

**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 13, 2018.**

**Committee Members**

Melissa Bevan  
Candice Belmontes-  
Deonarayan  
Tom Brennan  
Camilla Brown  
Nancy Henry  
Babajide Ogundare  
Caroline Ogundare  
Amanda Roffey  
Cynthia Scott  
Adedowyin Adesemowo  
Erin Groat  
Andrea Sullivan  
Trustee - Theresa Corless

**Regrets**

Natalie John  
Chris Szent-Ivany  
Linda Dodson-Trchala  
Hannah Kent  
Ken Lyons  
Kamille Rambally  
Rose LoPresti

**Staff Present**

Rosemary Leclair  
Lori Jones

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Item a.1**                    **OPENING PRAYER**

The meeting was opened with the Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory and Andrea Sullivan offered the Opening Prayer.

**Item a.2**                    **WELCOME AND COURTESIES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. and Superintendent Leclair welcomed all committee members to the September 13, 2018 meeting.

Melissa Bevan arrived at 8:00 p.m. to chair the meeting.

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## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

#### **Motion No. DCPIC2018-09-13-01**                    **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by E. Groat, seconded by C. Scott

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the September 13, 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, October 4, 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 May, 17, 2018**

#### **Motion No. DCPIC2018-09-13-02**                    **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by C. Scott seconded by A. Adesemowo

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the Minutes of the May 17, 2018 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting.”

## **PRESENTATION**

### **Item e.1**                    **Indigenous Education – James MacKinnon & Melanie O’Neill**

James MacKinnon (Consultant, Teaching & Learning) and Melanie O’Neill (Parent Representative, Indigenous Education Advisory Circle) gave an update on system and school level initiatives aimed at supporting Call to Action #63 under the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s Calls to Action. Highlights of the presentation included providing an overview of the additions to the newly revised Social Studies/History & Geography/Canada and World Studies Curriculum, an explanation of the significance of Orange Shirt Day which will be observed in the schools on Friday, September 28, 2018, and an invitation to partner with the Indigenous Education Advisory Circle through the upcoming year.

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## **REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **F.1**            **Standing Items**

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

Deferred

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

Trustee Corless commended everyone on a great start to the school year and invited everyone to attend the first Regular Board Meeting of the year on Monday, September 24, 2018 which would include the celebration of the Eucharist in honour of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Durham Catholic District School Board. She noted that this will be a special year to partner with schools and promote DCPIC throughout the system. She provided a summary of scheduled activities in honour of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and a schedule of special events was distributed along with a formal invitation to the first Regular Board Meeting.

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

Superintendent Leclair welcomed all members back from summer break and thanked them for their years of service on the committee. It was noted a number of members will reach the end of their two-year terms, and she acknowledged their contributions. She reminded the committee members of the annual election to take place at the October meeting and the process for submitting a nomination form for the position of Parent Representative or application package to the position of Community Representative.

Superintendent Leclair also introduced the Board's spiritual theme for the Year of Joy and explained how this system wide focus aligns well with the spirit of celebration that is taking place through the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. She discussed the significance of joy as rooted in the gospel and shared the Year of Joy posters and artwork which has been distributed to all of the schools and work locations in the system.

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

Superintendent Leclair updated everyone that Camilla Brown will be Chairing the Pro Grant committee this year. Superintendent Leclair also informed everyone that the funds have yet to come in from the Ministry. Once we have confirmation on the amount received planning can go forward. The Teaching and Learning Consultants for Numeracy have developed parent resources and scheduled four Math Cafés to take place across the system. The parent resources will be launched at the Annual Commissioning Mass and Orientation Session for Catholic School Council Chairs and Administrators in October.

**Item f.1.5    COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

C. Belmontes-Deonarayan informed everyone the focus this year on the newsletter would be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Board and an Introduction to the Year of Joy. She will ensure all 50<sup>th</sup> celebration dates will be noted. Lori Jones to send Math Café dates to Candice to add to newsletter.

**Item f.1.6    SCHOOL COUNCIL OUTREACH SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

Melissa Bevan updated everyone on the Commissioning Mass plans underway. The event will take place on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. All are encouraged to try and attend. Recommendation that this year only parents participate in the readings at the Mass. Numeracy will be the focus at the Commissioning Mass focusing on keynote presentation from the Numeracy Consultants. Ideas could include promoting school math challenges, at a system level and on a monthly basis, with some reward at end of year. (ie: pizza party).

**Item f.1.7    FAITH FORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

Deffered

**Item f.1.8    POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

Cynthia Scott and Nancy Henry gave update to the Committee. Information has been added to the shared site for members of the Policy Subcommittee. Cynthia and Nancy have drafted a Reference Guide for the Policy Committee. They will be meeting on October 4, 2018 to review policies and procedures up for review. Once they have met, an invite to the Policy Committee members will be sent out to start reviewing things for this year.

**Item f.1.9    BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

Deffered

**ADJOURNMENT**

The DCPIC meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. Andrea Sullivan said the closing prayer.

**Motion No. DCPIC2018-09-13-03**      **Adjournment**

Moved E. Groat. Seconded by A. Adesemowo.

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting of  
Thursday, September 13, 2018, adjourn.”

**Carried**

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Melissa Bevan  
Secretary, Durham Catholic Parent  
Involvement Committee

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Rosemary Leclair  
Superintendent of Education

Recording Secretary: Lori Jones