

**CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS**

Thursday February 5, 2009

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

PRESENT Nick Milanetti, Ehretia O’Hearn, Luz del Rosario, Tony da Silva, Sandi Ham, Ryan Dollimore, Ed McMahon, Amaryllis Jones, Roberta Zamadar, Sue Walker, Laurie Eschli, Tresa Sanfilippo, Grace Williamson, Lina Nugent, Lynda Verlezza, Helen Kelly, Donna Luciani, Richard Armogenia, Anna Podesta da Silva

ABSENT Ann Horton, Geoff Marinoff, Vera Catani, Helena Cassano, Michelle Mack

REGRETS MaryAnn O’Mahoney, Gabriel Ogundele, Fiorella Dirubbo

GUESTS Louie Davoli, Nancy Jessop

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

- a. Opening Prayer – Tresa Sanfilippo – Mississauga North
 - i. Prayer for the March – Lynda Verlezza Mississauga South
- b. Attendance
 - i. Welcome and Declaration of CCCSC representatives
 - ii. Declaration of Alternates by Family of Schools
 - iii. Identification of Observers
- c. Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2009
 - i. Motion to Approve Minutes of January 8, 2009 – Donna Luciani
 - ii. Seconded by – Lynda Verlezza
 - iii. **CARRIED**
- d. Approval of Agenda of February 5, 2009
 - i. Additions to the Agenda – Under Business Matters add the following
 - 1. Item Ce. Catholic Partners
 - 2. Item Cf – Amended GAP 722.00
 - ii. Motion to approve the Agenda of Feb 5, 2009 as amended – Laurie Eschli
 - iii. Seconded by – Amaryllis Jones
 - iv. **CARRIED**

B. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Nil

C. BUSINESS MATTERS

- a. Trustee Report – *Luz del Rosario and Tony da Silva*
 - i. Luz reported on the Board Budget Review. There will be public consultation on May 19 regarding the budget. Luz shared highlights of the Board System Review stating that it was a positive report in support of Dufferin-Peel. Four areas were identified as focus areas. The Director’s Annual Report is now available. Carassauga is an annual event in Mississauga. Nick Milanetti will

work through the school councils in Mississauga to make them aware of the fundraising opportunity available.

- ii. Tony da Silva reported on items being reviewed and discussed through the Ministry of Education. Consultation was sought by the Ministry throughout the province. Tony represents our board of trustees at the provincial level. Recent issues brought forward include: education funding, the pressures faced, and the increase in programs and initiatives coming forward from the Ministry without sufficient being provided to support the program, computers and Special Education Discussion took place about the various issues boards in Ontario are facing and the need to develop strategies and ideas for advocating for our Catholic boards.

b. Committee Updates and Responsibilities

i. In-Service Committee Updates and Important Dates – *E. O’Hearn*

1. February 12, 2009 – Joe Rich at the Mississauga Convention Centre – 1340 tickets have been issued. The PRO Grant approval came through for this event.
2. April 4, 2009 – School Council In-Service and Market Place. The location for this event is St. Marguerite D’Youville S.S. in Brampton. Our previous keynote speaker advised he was not able to attend the function. In his place Director of Education, John Kostoff will be our keynote speaker and will be presenting on Catholic Education, what parents can do defend Catholic education, support our system and respond to questions that parents are challenged with daily. The Plenary speaker for April 4 is Ron Morrish speaking on Discipline. A DVD of Bishop DeRocher and other speakers is available for purchase as a cost \$15.00 as of February 2009. It is on the website of the OCSTA.
3. The next in-service committee meeting will be Feb 18th at 10:00 a.m. in the CEC. CCCSC members are welcome to attend and participate on this committee.

ii. OAPCE Report – *Roberta Zamadar*

1. Sue Walker was welcomed as a new member to CCCSC. Sue is the Director for Dufferin-Peel (Region 5) for OAPCE. Sue and Roberta will be making effort to raise the profile of OAPCE and work with the school OAPCE representatives to help them in their roles in the community. Efforts are being made to improve communication.
2. Roberta reported on OAPCE and the upcoming annual conference taking place in Toronto May 22 – 24. The location is Fr. John Redmond S.S. (Kipling and Lakeshore Blvd). A PRO Grant was approved to support the conference.
3. 70th Anniversary – A stained glass window has been commissioned for the anniversary. It is being made by St. Marcellinus S.S. special needs students.
4. www.oapce.on.ca is the website for OAPCE
5. The OAPCE Regional meeting is held 3rd Wed each month at St. Marguerite D’Youville S.S. The current goals for regional representatives are to have own regional website, create a logo, and create a pamphlet for communication purposes.
6. The guest speaker for the Regional forum was Dick O’Brien

