

**CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS**

Thursday April 2, 2009

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

PRESENT: Ehretia O’Hearn, Luz del Rosario, Nick Milanetti, Sandi Ham, MaryAnn O’Mahoney, Lynda Verlezza, Grace Williamson, Carlo di Carlo, Ed McMahon, Roberta Zamadar, Laurie Eschli, Tresa Sanfilippo, Lina Nugent, Helen Kelly, Richard Armogenia, Fiorella Dirubbo, Janice Gordon (alternate), Rose Procopio (alternate), Cheryl Egan (alternate), Nancy Jessop (alternate),

REGRETS: Tony da Silva, Anna Podesta, Sue Walker, Geoff Marinoff, Donna Luciani

ABSENT: Amaryllis Jones, Ryan Dollimore, Vera Catani, Helena Cassano, Michelle Mack

GUESTS: Louie Davoli, Paula Marques-Pevide, Helen McNeil, Nancy Jessop, Anne Plunkett

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

- a. Opening Prayer – MaryAnn O’Mahoney
 - i. Prayer for the May – Anna Podesta da Silva
- 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 February 5, 2009
 - i. Motion to approve – Tresa Sanfilippo
 - ii. Seconded Roberta Zamadar
 - iii. **CARRIED**
- d. Approval of Agenda of March 5, 2009
 - i. Motion to approve – Laurie Eschli
 - ii. Seconded – Lynda Verlezza
 - iii. **CARRIED**
- e. Approval of Minutes of March 5, 2009
 - i. Adjust minutes to show that Gabriel Ogundele was present at the March 5th meeting, and the spelling of Fiorella Dirubbo’s name was incorrect on the minutes.
 - ii. Motion to approve the minutes as adjusted – Roberta Zamadar
 - iii. Seconded – Laurie Eschli
 - iv. **CARRIED**
- f. Approval of Agenda of April 2, 2009
 - i. Additions to the Agenda – Under Family of Schools Reports add Item Cc vi - Family of Schools meeting. Also, under Business Arising Out of Minutes, add Item Db - Dr. Randall Lindsey
 - ii. Motion to approve the Agenda as amended – Lina Nugent
 - iii. Seconded – Richard Armogenia
 - iv. **CARRIED**

B. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Nil

C. BUSINESS MATTERS

- a. Trustee Report – *Luz del Rosario*

- Modified school year calendar has gone forward to the Ministry of Education for approval. The proposal is that the Wed. Sept. 2nd and Thurs. Sept 3rd are PD days. Friday Sept 4 is designated as a board holiday for students and students will begin school on the Tuesday September 8th after Labour Day.
- There will be a public budget presentation on May 19 – 7:00 p.m. in Room 301
- Catholic Education week will be May 3rd – 8th. Teachers have been provided with material to use throughout the week
- New Program - St Joseph S.S. will be hosting the first specialist high skills major in Transportation. It is the first such program in the GTA. KIA donated a new 2009 car which the students will disassemble and try to re-assemble.

- b. Committee Updates and Responsibilities

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

- School Council In-Service and Market Place April 4, 2009 – We currently have 200 people registered to attend the event. It is requested that as many CCCSC representatives attend as possible. Approximately 22 vendors who will be participating at the event. Lunch is provided. John Kostoff is the Keynote speaker and Ron Morrish is the Plenary session speaker
- Future Dates for 2009/2010 - The in-service committee is beginning to plan for next year.
 - The training day for training school council members will take place on **Saturday November 7th** – location TBD.
 - The Family of Schools meeting will take place on **Thursday October 15** at Cardinal Ambrozic S.S. (this is a new school opening September 2009)

- ii. OAPCE Report – *Roberta Zamadar*

- Roberta provided the registration brochure for the AGM taking place May 22, 23 and 24th in Etobicoke.
- \$3000 has been put aside to assist OAPCE reps or other parents to attend the conference. Please contact OAPCE if you need this assistance with registration, accommodation or mileage.
- If schools have not spent the \$500 provided by the Ministry for parental engagement, and if the council agrees to use the money in this way, they are able to use it to sponsor a parent to attend the conference.

