

## MINUTES

### Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC)

Thursday, April 13, 2023 7:00 p.m.

CEC – Room 302

Members Present:	Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon	Chair and Brampton West Secondary Representative
	Stefano Pascucci	Trustee Representative
	Wayne Brunton	Superintendent
	Silvana Gos	Superintendent
	Karen Dancy	Brampton North East Secondary Principal/Vice Principal Secondary Association
	Alexis Galvao	Mississauga North Secondary
	Dinah Langley	Mississauga South Elementary Co-Chair
	Ian Lodge	Mississauga South Secondary
	Yvette Lemonius	Mississauga East Secondary
	Maria Scupham	OAPCE Representative
	Jennifer Millson	Dufferin-Peel Secondary Unit
	Jessica Jakab-Price	OECTA
	Ingrid Mueller-Kupec	Dufferin-Peel Elementary Unit
		OECTA
	Diana Carlesimo	Mississauga South Elementary Co-Chair
	Paula Lima	Brampton North East Elementary
	Rim Boulos-Kottas	Mississauga Brampton Central Elementary
	Jennifer Cazabon	Mississauga Brampton Central Secondary
	Jamelia Gregory	Brampton West Elementary
	Stephanie Coombes	Brampton East Caledon Dufferin Malton Elementary
	Karen Barnett	Brampton East Caledon Dufferin Malton Secondary
	Tannice Ashman	Mississauga North Elementary
Recorder:	Angela Charette	Executive Administrative Assistant

#### A. Routine Matters

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1. Chair Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Superintendent Brunton led the Opening Prayer.
3. Land Acknowledgement - Superintendent Brunton.
4. Welcome and Introduction
  - a. Welcome and Declaration of CCCSC Representatives
    - i. Declaration of Conflict of Interest- NIL
  - b. Declaration of Alternates by Family of Schools
 

Natasha Kovar	Sheena Tennessee	Jennifer Cazabon
Juanita Celenza	Gail Briand- Santo	Sunny Kanabe
George Ling	Monique Mittas	
  - c. Identification of Observers and Guests
 

Donna Lomba
5. Approval of Agenda, March 9, 2023

**Moved by** Karen Dancy

**Seconded by** Maria Scupham

**THAT THE AGENDA OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING, MARCH 9, 2023 BE APPROVED.**

**CARRIED**

- a. Business Arising from the Minutes- Nil
6. Approval of the Minutes, March 9, 2023

**Moved by** Dinah Langley

**Seconded by** Ian Lodge

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING, FEBRURAY 16, 2023 BE APPROVED.**

**CARRIED**

- a. Business Matters- Nil

**B. Presentations**

Max Vecchiarino- Superintendent Equity, Policy, Strategy, Research

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- i. Mindful of dress as weather gets warmer- primary focus of Catholic school board is supportive of catholic social teachings- bodies are gifts from God- communication brought forward for input from CCCSC members
- ii. Anything worn does not bring up or promote negative stereotypes, or is hurtful
- iii. Engaging all parents in a broader survey to get sense of parent perspective and thoughts about dress code- will be reflected in final dress code policy- prudent to share document before it goes out systemwide, and how this policy could be made stronger  
Chair Dominique Darmanin Sturgeon: Could sports teams that reflect Indigenous figures in them be included
- iv. Superintendent Vecchiarino: Language is in current dress code policy - gaps and dress codes- required by Ministry that anything distasteful would not be included  
Dinah Langley: Could policy be shared- policy is always quoted during Halloween  
Superintendent Vecchiarino: Dress should be appropriate and modest- Halloween is reminder not specifically related to day to day- costumes that are insulting or centered out towards specific groups may be worn- work being done not specific to overall policy  
Dinah Langley: Referencing finger lengths, hands at short length- are these items part of policy or related to something else
- v. Superintendent Vecchiarino: Limitations to what school board can prescribe and post-taking an equity perspective- body shaming or focusing on sexuality of one gender- will not get into specific measurements- perceived as scrutinizing a student and it changes grade to grade  
Diana Carlesimo: High school students receive a dress code policy as part of their package- could uniforms be part of elementary school
- vi. Superintendent Vecchiarino: We require 75 per cent of population to agree on elementary uniforms- dress codes are reviewed- different considerations being shared or considered- important conversations required  
Karen Dancy: Can dress code and language be considered for civics day- students do not abide to policy  
Superintendent Vecchiarino: Civics day will be looked into further- complex for secondary students - more work to be done in this area- broad in terms of community and what do school admin feel they can enforce- tangible guidelines required- there is a 5-to-7-year cycle on policies and dress code is part of the Education Act- require CCCSC to review- other school boards looked at as dress codes have become symbolic- refer to Catholic social teachings and understandings students over 18 can wear what they want within certain parameters- parents with children in elementary will be asked- indigenous students  
Superintendent Brunton: Process to survey parents- certain amount of total population required- right now 75 percent of population must be in favor  
Natasha Kovar: How does the board present a uniform to non -catholic students in high school  
Superintendent Gos: Secondary uniforms are prescriptive- students have many faiths, may wear scarfs- once a month students have day to wear whatever they want - no inappropriate slogans  
Superintendent Vecchiarino: Faith is practiced in different ways- catholic social teachings are welcomed in different ways- different questions will be forthcoming in elementary and secondary- threshold is high for population- with trustee support request to revise

