



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 the Catholic Education Centre on **Thursday, September 13, 2012.**

Committee Members

Trevor Aitcheson
Nancy Carpenter
Tricia Chapman
Monique Forster
Roxanne Horwitz
Rose LoPresti
Jim McGrorey, Chair
Jim McCafferty, Ex-Officio
Tina Newth
Margaret Stack

Staff Present

Mitch LePage, Resource
Lorrie MacIntosh

Regrets

Theresa Corless, Trustee
Zsuzanna Porter

CALL TO ORDER

Item a.1 **Opening Prayer**

T. Newth offered the opening prayer.

Item a.2 **Welcome and Courtesies**

Chair McGrorey called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item b.1 **Changes to Printed Agenda**

Chair McGrorey added:

Item g.8 When Faith Meets Pedagogy
Item g.9 TCDSB Conference & Symposium
Item g.10 People For Education Conference

Item b.2 **Approval of Agenda**

Motion No. PO0913-01 **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by J. McCafferty, seconded by M. Stack

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the September 13, 2012 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Agenda as amended.”

Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item c.1 In consideration of scheduled graduations and Superintendent Roche's retirement celebration, the October 4, 2012 DCPIC Meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, October 11, 2012 pending availability of a Trustee delegate as Trustee Corless and Trustee McCaffety are unable to attend. Trustee McCafferty will advise.

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 June 7, 2012**

Motion No. PO0913-02

Approval of Minutes

Moved by J. McCafferty and seconded by T. Newth

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the Minutes of the June 7, 2012 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting as submitted.”

Carried

Item d.2 **Business Arising from the Open Session of the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Meeting of June 7, 2012**

Nil.

PRESENTATIONS

Item e.1 **Parent Involvement Handbook**

Superintendent LePage presented “*Making a Difference*” A Practical Handbook for Parent Involvement Committee Members to the committee. Superintendent LePage indicated that this resource will inform the first draft of the updated DCPIC constitution/bylaws. In the discussion that ensued, a variety of topics were discussed including:

- communications to local Catholic School Council Chairs
- inclusion of an appendix of “key dates” into the DCPIC Bylaws
- investigate the capacity of various electronic systems (eg. eSIS/Synervoice) to deliver messages to a school parent/guardian community. Superintendent LePage will discuss with ICT Services Department.
- networking opportunities with other PICS. Superintendent LePage will arrange a networking meeting between the PIC of the DDSB and the DCPIC.

Item e.2 Parent Resource Binder

Superintendent LePage distributed a resource binder to the DCPIC. This binder is intended to ensure that committee members have organized resources to support their role as members of the DCPIC.

REPORTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

STANDING ITEMS

Item f.1.1 Chair's Report

Motion No. PO0913-03

Chair's Report

Moved by N. Carpenter and seconded by M. Stack

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee receive and file as information the Chair's Report of September 13, 2012 as submitted.”

Carried

Item f.1.2 Trustees Report

Chair McCafferty provided the committee with information regarding the recent retirement of Superintendent Roche and the appointment of Superintendent Bowyer as her replacement. He provided additional updates regarding:

- updated Board website
- Pickering Accommodation Review
- “*Putting Students First*” legislation which was passed this week.

Item f.1.3 Resource Report

Superintendent LePage thanked everyone for their hard work throughout the year and expressed that the DCPIC should be proud of their many accomplishments over the past year.

Item f.1.4 Policies and Administrative Procedures for Feedback

The Student Discipline Policy and Administrative Procedure are currently out for feedback and have been posted on the Board website. These documents have been revised to comply with Bill 157.

Item f.1.5 OAPCE Update

The OAPCE Conference will be held in Peterborough and hosted by The Peterborough Victoria Northumberland Clarington Catholic District School Board (PVNCCDSB) in May.

Item f.1.6 **Strategic Plan**

A copy of the Strategic Plan can be found in the resource binder. Superintendent LePage asked the committee to review as it will be on the next meeting agenda.

Item f.2 **OAPCE Representation**

Chair McGrorey's term as Durham Catholic's OAPCE Rep is ending. He has asked members to consider representing the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee. OPACE's first meeting is October 24 and there are approximately six out-of-town meetings. Members are asked to submit their desire to assume this role to Chair McGrorey and copy Superintendent LePage no later than October 1st.

Item f.3 **Minister's Letter to PIC Chairs – July 4, 2012**

As attached.

Item f.4 **DCPIC Meeting Schedule**

The Meeting Dates will be posted on the Board website. A copy of the Board Master Calendar will be distributed at the next meeting.

- Thursday, October 11th (to be confirmed)
- Thursday, November 8th
- Thursday, January 10th
- Thursday February 7th
- Thursday, April 4th
- Thursday May 9th

Item f.5 **DCPIC Email Addresses**

Superintendent LePage is working with the ICT Department to complete this process by next week.