7. Alpha Program has started Jan 13 at St. Jerome Parish. 7:30 – 9:30 for 12 weeks. All are welcome to attend.
- iii. SEAC Report – *Laurie Eschli*
 1. At the January 24, 2009 meeting there was a presentation on curriculum supports for PIP students. Also discussed with the new board-wide Snoezelen (sensory) room which opened in December 2008 at St. Joan of Arc S.S. This room helps students with special needs by providing sensory input and opportunity for sensory arousal. Laurie advised that Autism Ontario offers scholarship awards to students with Autism and siblings – check the website for more information www.autismontario.com. February 4, 2009 has been set aside as the JK/SK registration night for parent of students with Special Needs.
 - iv. Parish Representative Report –
 1. The Board is looking for a parent representative to sit on a new committee which will review the configuration of Parish Boundaries. If you are interested in being the parent representative, please advise Nick Milanetti or contact Gabriel Ogundele
 2. The next meeting the Parish Representative Committee is February 26
 - v. School Council Handbook Committee – *E.O'Hearn*
 1. The revision of the handbook is underway and it is anticipated that it should be completed within the next few weeks. The new handbook will be a “working document” tool for school councils to use regularly.
 2. It will be distributed both in hard copy and on a DVD.
- c. PRO Grant Update and School Funds (\$500)– Nick Milanetti
- i. PRO Grants - Schools have now received notification from the Ministry to confirm whether or not their grant applications were approved. Cheques for these grants should be received within the next 2 weeks.
 - ii. School Funds - The cheques for \$500 made out to School Councils was issued at the end of January and should now be in the mail box for each school council. Nick clarified that this money should be spent on Parental Engagement.
 - iii. PRO Regional Grants - the Regional PRO Grant for Joe Rich was approved. The Regional PRO Grant for April 4 was not approved.
- d. Family of Schools Reports
- i. Newsletter items – please send any items you have to Sandi Ham or Ehretia O’Hearn (small reports) to be included in the next Newsletter.
 - ii. Grace Williamson reported on her Family of Schools Chairs meeting where they discussed the DVD Mouse and how it could best be presented in the schools.
 - iii. Anna Podesta invited everyone to a “Retreat/Workshop” taking place at St. Jerome Parish Hall on Saturday February 21st 9:00 – 1:00 (breakfast provided). This event is a Brampton West Family of Schools project and CCCSC members are invited to attend as guests. At the Family of Schools meeting they showed the movie Mouse. Discussion also took place as to how to best plan for and use Ministry funds or grant monies that are given to the school councils each year.
 - iv. Mississauga North Family of Schools meeting – There was a presentation by Lynn Zammitt regarding the pilot program dealing with progressive discipline and restorative justice.
 - v. BEACON Family – Helen Kelly reported that they presented the movie Mouse. It was well received.

- vi. Donna Luciani – Brampton Central – The movie Mouse was presented at the Family of Schools meeting and was well received.
- vii. Laurie Eschli, reported that her school council presented the movie Mouse to the school council. Parents were surprised and had many questions regarding concerns raised by the video.
- viii. It has been suggested that police officers be available and present during the Mouse presentation to debrief and work with parents. Also, it is suggestion that school councils prepare the group for what they will see and the multiple issues that will be touched upon in the movie such as single parenting, latchkey kids, bullying, harassment and gang recruitment.
- e. Catholic Partners Report – Ehretia O’Hearn
 - i. Ehretia provided a report on the last Catholic Partners Meeting. She advised that they reviewed the System Review and surveys which were completed by partners in the education system. The report will be presented to the principals on Friday February 13. Principals will be asked to present the information to school councils and parents.
 - ii. Members of CCCSC (elementary) were invited to sit on Catholic Partners as elementary parent representatives. There are two meetings still to be held before the end of year (April 1st and June 3rd at 8:00 a.m.) Volunteers Tresa Sanfilippo. Sandi Ham was asked to e-mail the committee members inviting them to volunteer for this committee and respond to Ehretia O’Hearn or Grace Williamson if they are interested in this position.
- f. GAP 722.00 – revisions
 - i. There have been amendments to the GAP policy regarding returned NSF cheques which are returned to the school/school council. The changes now make it the responsibility of the principal or designate to call the parent or individual regarding the NSF cheque. School Council members or designated parents are no longer responsible for making these calls. This conforms to the Freedom of Information and Right to Privacy Act.
- g. Insurance Coverage for Parents
 - i. A question arose about parent volunteers on Kiss and Ride opening doors. The question was “is there insurance coverage for the parents?” Nick will look into this matter and bring the response forward to the next meeting.
- h. Regional Educational Programs impacting DPCDSB Enrolment
 - i. Discussion took place about the Toronto District School Board promoting regional programs that would draw students from within out board and which therefore might impact our enrolment. Tony da Silva responded that discussion is taking place at the regional level and our board is ensuring we have a wide range of programs to offer students locally.

D. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

- a. Nil

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. OTHER

G. CLOSING PRAYER

H. ADJOURNMENT – 8:48 p.m.

- a. Motion to Adjourn – Laurie Eschli
- b. Seconded – Tresa Sanfilippo
- c. **CARRIED**

I. NEXT MEETING

Thursday March 5, 2009

7:00 p.m. – Meeting – Board Room