- iii. SEAC Report – *Laurie Eschli*

- Gail Robinson, Superintendent of Finance presented at SEAC reviewing funding and expenditures for 2007-2008
- MOE funded monies to Special Education must be spent in designated areas – they are aware of the funding gaps. Budget objectives are to adopt a balanced budget, maintain financial stability for current and long term, provide programs that portray the quality of Catholic education of DP in this difficult economy

- Brochure for your viewing is Engaging Parents of Students with Special Needs – CODE. You can view this brochure on the website www.ontariodirectors.ca/parentengagement
 - Parent professional development workshops are presented by CDRCP . To find out more call 905-507-9360
 - There is a resource fair for Persons with Disabilities on May 7 at the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- iv. Parish Representative Report – *Gabriel Ogundele*
- Gabriel is meeting with the Fr. O’Brien of St. Francis Xavier Parish and the parish representatives. He will work with Fr. O’Brien to strengthen the role of the Parish Representative in the community and to bring CCCSC to his attention.
 - Parish Representative Retreat will be held on May 2nd at the board office (40 Matheson Blvd W at Hurontario. We will send out the information to all on CCCSC for distribution as soon as we have the information
- v. School Council Handbook Committee – *E.O’Hearn*
- The revised handbook will be ready to go to print in April. The binder will include the Revised Handbook and a CD which will include a PowerPoint presentation, GAP entries, By-Law template. Each school will receive 3 binders plus the DVD. All information will also be available on the CCCSC website.
- c. Family of Schools Reports
- i. Lynda Verlezza – a student won a Remembrance Day poster contest which will be presented on a national basis. Lynda also gave an update on the new programming and equipment being provided for St. Martin’s S.S.
 - ii. Tresa Sanfilippo – a student won the contest for the Shining Stars tee-shirt contest.. His picture will be displayed on the tee-shirts
 - iii. Public speaking contest – Student winners will be coming on May 28th to the Board meeting to give their speeches.
 - iv. Nancy Jessop – The Family of Schools Parenting Initiative (The Ontario Parenting Education Center 905-508-5240 www.practicalparenting.ca parenttalk@sympatico.ca workshops –This group provides training for parents and will bring it to your school. They offer 5 two hour sessions on parenting topics.. The School would make copies of the flyer for their community. The Centre provides trainers, handouts, administration, a master copy for the flyer, PR for local papers, and brings supplemental books for sale.
 - v. Mississauga. North will present Chris Constantine as a speaker on April 15th. He is also speaking at the April 4th In-Service and Market Place. His topic is an update on Cyber Safety.
 - vi. Family of schools Meeting – Nick Milanetti discussed the various options for the fall Family of Schools meeting. Discussion took place regarding the various formats the event could take including the option of hosting a similar event to end the school year and eliminating individual family of schools chairs meetings throughout the middle of the school year. It was noted that it is difficult to get parents out during the year to extra meetings. If this format was instituted, CCCSC representatives would have to be more diligent in getting information out to the Catholic school council chairs in their families throughout the year. More time would be needed at the family meeting at the beginning of the year to disseminate information. The two meetings would take place in October and May and we would implement stronger communication in between these two

meetings. This item will be brought forward to the May 21st meeting for discussion and action.

- vii. Communication for Catholic School Council Chairs, CCCSC and Family of Schools Superintendents. Communication is an important issue for all councils and CCCSC. IN order to better facilitate information getting directly to council chairs and co-chairs, each Superintendent will be asked to build a “Catholic School Councils Chairs E-Mail List” for their own family of schools chairpersons and use that as a means of e-mailing out information to all the chairs and co-chairs to their home e-mail addresses. This will begin in the fall after the elections take place. It will help provide a direct link to the chairs and co-chairs as well as relieve the principals of some responsibility for disseminating information. Catholic School Councils are also urged to visit the CCCSC website on a regular basis to view up to date information, the Catholic School Council Handbook, Training information etc. www.dpcdsb.org/ccsc

D. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

- a. Insurance coverage for parents – *Nick Milanetti*
 - School Councils and OAPCE representatives have insurance coverage. OAPCE reps are part of the council and therefore coverage applies to them as well as the rest of the council therefore there shouldn't be an extra expense. Councils are advised to be careful how you fill out Permits for Use of Schools and make sure you note on the Permit that you are the school council or a part of the school council.
- b. Dr. Randall Lindsey –
 - This event has changed dates. The new date is Tuesday April 21st for parents to meet with Dr. Lindsey at 7:00 p.m. at St. Aloysius Gonzaga. Nick will prepare a flyer to send out to principals.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Nil

F. OTHER

- a. Volunteer of the Year Award package – this package was distributed to the schools. The deadline for submission is May 1st. At our May 21st meeting, we will have the presentation of the successful winner of this award.

G. CLOSING PRAYER

H. ADJOURNMENT – 8:15 p.m.

- a. Motion to adjourn – Roberta Zamadar
- b. Seconded – Tresa Sanfilippo
- c. **CARRIED**

I. NEXT MEETING

Thursday May 21, 2009 – FINAL MEETING OF THE YEAR
7:00 p.m. – Meeting – Board Room