



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, January 8, 2015.**

Committee Members

Trevor Aitcheson
Melissa Bevan
Kim Beatty
Eileen Bright
Nancy Carpenter
Theresa Corless
Linda Dodson Trchala
Rachelle Ezechiels
Roxanne Horwitz – Chair
Stan Karwowski
Susie Lee-Fernandes
Jim McCafferty
Jim McGrorey
Amanda McLaurin
Chris Szent-Ivany

Regrets

Bruce Gazley
Michelle Halsal
Joni MacLean
Rose LoPresti
Liz Lyew
Tina Newth
Paulette Palumbo
Bernadette Santiago
Tan

Staff Present

Gerry O'Reilly
Anne O'Brien
Patti Ritchie

Guests

T. Sheppard
J. MacKinnon

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 7:15 pm and welcomed all committee members to the January 8, 2014 meeting. Chair Horwitz extended a warm welcome to Chair of the Board Jim McCafferty and Vice Chair Theresa Corless, DCPIC Trustee designate. Chair Horwitz also welcomed the Teaching and Learning Consultants, Tish K. Sheppard and James MacKinnon who will provide DCPIC members with a presentation on Healthy Schools.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item b.1 **Additions to the Printed Agenda**

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

- d.2 - Discussion Items – Director of Education – Anne O'Brien
- f.1.13 - Adult/Parent Bullying – J. McGrorey
- f.1.14 – DCPIC Membership openings – R. Horwitz

Item b.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion No. DCPIC0108-01 Approval of Agenda

Moved by E. Bright, seconded by T. Aitcheson

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the January 8, 2015, Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Agenda, as amended.

Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item c.1 Next DCPIC Meeting – February 5, 2015

Chair 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, February 5, 2015.

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 November 6, 2014

Motion No. DCPIC0108-02 Approval of Minutes

Moved by S. Karwowski seconded by E. Bright

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the Minutes of the November 6, 2014 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting, as submitted.”

Carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Director O’Brien provided the DCPIC committee with copies of the Board Improvement Plan speaking of the 3 pillars of the Strategic Plan; ‘Evangelization, Equity and Excellence’ and the 10 themes that create the Strategic plan. Director O’Brien provided information as to the change with the Board’s mission and spoke briefly with respect to the DCPIC by-laws and the Board’s by-laws around conflict of interest.

Chair Horwitz thanked Director O’Brien for the information provided.

PRESENTATION

Item e.1 Healthy Schools

Superintendent Gerry O'Reilly through the Chair introduced Tish K. Sheppard and James MacKinnon, Teaching and Learning Consultants for Education. The consultants provided DCPIC members with conversation in and around the activities that our schools are providing to keep students active in mind, body and spirit, a video presentation was also provided created by OPHEA with respect to students and Healthy Living in the school environment. A brief question and answer period followed. Chair Horwitz thanked Tish & James for their presentation.

REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item f.1.1 Chair's Report

Chair Horwitz provided committee members with her report containing information regarding upcoming DCPIC events. Chair Horwitz discussed the usage of the DCPIC resource centre hours and how new members can access this centre for materials or a working space during the day. Discussion around the DCPIC resource room took place. Members were reminded of the upcoming events: January 27, 2015 – Dr. Sandra Mendlowitz, February 24, 2015 – Dr. Bruce Ferguson and the April 2015 evening for the Distinguished Catholic Volunteer Ceremony to take place at All Saints Catholic Secondary School, Whitby.

Item f.1.2 Trustee's Report

Chair of the Board Trustee Jim McCafferty thanked all members for their dedication to the DCPIC and provided a verbal report which included information from the Inaugural Board Meeting of December 1, 2014, he advised DCPIC members with the names of the newly elected trustees and the areas they will govern. Chair McCafferty advised that he and Vice Chair Corless would act a Trustee designates to the DCPIC. The Chair continued to provide information from the Regular Board Meeting of December 8, 2014.

