



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 on **Thursday, April 9, 2015**.

Committee Members

Trevor Aitcheson
Kim Beatty
Eileen Bright
Theresa Corless
Linda Dodson Trchala
Bruce Gazley
Roxanne Horwitz – Chair
Stan Karwowski
Susie Lee-Fernandes
Rose LoPresti
Jim McCafferty
Jim McGrorey
Joni MacLean
Amanda McLaurin
Chris Szent-Ivany

Regrets

Melissa Bevan
Nancy Carpenter
Rachelle Ezechiels
Tina Newth
Paulette Palumbo
Bernadette Santiago Tan

Staff Present

Gerry O'Reilly
Patti Ritchie

Guests

R. Putnam

CALL TO ORDER

Item a.1 Opening Prayer

Chair Horwitz offered the opening prayer.

Item a.2 Welcome and Courtesies

Chair Horwitz called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm and welcomed all committee members to the April 9th, 2015 meeting. Chair Horwitz welcomed Ryan Putnam, Superintendent of Business who will provide DCPIC members with a presentation on the Board's budget.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item b.1 Additions to the Printed Agenda

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

Item b.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion No. DCPIC0409-01

Approval of Agenda

Moved by E. Bright,

seconded by J. Clancy

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the April 9th, 2015, Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Agenda, as submitted.

Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item c.1 **Next DCPIC Meeting – May 14th, 2015**

Chair Horwitz advised the committee that the next DCPIC will be held in the North & South Boardroom at the Catholic Education Centre, 650 Rossland Road West, Oshawa, ON on Thursday, May 14th, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

Item d.1 **Approval and Signing of Minutes of the Open Session of the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of March 5th, 2015**

Motion No. DCPIC0409-02 **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by R., LoPresti, seconded by L. Dobson Trchala

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the Minutes of the March 5th, 2015 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting, as submitted.”

Carried

Item d.2 **Elections**

The DCPIC committee received 1 nomination resulting from the posting of the nominations/self-nominations form. The candidate was in attendance electronically and was acclaimed to the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee.

Motion No. DCPIC0409-03 **Elections**

Moved by E. Bright, seconded by L. Dodson Trchala

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the acclaimed newly elected member Christina Dodds.”

Carried

PRESENTATION

Item e.1 **Budget**

Superintendent Gerry O'Reilly through the Chair introduced Ryan Putnam, Superintendent of Business – Mr. Putnam provided with a visual presentation around the boards budget. A brief question and answer period followed. Chair Horwitz thanked Superintendent Putnam for his presentation.

REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item f.1.1 **Chair's Report**

Chair Horwitz provided committee members with her report containing information with respect to the following topics:

- Reminder of the Bishops Dinner – May 8th, 2015 at 6:00 pm
- Discussion around the survey to be posted for the Planning Session in August
- Possible creation of Webinars for DCPIC presentations at monthly meetings so parents can access the presentations
- Discussion around the preparation at the Awards events was held

Chair Horwitz discussed the budget around the Awards Event on Monday April 13, 2015, discussion around increasing the budget was held. The following motion was presented.

Motion No. DCPIC0409-04 **Awards Events**

Moved by E. Bright, seconded by J. Clancy

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the additional funding of \$800.00 for the one time purchase of promotional materials”

Carried

Item f.1.2 **Trustee's Report**

Chair of the Board Trustee Jim McCafferty provided some highlights of the Regular Board Meeting of March 23, 2015.

- The Durham Catholic District School Board announced the newly appointed Board of Directors of the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation: Jim McCafferty, DCDSB Chair, Trustee Representative; Theresa Corless, DCDSB Vice-Chair, Trustee Representative; Director of Education/Secretary and Treasurer, Senior Leadership Representative; Chief Financial Officer; Senior Leadership Representative; Principal/Vice-Principal Representative; DCDSB Teaching Representatives; DCDSB Non-Teaching Representative; DCDSB Retiree Representative; Student and Parent Representative; Parish/Clergy Representative and Community representative.
- The Durham Catholic District School Board received as information the 2015-2016 Budget Stakeholder Consultation process.
- The Durham Catholic District School Board received as information the Capital Program – Progress Report dated March 23, 2015.

Item f.1.3 **Resource Report**

Superintendent O'Reilly provided the DCPIC with and update to activities held during the season of Easter in our schools and at the Catholic Education Centre. Friday April 18th, 2015 is a PA Day for students; staff will be involved in Professional Learning sessions during this day. May 4-8th, 2015 is Catholic Education Week for all Catholic schools in the province. The DCDSB will close Catholic Education Week with the Bishops Dinner on Friday evening, May 8th, 2015 at the Jubilee Pavilion in Oshawa.

Item f.1.4 **Policy Sub-committee Report/Policies and Administrative Procedures for Feedback**

Linda Dodson Trchala, Chair of the Policy sub-committee advised that the next meeting will take place on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Item f.1.5 **PRO Grant Sub-Committee Report**

Eileen Bright, Co-Chair of the PRO Grant Sub-committee provided committee members with the results of the Elevated Grounds event held on March 24, 2015 at Notre Dame CSS, Ajax. Ms. Bright discussed advertising for the next DCPIC event the 'Mini Conference' to be held at All Saints on Saturday, April 18th, 2015. Discussion around placing the advertisement on schools web sites was held.

Item f.1.6 **Communications Sub-committee Report**

Kim Beatty, spoke on behalf of the Communication sub-committee advising committee members that a DCPIC Facebook page is in the profile stages. The DCPIC newsletter is in the creation stage, sub-committee members were requested to please provide information for the newsletter. Bruce Gazley, advised that Office 365 will have a connection for the DCPIC to hold discussion groups and place for documents to be shared with committee members – Mr. Gazley is in the process of uploading to all DCPIC members.

Item f.1.7 **School Council Outreach Sub-committee Report**

Nil

Item f.1.8 **Faith Formation Sub-committee Report**

Rose LoPresti, Chair of the Faith Formation sub-committee advised of the success of the Craft Night held on March 31, 2015 at Blessed Pope John Paul II CS, Brooklin. Parental response was encouraging and suggestions were made that another Craft Night take place prior to Christmas as well. Thank you to Deacon Dominic Pullano for the liturgy presentation to parents and their children.

Item f.1.9 **Budget**

Rose LoPresti provided the DCPIC balance update for the remainder of the school year.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Horwitz advised that the Ministry of Education will consult with parents once again the Physical and Health Sexual Education Curriculum. The Ministry of Education – Barrie Region will hold a two day consultation session April 21-22, 2015. This session will be represented by the DCDSB’s Consultant for Religious and Family Life Education. Chair Horwitz extended an invitation to any DCPIC member who wishes to participate.

The PIC symposium has approved 5 members from the DCPIC to attend – presently 2 members are confirmed to attend - 3 spaces are available please advised Chair Horwitz if you wish to attend on April 24-25, 2015.

The DCPIC meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Motion No. DCPIC0409-05

Adjournment

Moved by S. Karwowski

seconded by E. Bright

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting of Thursday, April 9th, 2015, adjourn.”

Carried

Roxanne Horwitz
Chair, Durham Catholic Parent
Involvement Committee

Gerry O’Reilly
Superintendent of Education