partners Event featuring keynote speaker Dr. Jean Clinton. The theme is Connection is Key: Promoting Positive Mental Health and it takes place Thursday, February 27, 2018, from 5:30 – 8:30pm at Father Leo J. Austin CSS. Several break-out sessions are planned as well as the keynote address.

Lastly, Trustee Rinella thanked the committee for hosting a very successful Advent Family Movie in December. This was a wonderful way to build community and also give back to the community during our Year of Service through the collection for The Refuge Oshawa. He expressed that committee efforts to promote parent engagement and faith formation are very much appreciated.

Item f.1.3 RESOURCE REPORT

Superintendent Leclair offered sincere thanks and appreciation for Melanie O'Neill in her role as DCPIC Community Rep. Melanie submitted her resignation indicating that she was moving on to new opportunities. Superintendent Leclair thanked her for her contributions to the committee and the work she did in recent years as our Faith Formation lead.

Superintendent Leclair shared that the Indigenous Education department of the Board, under Superintendent Barill and Lead James MacKinnon, invite any interested DCPIC member to attend a learning session with Dr. Niigaan Sinclair. Dr. Sinclair has presented to staff previously and is returning to build our knowledge of Indigenous culture and perspectives. His presentation "What Does Reconciliation Look Like?" is being offered for teachers and administrators on March 1, 2018 at Camp Samac.

Superintendent Leclair noted that our schools have now entered into the season of Lent with the observance of Ash Wednesday on February 14th. We continue to pray for our staff, students and families as they spend the next 6 weeks in a period of self-reflection and renewal that is meant to bring us closer to God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. She was proud to report that all of our schools embrace this faith tradition through their acts of service, liturgies, daily prayers and classroom learning across the system.

Looking ahead, she asked committee members to save the date for the Distinguished Catholic Volunteer Awards Ceremony and Reception which will take place this year on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 (National Volunteer Week) at Msgr. Paul Dwyer CHS, as well as the date for the 5th annual Durham Catholic Children's Foundation Dinner on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at the Jubilee Pavillion in Oshawa.

Item f.1.4 PRO GRANT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Deferred.

Item f.1.5 COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

C. Belmontes-Deonarayan noted that the DCPIIC Winter Newsletter has been prepared and is ready for distribution. She asked the committee to consider moving to a paperless delivery model for the newsletters to model stewardship of creation and support the schools in their Eco-Schools initiatives. Following a discussion of the pros and cons, it was decided to distribute hard copies of the Winter Newsletters according to past practice, and to add a note in the newsletter indicating that future editions would be distributed electronically through Board e-mail push-out to parents/guardians and via social media. A limited number of hard copies could also be provided for the schools to have on hand in the offices and to provide to parents who do not receive electronic communications.

Item f.1.6 SCHOOL COUNCIL OUTREACH SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Deferred.

Item f.1.7 FAITH FORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Deferred.

Item f.1.8 POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Deferred.

Item f.1.9 BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Deferred.

ADJOURNMENT

The DCPIIC meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. J. Bear offered the closing prayer.

Motion No. DCPIIC2018-02-15-03 Adjournment

Moved T. Aitcheson. Seconded by N. Henry.

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting of Thursday, February 15, 2018, adjourn.”

Carried

Linda Dodson-Trchala
Chair, Durham Catholic Parent
Involvement Committee

Rosemary Leclair
Superintendent of Education

Recording Secretary: Lori Jones