Item f.1.3 Resource Report

Superintendent O'Reilly extended his thanks to Chair McCafferty and Vice Chair Corless for their report and their continued support of the DCPIC. Superintendent O'Reilly expressed his thanks to Dr. Robert Wicks who was the guest speaker and a special note of thanks to the student choir from Father Fenelon CS, Pickering, for their amazing voices at the system wide PA Day with all staff members of the DCDSB.

Item f.1.4 Policies and Administrative Procedures for Feedback

Nil

REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – Cont'd

Item f.1.5 OAPCE Report

Chair Horwitz advised that the OAPCE quarterly meeting will be held in January 2015. The OAPCE conference will take place on May 24-25, 2015 in Pembroke, DCPIC members are encouraged to attend. Chair Horwitz advised the committee of her attendance at the Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline (PARG) on December 1, 2014. Chair Horwitz discussed why PARG needs to be revised and the main areas for proposed changes.

Item f.1.6 Strategic Plan

For reference the Strategic Plan for 2014-2015 can be found online at www.dcdsb.ca.

Item f.1.7 PRO Grant Sub Committee Report

Eileen Bright spoke to the PRO Grant funding regarding the different initiatives for Mental Health. The following events are booked and confirmed, Tuesday, January 27th at 6:30 pm Dr. Sandra Mendlowicz, Tuesday, February 24th at 6:30 pm Dr. Bruce Ferguson. A location is to be determined to hold the two Elevated Grounds presentations one at a school located in the East and the other at a West end school location the dates are Monday, March 9th at 7:00 pm, (east); and Tuesday, March 24th at 7:00 pm, (west). Conversation around a Mini Conference on Saturday, April 25th from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm was held. A tentative date has been set for Wednesday, May 13th to hold 2 sessions (to maximize the ability of staff and parents to attend) more information will follow on Dr. Alex Russell's initiative.

Item f.1.8 Communications Subcommittee Report

Nancy Carpenter expressed her thanks to Kim Beatty for the December newsletter and Melissa Bevan for the minutes. Discussion around meeting dates for the Communication committee was held.

MOTION TO EXTEND CURFEW (10:00 P.M.)

Motion No. DCPIC0108-06 Motion to Extend Curfew

Moved by K. Beatty seconded by L. Dodson Trchala

“THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board extend the curfew in accordance with the Board General Working By-Laws for maximum time of one (1) hour.”

Carried

Item f.1.9 School Council Outreach Subcommittee Report

Next report due February 5, 2015.

REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – Cont'd.

Item f.1.10 Faith Formation Subcommittee Report

Nil.

Item f.1.11 Policy Subcommittee Report

The following Policies were discussed at the sub-committee meeting of January 8, 2015: Student Excursions and/or Exchanges for Educational Purposes; Student Attendance and Concussions Management and Prevention.

Item f.1.12 Budget

Next report due February 5, 2015.

Item f.1.13 Adult/Parent Bullying

Jim McGrorey deferred to discussion to the February 5, 2015 meeting.

Item f.1.13 DCPIC Membership Openings

Chair Horwitz advised that due to the election and a resignation there have been two(2) opening come available for Parent Volunteers. There will be an advertisement posted on the DCPIC home page of the web site under 'Volunteer Opportunity'. An email will be shared with Principals and School Council Chairs as information for any parent(s) who are interested in becoming a volunteer member of the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Horwitz requested two (2) volunteers to sit on the School Year Calendar Committee – Information regarding the meeting date and time will be sent via email to E. Bright and L. Dodson Trchala. Chair Horwitz closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 pm

Motion No. DCPIC0108-06 **Adjournment**

Moved by E. Bright seconded by L. Dodson Trchala

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting of Thursday, January 8, 2015, adjourn.”

Carried

Roxanne Horwitz
Chair, Durham Catholic Parent
Involvement Committee

Gerry O'Reilly
Superintendent of Education