

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
Central Committee for Catholic School Councils
Information Summary

BACKGROUND

- ✦ Established with the approval of the Board in September 1997.
- ✦ Total number of members on CCCSC is 25.
- ✦ One elementary parent and one secondary parent who are chairpersons, and/or persons of good standing, on Catholic School Councils, that have been elected from each of the seven Families of Schools;
- ✦ One elementary and one secondary school teacher representative;
- ✦ One elementary and one secondary school Principal/Vice-Principal representative;
- ✦ Two trustees;
- ✦ One secondary school student representative;
- ✦ One Supervisory Officer;
- ✦ One Diocesan representative;
- ✦ One SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee) member;
- ✦ One OAPCE (Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education) member.

MANDATE OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS

- ✦ Promote the Board's vision and values and the sacramental life and Catholic practices of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, and be faithful to its mission statement.
- ✦ Facilitate communication among the Catholic School Councils and the Board.
- ✦ Recommend resources such as Catholic speakers, workshops, literature on School Councils and training sessions, to Catholic School Councils.
- ✦ Report regularly to the Board through the Minutes of its meetings.
- ✦ Promote the development of Catholic School Councils.
- ✦ Seek approval from the Board on any planned activities.

GENERAL GOALS FOR CCCSC ACCORDING TO BOARD REGULATIONS

- ✦ To promote the Board's vision and values; the sacramental life and the Catholic practices of the Board.
- ✦ To provide orientation, in-service training sessions to school council members and parent volunteers specific to their role in the school (minimum of two – one in the fall and one in the spring)
- ✦ Provide networking opportunities for Catholic School Council Chairs, members, parents and school communities.
- ✦ To facilitate communication among the Catholic School Councils and the Board.
- ✦ To provide input and make Catholic recommendations to the Board.
- ✦ To provide the Catholic School Council voice to the Board regarding the issues that pertains directly to their children in partnership with all stakeholders.
- ✦ To encourage and promote parental involvement in the school communities.

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ADDITIONAL GOALS ESTABLISHED BY CCCSC FOR THE 2008/2009 SCHOOL YEAR

- ✚ Work to assist parents and school council members in promoting and supporting publicly funded catholic education in Ontario
- ✚ To continue to encourage parents/council members and alternate members to attend CCCSC meetings
- ✚ To promote the health and vibrancy of CCCSC amongst it's members
- ✚ To continue the distribution of the "Getting Involved in Your School Council" pamphlet
- ✚ To encourage relationships and coordination of efforts with OAPCE, SEAC and Parish Representatives
- ✚ To encourage our partners to seek CCCSC input in Board initiatives, task forces and committees.
- ✚ To continue to promote the use of the Catholic School Council Handbook and the CCCSC website
- ✚ To develop an orientation package and in-service training manual for all new members of CCCSC. These tools and materials will be stored centrally and portions made available on the website.
- ✚ To Promote the "Volunteer of the Year Award" throughout the board
- ✚ To continue to work with school councils on the financial reporting and accountability items required.

ROLE OF THE FAMILY OF SCHOOLS REPRESENTATIVE

- ✚ Uphold the mandate of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils.
- ✚ Act as a liaison between local Catholic School Councils and the Central Committee.
- ✚ Attend all scheduled CCCSC meetings. If unable to attend, please e-mail or phone in regrets and make every effort to have the alternate attend.
- ✚ Facilitate networking opportunities for local Catholic School Councils at the Family of Schools level through communication with the superintendent of schools; setting dates in advance for Family Chairs meetings, agenda preparation, guest speaker invitations etc.
- ✚ Maintain a communication link to promote the sharing of information among Catholic School Councils, within their Family of Schools. Create a confidential phone tree or e-mail data base of all school council chairs within the family of schools.
- ✚ Maintain on-going open communication with the superintendent of schools