Item f.6 **Reimbursement of Expenses**

Please refer to the Board's Travel Expense Policy #PO103 for information regarding travel expenses for reimbursement and forward claims to Lorrie MacIntosh.

Item f.7 **Communications Officer**

Jennifer Bastarache is the Board's new Communications Officer. Superintendent LePage will invite her to attend a DCPIC meeting.

Item f.8 **Superintendent Portfolios**

Superintendent LePage advised the committee that the Board's Superintendent portfolios have remained the same as last year. As noted above, Janine Bowyer has replaced Suzanne Roche who retired at the end of August.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item g.1 Regional PRO Grant – DeMystifying Youth Mental Health

DeMystifying Youth Mental Health is the topic of the Regional PRO Grant. Chair McGrorey thanked Z. Porter for her help and support in preparing the proposal to the Ministry. T. Chapman, T. Newth, M. Stack and possibly N. Carpenter are on the committee to present a series of workshops/evenings.

Item g.2 School Approved Grants

Superintendent LePage will provide this information at the next meeting.

Item g.3 Draft Constitution

Superintendent LePage is preparing the draft DCPIC By-laws and will present these to the committee at the October 3rd Special Meeting. A copy of the draft will be sent to the committee by the weekend prior to the meeting.

Item g.4 Website Working Group

N. Carpenter advised the committee that work will begin again now that the new website is up and running.

Item g.5 New Member Orientation

Chair McGrorey and Superintendent LePage welcomed new members Tricia Chapman and Margaret Stack to the DCPIC. He and Chair McGrorey indicated that they were available to respond to any questions they may have.

Item g.6 Principals and Chairs Commissioning Mass and Orientation

T. Newth commented that last year's event was very successful. The new committee will consist of T. Newth, T. Chapman and Chair McGrorey. Superintendent LePage will review available dates and advise accordingly.

Item g.7 Communications with Catholic School Councils – DCPIC Updates

The Communications subcommittee will discuss this topic at their meeting.

Item g.8 When Faith Meets Pedagogy Conference

Chair McGrorey invited members of the committee to attend this conference, which will be held in Toronto on October 25-27th at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Toronto Airport. This year's theme is *Proclaim and Celebrate the Good News*, a theme that is inspired by Pope Benedict's declaration of the *Year of Faith* and the *50th Anniversary of Vatican II*. Funding is available and a poster is attached.

Item g.9 **TCDSB Symposium**

This conference is a free annual event in November. Details will follow.

Item g.10 **People for Education Conference**

The People for Education Conference will be held November 3-4. More details will follow.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Motion No. PO0913-04 Adjournment

Moved by M. Forster, seconded by T. Aitcheson

“THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting of
Thursday, September 13, 2012 adjourn.”

Carried

Jim McGrorey
Chair, Durham Catholic Parent
Involvement Committee

Mitch LePage
Superintendent of Education

DCPIC Chair's report for Sept. 13th, 2012

Welcome back!

As we enter into another Blessed School year for our children, let us pray for peace in our ever violent world.

During our 2011- 2012 school year we enjoyed many successes in parent engagement activity.

Our Principals and Chairs Commissioning Mass and Orientation Workshop proved quite successful with almost all of our 46 schools represented. We expect this event to become an annual occurrence.

Our Parent Conference in February was a great success in spite of a brutal snow storm on the morning of the event.

Our hosting of the 73rd Annual OAPCE Conference and AGM was a first ever for Durham Catholic.

I remain extremely proud for our Board to have been Blessed by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins having celebrated Mass at All Saints CSS.

Our newly revamped Board website has facilitated further development of our DCPIC interactive web page utilizing our DCPIC Parent Link PRO grant.

I remain proud of the PRO grant awarded for this coming school year of \$19,450.00 for our very worthwhile and relevant project titled: "Demystifying Youth Mental Health". We were Blessed to have been awarded the full amount requested as this rarely happens. We look forward to working closely with our student services department to complete this project and to be able to showcase all of the wonderful opportunities available to our students and their families. So I, indeed we all should, remain proud and happy for our parents and students.

We hope to have board email addresses for our PIC members and for our local CSAC's.

Our 2012-2013 school year will see many challenges as our board considers Accommodation Review of all 8 of our Pickering Elementary schools.

Our Ministry of Education has informed us early last July that they will begin public consultation on School Board amalgamations and efficiencies across the province..

Our coming year will see several new faces on our DCPIC and we welcome new ideas and energies.

May God continue to Bless our Children.

Thanks, Jim.

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the Eucharist**

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October 26, 2012
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His Eminence,
Thomas Cardinal Collins

