



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, September 14, 2017.**

Committee Members

Kim Beatty
Melissa Bevan
Tom Brennan
Camilla Brown
Theresa Corless
Rose Lo Presti
Melanie O'Neill
Kamille Rambally
Rodney Romain
Amanda Roffey
Josephine-Dora Spitale
Andrea Sullivan

Regrets

Trevor Aitcheson
Bibi Ally
Judy Bear
Linda Dodson Trchala
Erin Groat
Sofie Kehdi
Kim Kehoe
Hannah Kent
Ken Lyons
Babajide Ogundare
Caroline Ogundare
John Rinella
Chris Szent-Ivany

Staff Present

Rosemary Leclair
Lori Jones

CALL TO ORDER

Item a.1 **OPENING PRAYER**

Vice-Chair Rose Lo Presti opened with the Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory and M. O'Neill offered the opening prayer.

Item a.2 **WELCOME AND COURTESIES**

Vice-Chair Lo Presti called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. and welcomed all committee members to the September 14, 2017 meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item b.1 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion No. DCPIC2017-09-14-01 **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by M. Bevan, seconded by J. Spitale

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the September 14, 2017 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, October 5, 2017.

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 May 11, 2017**

Motion No. DCPIC2017-09-14-02 **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by M. Bevan seconded by J. Spitale

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the Minutes of the May 11, 2017 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting.”

Carried

PRESENTATION

Item e.1 **Review of Committee Member Terms/Vacancies**

Vice-Chair Lo Presti reviewed position terms of the Committee members, in order to identify vacancies. Six vacancies were identified for the position of Parent Representative and one vacancy for the position of Community Representative. Two resignations were received. Amanda Roffey will proceed to advertise openings.

REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

F.1 **Standing Items**

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

Deferred.

Item f.1.2 **TRUSTEE REPORT**

Trustee Corless thanked the Committee members for their service with a special mention to Kim Beatty and Rodney Romain for their contributions to the Committee.

She shared the date of the first Regular Board Meeting of the DCDSB to be held on September 25, 2017. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

She shared information on the Faith in Our Future Video Contest for students in grades 4 to 12 being offered by the Ontario Catholic School Trustee Association, directing members to www.ocsta.on.ca (Media Centre tab) for further details.

Item f.1.3 **RESOURCE REPORT**

Superintendent Leclair welcomed Lori Jones, her new Sr. Administrative Assistant, who will be assisting on the DCPIC Committee.

She introduced the Board's spiritual theme of the Year of Service under the New Evangelization Plan. Staff, students and families will be encouraged to reflect on our shared commitment to serve others, as Jesus did, through a variety of activities throughout the year.

She shared information from Diane Mullane, DCDSB Mental Health Lead, promoting a Family Night on October 5, 2017 at Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences (Growing Up in a Body Obsessed Culture) which is being presented in partnership with DCDSB.

She also shared information from James MacKinnon, DCDSB Indigenous Education Lead Consultant, who is organizing a featured speaker event for parents with Dr. Niigaan Sinclair on October 26th, 2017. Further details to be shared at the next meeting.

She offered special thanks to the members of the DCPIC for their service and dedication last year, making special mention of Karolina Baker for her contributions to the committee.

Item f.1.4 **PRO GRANT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

Deferred

Item f.1.5 COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Kim Beatty provided an update on plans for the DCPIC Newsletter during the 2017/18 academic year. Members were encouraged to submit content for the Fall edition prior to September 22nd, 2017. The scope of the newsletter will be based on feedback from the DCPIC year-end survey (June 2017), and content areas identified as important to parents. A Fall, Winter and Spring edition will be prepared over the course of the year.

Social media account management was discussed as the sub-committee begins planning for a new year.

Item f.1.6 SCHOOL COUNCIL OUTREACH SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Melissa Bevan provided an update on the annual Commissioning Mass/Orientation for Catholic School Council Chairs being held on October 25, 2017 at 8:30 am at the Pope Francis Conference Centre.

The newly revised DCPIC Handbook for CSC Chairs will be shared. The committee discussed opportunities for DCPIC members to provide an orientation through the sharing of this resource.

Item f.1.7 FAITH FORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Melanie O'Neill provided information on proposed activities to support faith formation throughout the upcoming year, including an Lenten Family Craft Night, A Family Movie Night and a learning session with Dr. Josephine Lombardi. The committee expressed support to move forward in the next stages of planning for these proposed events, with details to follow.

Item f.1.8 POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Deferred

Item f.1.9 BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Deferred

ADJOURNMENT

The DCPIC meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. M. O'Neill offered the closing prayer.

Motion No. DCPIC2017-09-14-03

Adjournment

Moved by K. Beatty, seconded by T. Brennan.

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting of
Thursday, September 14, 2017, adjourn.”

Carried

Linda Dodson-Trchala
Chair, Durham Catholic Parent
Involvement Committee

Rosemary Leclair
Superintendent of Education

Recording Secretary: Lori Jones