

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 (minimum of two – one in the fall and one in the spring) and 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 engagement in the school communities.

ADDITIONAL GOALS ESTABLISHED BY CCCSC FOR THE 2006/2007 SCHOOL YEAR

- ✦ To continue to encourage parents/council members to attend CCCSC meetings
- ✦ To promote the health and vibrancy of CCCSC amongst its members

- ✚ To implement the distribution of the “Getting Involved in Your School Council” pamphlet
- ✚ To encourage all school councils to review school council constitutions
- ✚ To encourage relationships and coordination of efforts with OAPCE, SEAC and Parish Representatives
- ✚ To review the number of elementary representatives on CCCSC
- ✚ 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 develop a CCCSC Mission Statement

ROLE OF THE FAMILY OF SCHOOLS REPRESENTATIVE

- ✚ Attend all scheduled CCCSC meetings.
- ✚ Uphold the mandate of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils.
- ✚ Act as a liaison between local Catholic School Councils and the Central Committee.
- ✚ Facilitate networking opportunities for local Catholic School Councils at the Family of Schools level.
- ✚ Maintain a communication link to promote the sharing of information among Catholic School Councils, within their Family of Schools.