

**CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS**

Thursday May 21, 2009  
7:00 p.m. Board Room

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Nick Milanetti, Ehretia O’Hearn, Grace Williamson, Luz del Rosario, Tony da Silva, Ryan Dollimore, Ed McMahon, Gabriel Ogundele, Laurie Eschli, Geoff Marinoff, Lynda Verlezza, Helen Kelly, Donna Luciani, Richard Armogenia, Anna Podesta da Silva, Nancy Jessop (Alternate)

**REGRETS:** MaryAnn O’Mahoney, Tresa Sanfilippo, Fiorella Dirubbo, Lina Nugent

**ABSENT:** Carlo DiCarlo, Amaryllis Jones, Roberta Zamadar, Sue Walker, Vera Catani, Helena Cassano, Michelle Mack,

**GUESTS:** Joe and Linda Galea, Cathy, Bill and Michelle Turco, Emily Moran, Candida Altobeli, Lou Dodaro, Mike McPhee, Alex Tuccarione, Pina Manfredi, Emily Moran, Lecia Korchinos, Lisa Metallo, Brian Finamore, Julie Mulvale.

**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

- a. Opening Prayer – Anna Podesta da Silva
  - i. Prayer for the September - Grace Williamson, CCCSC Co-Chair
- 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 April 2, 2009
  - i. Changes as follows: - have minutes reflect that Gabriel Ogundele was absent with regrets at the last meeting
  - ii. Motion to Approve the Minutes of April 2, 2009 as amended – Nancy Jessop
  - iii. Seconded – Laurie Eschli
  - iv. **CARRIED**
- d. Approval of Agenda of May 21, 2009
  - i. Change the Agenda as follows:
    1. Add under Section C Item e – PRO Grants and Parent Engagement Initiatives.
    2. Add Item F – Update - Ministry Item for Parents on Bullying.
    3. Add under Section G Other – Item a -Suggestion for Catholic School Council of the Year Award - discussion
  - ii. Motion to approve Agenda of May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 as amended - Geoff Marinoff
  - iii. Seconded – Lynda Verlezza
  - iv. **CARRIED**

## **B. PRESENTATIONS**

### **a. VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2008/2009**

Welcome was extended to the recipients of the award and guests.

The two recipients for 2008/2009 are Cathy Turco, head secretary at St. Patrick School and Brian Finamore, chaplaincy team leader at St. Paul Secondary School with Volunteer of the Year Awards.

The purpose of the CCCSC Volunteer of the Year Award is to recognize individuals who exemplify volunteerism in Dufferin-Peel. The award process is also a means to thank volunteers for their continued years of commitment and dedication.

Over the last 20 years, Cathy Turco has volunteered on school councils as chair, vice chair, treasurer and parent member, as well as a parish and Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) representative. She has also served on several board committees and as vice chair on CCCSC. She is currently the head secretary at St. Patrick School, where she continues to volunteer her time. Cathy's ongoing commitment to Dufferin-Peel Catholic schools comes from a desire to make a positive difference in support of inclusive Catholic education in the best interests of each and every child.

Brian Finamore is the chaplaincy team leader at St. Paul Secondary School and plays a very active role volunteering his time and efforts ministering to the spiritual needs of students and staff. His ministry inspires the engagement of students in school life, community service and faith. During his 20 years with Dufferin-Peel, Brian has demonstrated his commitment and dedication to his faith and to the students he serves.

This is the second annual selection and presentation of this award. Recipients will be acknowledged again this fall at the Family of Schools Chairs meeting on October 15.

## **C. BUSINESS MATTERS**

### **a. Trustee Report – *Luz del Rosario and Tony da Silva***

The board held Public budget consultation earlier this week and presentations from community and professional associations as well as Supt. Gail Robinson were made. Tony da Silva gave an overview of the discussions that took place. Budget pressures and challenges faced by all boards in the province is the result of declining enrolment, funding gaps, special education needs which continue to increase, ongoing reduction to school and dept budgets, growing competition for provincial funding. We are projecting a balanced budget overall.