Superintendent Vecchiarino: Board policy will not be granular– principals will monitor the school, and address situations that egregious- policies will not be prescribed for all  
 Karen Barnett: Suggestion for messaging to students in civics class to remind students about appropriate attire  
 Superintendent Vecchiarino: Board is required to ensure policies are current- not comprehensive- policy published on board website  
 Rim Boulos-Kottas: Teachers may not be enforcing dress code policy  
 Superintendent Brunton: Specific deviations addressed in schools  
 Dinah Langley: How will offensive words be addressed  
 Superintendent Vecchiarino: Hate, discrimination, offensive language- there may be times principals may have to probe- a word that is offensive to some, but may not appear to others- there will be follow up- survey timeline for parents cannot be guaranteed for spring, may be in the fall

### C. Updates/Information/Reports from Trustees for Receipt

#### 1. Trustee Report – Stephano Pascucci

- i. April 26, 2023 Public Budget Consultation- local councils have that information - questions may be submitted
- ii. April 27, 2023 Human Trafficking Presentation- two individuals trafficked- information and questions may be submitted ahead of time- Peel Regional Police participating
- iii. Graduations are upcoming- trustees may give a speech  
 Dinah Langley: Request for update regrading Indigenous trustee- clarification regarding graduating students voting in the next student trustees for September- could incoming students participate in voting - co-terminus board has adopted this  
 Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Student Trustee terms are in align with next set of student trustees- informed after board passes this- speaking with IEC regarding trustee
- iv. CCCSC members support appreciated in all schools- reach out at any time for assistance or questions through trustees- trustees are voted in by parents- some parents not comfortable navigating trustees and this will be brought forward  
 Dinah Langley: Is there a way for school council funds to be captured- information provided under school's budget- school generated funds- you cannot merge separate balance sheets- schools have difficulty answering- way policy is written it is directed to elementary schools, but does not differentiate with secondary  
 Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Will take this request back to investigate further- policy will be looked at closer in May  
 Karen Dancy: Request for update regrading open tenders on cafeteria services  
 Superintendent Gos: Tenders still being worked on- 30 days- RFQ available on Bids and Tenders  
 Natasha Kovar: Request to look closer at the percent fee- funds lost on school initiatives- costs have increased

CARRIED

**D. Updates/Information/Reports from Superintendent for Receipt**

## 1. Superintendent Report- Wayne Brunton &amp; Silvana Gos

- i. Request from each Catholic School Council to please send Volunteer of the Year nominations in- due May 8<sup>th</sup> , 2023- prior to next to CCCSC meeting on May 11, 2023 any members who would like to be part of the selection process will join at 5:30 pm- members may go through applications- any interested members please come forward and let Angie know– Thursday, May 11, 2023- last CCCSC meeting Bishop Camilleri will do mass, and volunteers come back for Chairs- volunteers receive a plaque- after that will be a social
- ii. Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023- Marketplace will be held at St. Joseph Secondary School beginning with registration and greetings- keynote speaker Theresa Hartnick, followed by break, vendors and breakout sessions, parents attend- record one- post them based on our survey with topics, mental health and well-being and diverse needs of all of our learners- SEAC parents' support
- iii. Fully Alive and Family Life will be updated-in flyer for registration, parents are going to register for each of the 5 sessions- sessions that are limited - breakout rooms have smartboards- flyer will be sent out next week
- iv. May 18, 2023- Dr. ABC will present parent engagement session: Anti Black Racism  
First week of September suggestion to steer away from a CCCSC meeting – suggestion for October Chairs meeting to happen first  
Karen Barnett: Suggestion that school board make effort so people are welcomed to join committees- to get parents involved, effort must be made- superiority- efforts to let people know they can participate- boards should include more diversify- systematic change should come from the top  
Jennifer Millson: BCAC, IEC and CCCSC- consideration to have mid-year check ins with parent groups to discuss shared projects and what work needs to be done  
Chair Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon: Disadvantaged groups need to be welcomed, other groups have the same discussions  
Karen Barnett: Marked up prices in a cafeteria's are concerning – request to investigate this – regulations should be in place

CARRIED

**E. Updates/Information/Reports from Committees for Receipt**

- a) OAPCE Report will be shared with all CCCSC members
- b) Regional group meeting included parent presentations from Teresa Harnett on the topic of God's design for us
- c) Some regions another presentation on the topic of when Faith meets movies

**CARRIED**

2. Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Report
  1. SEAC Report – Gianluca Ferrari - Nil

**CARRIED**

3. Parish Representative Report
  1. Parish Report- Gabriel Ogundele - Nil

**CARRIED**

4. ACCESS DP Report
  1. Diana Carlesimo- Nil

**CARRIED**

5. Monthly Member Update Report- Nil

**CARRIED**

6. CCCSC In Service Committee Report- Nil

**CARRIED**

7. Additional Reports- Nil

**F. Questions Asked by the Public- NIL**

**G. Update/Information/Reports from Chair for Receipt**

1. Update/Information/Report- Dominique Darmanin- Sturgeon- Nil

**CARRIED**

**H. Closing Prayer**

The Closing Prayer was led by Chair Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon.

**I. Future Meetings**

Thursday, June 15, 2023

Volunteer of the year award presentation &  
Final meeting of the school year

**J. Adjournment**

**Moved by** Dinah Langley

**Seconded by** Natasha Kovar

**THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:00 pm**

**CARRIED**