OCSTA AGM - this was held locally this year. Dufferin-Peel was the host board with many responsibilities for setting up the event such as liturgies, music, receptions etc, and our efforts were extremely well received by all. Our student's musical efforts were tremendously appreciated. OCSTA. Luz del Rosario acknowledged Tony da Silva's leadership at the OCSTA conference where he was master of ceremonies. Former Premier Bill Davis was an acknowledged guest.

ARC – There had been challenges to the process. Our board’s ARC process was upheld and we can go ahead with closing the two schools.

System’s Review – The trustee are now reviewing it and preparing the principles that will be developed. More information will be coming forward this fall.

Capital Plan – The long term Plan was approved

Loyola C.S.S. – it has been approved that Loyola will re-locate and a new facility will be built.

Today is world Catholic Education Day – a day for us to reflect and prayer for Catholic education

We will be opening two new high schools this fall. Both are located in Brampton.

b. CCCSC DRAFT Meeting Schedule 2009/2010 – N. Milanetti

The DRAFT meeting schedule for 2009/2010 was presented and reviewed.

It was decided that there would be only one meeting between the months of May and June 2010. The date of that meeting will be confirmed as May 13, 2010. A motion was put forward by Anna to combine the May and June meetings and confirm the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting as the final CCCSC meeting, vote taken – majority – CARRIED

Gabriel brought forward the Mass for Volunteers and suggested it be held on November 7 – first thing in the a.m. prior to the training session. Gabriel will approach the Bishop to confirm his participation. The two volunteers of the year would take an active role in that mass.

c. Committee Updates and Responsibilities

i. In-Service Committee – E. O’Hearn

Ehretia reviewed the various events that will take place next year. She asked for more help with the in-service committee and asked CCCSC members to consider participation on this committee. There will be an in-service committee meeting Tuesday September 22 at 1:00 pm at the C.E.C.

CCCSC was asked to consider possibilities for keynote speakers. These suggestions can be brought forward to the in-service committee.

ii. OAPCE Report – Roberta Zamadar-

Nil report – the OAPCE AGM is being held this weekend in Etobicoke.

iii. SEAC Report – Laurie Eschli

SEAC had a budget presentation outlining the decisions regarding the Special Education budget for the upcoming year. The budget for Special Education will stay more or less the same as the previous year. SEAC worked on its goals for the future.

Laurie Eschli was selected as the DPSU Parent of the Year. Congratulations were extended to Laurie. She will be honoured on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the OECTA office on Edward Blvd.

- iv. Parish Representative Report – *Gabriel Ogundele*  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> Was the Parish Rep Retreat and the theme was Evangelizing Through Service. Urzula Cybylko was the guest. It was an extremely successful event with emphasis on the role of the Parish Rep in the school/home/parish community. Parish Reps will take responsibility for organizing the Mass for Volunteers
  - v. School Council Handbook Committee – *E.O’Hearn*  
The School Council Handbook is well under way and is going to tender for printing.
- d. Family of Schools Reports
- i. Miss. South school councils met last night at St. Martin’s – there was a follow up presentation regarding gangs. Microsoft offered to do this presentation. Their contact e-mail address is [greg.milligan@microsoft.com](mailto:greg.milligan@microsoft.com) It was suggested that this could be a possible topic for our in-service next April 2010.
  - ii. Mississauga Central Family met last week.
  - iii. BEACON Family met and had Lynn Zammit present on Restorative Justice. It was an excellent presentation which the family highly recommends to others.
  - iv. Brampton Central met May 7 and discussed the changes in Brampton such as school closings, renovations, Peace Tree initiatives. Also had a play by students from St. Jean Brebeuf.
- e. PRO Grant and Parent Engagement Initiative
- i. PRO Grants for 2009/2010 - A letter came out from the Ministry of Education regarding PRO grants for 2009/2010. Ehretia read the letter to the group. The letter addressed Parental Engagement Committees and PRO Grants for this year. This letter will go out to the system. Applications are being accepted until October 16, 2009.
  - ii. PRO Grants for 2008/2009 - Don’t forget to complete your 2008/2009 PRO grant by ensuring that funds are expended by September 30, 2009 and you must then complete the Report Back requirement on line by October 30, 2009. The site for completing this document is [http://education.factorial.ca/s\\_main.jsp?lang=1](http://education.factorial.ca/s_main.jsp?lang=1) and entering the number of the PRO Grant application. Also make sure to keep a copy of the final report for your school and submit a hard copy (along with ORIGINAL receipts) to Nick Milanetti, Superintendent of Mississauga South Family of Schools.
- f. Ministry Item For Parents on Bullying – Ehretia O’Hearn distributed a pamphlet which is a guide for parents. This will be coming to schools shortly. It is entitled “Bullying – We Can All Help Stop It” – MOE.

#### **D. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES**

- a. Family of Schools Chairs Meetings for 2009/2010 – *N. Milanetti*

Superintendent's discussed the difficulty in getting parents (chairs) out to Family of Schools meetings. It was recommended by the Family of Schools Superintendents that we move to a model where we only meet as a full board meeting at the beginning of the year and then a final closing meeting with similar format at the end of the year. Various discussions and proposals took place.– Options were brought forward for thought and discussion.

The issue of Communication was discussed and the impact fewer meetings would have on facilitating communication to all school councils. Also discussed was the need to assist CCCSC family representatives in understanding their role and helping them with the issue of communicating to all their school councils. A possible opportunity for this would be the training day on Nov 7.

Other suggestions included - that prior to the elections, we prepare council chairs with information about CCCSC and the commitment and role so then when the election comes up, everyone is prepared and understands the expectations and - Hold a CCCSC retreat to help with training.

It was decided to set up a sub-committee to review this item. Volunteers to be on this committee are Anna Podesta da Silva, Helen Kelly, Lynda Verlezza, Laurie Eschli, Grace Williamson, Richard Armogenia

Recommendation and Vote – It was recommended by the Family of Schools Superintendent's to reduce the number of Family of Schools Chairs meetings from 4 to 2 per year. CCCSC voted and the recommendation was NOT passed by a majority of members.

**E. Family Re-alignment and Superintendent Re-Organization – N. Milanetti**

Nick gave an overview of the rationale for re-alignment of the families of schools due to enrolment patterns in Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon, Orangeville etc. He gave the configuration of the new families. This new alignment should work effectively for the board over the next 5 years.

**F. CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

**G. OTHER**

- a. Catholic School Council of the Year Award - Discussion– bring forward to the next agenda.

**H. CLOSING PRAYER – Hail Mary**

**I. ADJOURNMENT – 9:20 p.m.**

- a. Motion to Adjourn – Helen Kelly
- b. Seconded – Lynda Verlezza
- c. **CARRIED**

**J. NEXT MEETING**

Thursday September 24, 2009 (*final meeting of the 2008/2009 committee*)  
7:00 p.m. Board Room, CEC

## CCCSC CALENDAR FOR 2009/2010

<b>REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETINGS</b>		
<b>Thurs September 24, 2009</b>	7:00 p.m.	CEC
last meeting of 2008/2009 committee		
<b>Thursday November 5, 2009</b>	7:00 p.m.	CEC
Election of New CCCSC executive		
First meeting of the new committee 2009/2010		
<b>Thursday December 10, 2009</b>	7:00 p.m.	CEC
<b>Thursday January 7, 2010</b>	7:00 p.m.	CEC
<b>Thursday February 4, 2010</b>	7:00 p.m.	CEC
<b>Thursday March 4, 2010</b>	7:00 p.m.	CEC
<b>Thursday April 8, 2010</b>	7:00 p.m.	CEC
<b>Thursday May 13, 2010 (final meeting)</b>	7:00 p.m.	CEC
there will be NO June meeting		
<b>EVENTS</b>		
<b>Thursday October 15, 2009</b>	6:30 p.m.	Cardinal Ambrozic S.S.
Family of Schools Chairs Meetings with Superintendent and Principals		
<b>Saturday November 7, 2009</b>		
<b>Mass for Volunteers</b>	8:30 a.m.	TBD - Mississauga
Training for School Council Executive Members	following	TBD - Mississauga
	mass	
<b>Wednesday February 10 or Thursday February 11</b>		
Guest Speaker for Parent's Night Out	7:00 p.m.	Mississauga Convention Centre
		To be confirmed
<b>Saturday April 10</b>	8:30 a.m.	TBD - Mississauga
In-Service and Market Place		

