

MINUTES

Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC)

Thursday, November 9, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

CEC – Board Room

Members Present:	Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon	Chair and Brampton West Secondary Representative
	Adrian Scigliano Laurie-Anne Clark RoseMarie Pazzelli	Superintendent Vice- Chair Principal/Vice-Principal Elementary Association
	Paul Basran	Principal/Vice-Principal Elementary Association
	Alexis Galvao	Principal/Vice Principal Secondary Association
	Diana Speranza	Principal/Vice-Principal Secondary Association
	Brian Diogo Natasha Kovar Amanada Le Blanc George Ling Yvette Lemonius Diana Carlesimo	Superintendent Mississauga East Elementary Mississauga North Elementary Mississauga North Secondary Mississauga South Secondary Mississauga South Elementary Chair, OAPCE Director Dufferin-Peel Elementary Unit OECTA
	Maria Commisso	Dufferin-Peel Elementary Unit OECTA
	Thomas Murphy	Brampton North East Elementary Brampton North East Secondary
	Sheena Tennesse Karen Dancy Alexandra Sikorski	Mississauga Brampton Central Elementary Mississauga Brampton Central Secondary
	Jennifer Cazabon	Brampton West Elementary Brampton East Caledon Dufferin Malton Elementary
	Anthony Marchao Stacey Budd	Brampton East Caledon Dufferin Malton Secondary
	Sunny Kanabe	Executive Administrative Assistant
Recorder:	Angela Charette	

A. Routine Matters

1. Chair Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Superintendent Scigliano led the Opening Prayer
3. Land Acknowledgement - Superintendent Diogo
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

Mike Brunetto	Tania Prsa
Rim Boulos	Kyla Lepore
Mary Boulos	Mike Hickey
Karen Barnett- Myers	
 - c. Identification of Observers and Guests

Leela Johnson	Maria Scupham
Karrie Daponte	Marina Melo

Conflicts of interest- Nil

SEAC Report- Clarification that Laurie-Ann Clarke did not sit as a SEAC representative at the last meeting, as stated on the agenda

5. Approval of Agenda, November 9, 2023

Moved by Jennifer Cazabon

Seconded by Natasha Kovar

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

CARRIED

- a. Business Matters- Nil

CARRIED

Approved Minutes- Central Committee for Catholic School Councils, November 9, 2023

B. Standing Items

1. Trustee Report – Thomas Thomas

Welcome to all new and returning members

- i. Latest release of EQAO data shows Dufferin Peel students meeting provincial standards in most areas- individual school results will be available at a later time
- ii. Approval of funding for new track – Ascension of our Lord- previously Premier offered funding and other half from City of Mississauga- Minister Lecce promised funding- city donated 1.56 million - September 2024 projected completion date
- iii. MYSP plan- informs direction of system and education for students
- iv. Parents and guardians’ important partners in education- Catholic teachings vetted with the bishops of Ontario- safe, caring, inclusive environment
- v. Social Media Platforms available to follow are: dpccsb schools, Facebook, Instagram, X, YouTube and dpccsb videos
- vi. School information board webpages good way to stay up to date- main board webpage
- vii. Distinguished Alumni posters- former students’ accomplishments- unique contributions- board website for further information
- viii. ICT CIO moved onto new position- new CIO will be announced following next board meeting
- ix. Enrollment declining – other catholic school boards accepting non-Catholic registrations- DPCDSB observing models- schools have become smaller- Ukrainian Orthodox registrations are currently being accepted- motion has been brought forward in past but opposed by trustees- Toronto passed motion to take non catholic students- orthodox, eastern right, improve enrollment

Superintendent Scigliano: Clarification provided to Diana Carlesimo’s question if non catholic teachers are being hired, Trustee Thomas is referring to Eastern Right Catholics

Trustee Thomas: This does not affect teachers- religion must be taught- not moving away from Catholic faith in classrooms

Maria Boulos: Currently Orthodox parents go through a long RCIA process- parents may tire of RCIA process

Trustee Thomas: Many students are Coptic, Greek Orthodox- improve school enrollment

Natasha Kovar: Regarding EQAO scores- last year funding was allocated for tutoring- will funding be available this year- funding available last year board of Trustees had agreed to

Superintendent Scigliano: Ministry has funded supports - Assistant Superintendent of Mathematics hired as Dufferin Peel works through goals- math is focus through PD with staff- Superintendents, teachers working through critical pathways to support math- significant amount of funds dedicated to mathematics – symposium session held with principals to discuss goals as board- three EQAO sessions with principals to dive into data and findings- will request further clarification- regrading further supports

Paul Basran: EQAO scores – consultants have come to support grade 3 and 6- certain schools identified and consultants were assigned- Ministry funding

Natasha Kovar: Clarification requested regarding declining enrollment down 2.2 % - was concern prior honoring and protecting the catholic board regarding not accepting non catholic students

Trustee Thomas: Dufferin Peel has always adhered to Catholic students registering- northern and eastern boards cannot continue to operate schools as enrollment decreases- Toronto enrollment declined- registration has opened to orthodox- Dufferin Peel will discuss

Natasha Kovar: A concern to consider in elementary may be honoring lead up to sacraments

Superintendent Scigliano: Sacramental life is foundation- will continue

Karen Dancy: Could board consider opening boundaries

Trustee Thomas: This topic has been brought up to discuss further

Karen Barnett-Myers: Clarification regarding what efforts have been made to figure out why enrollment is down

Trustee Thomas: GTA house prices have skyrocketed- families moving to other regions such as London, Windsor, Barrie, Niagara, Oshawa – examples St. Raphael and Holy Cross down nearly 300 students in last two years- large loss for communities- rent prices increased

Superintendent Scigliano: Covid times allowed companies to move to remote - students moved outside of the GTA - certain areas of growth are in our board- Mayfield corridor- but further south many less families

Jennifer Cazabon: Multifaceted reasons for decline in enrollment- affecting peel public as well- inflation and immigration- GTA phenomenon

Trustee Thomas: Responding to Natasha Kovar, CCCSC members may request feedback regarding opening registration and forward directly too (Trustee Thomas)

CARRIED

2. Superintendent Report- Superintendent Scigliano and Superintendent Diogo

- i. MYSP (multiyear strategic plan) Process- Education Act mandates that all school boards build and publicly post MYSP- informs direction of system operations, sets long term commitments - fundamental to developing appropriate educational programs for students- DPCDSB current MYSP went from- 2019-2023- current process of revising the MYSP-revisions being revised for 2023-2027- committee formed- multiple stakeholders including trustees, advisory members, clergy, presented with environmental scan- internal, external, discussions involving logo, value options- consensus to maintain core values- Believe, Excel, Respect, Thrive, Trust
- ii. Communication was facilitated through survey that went out to all parents and closed October 30th- survey results to be incorporated into MYSP plan- shared with final review committee- public release December 2023
- iii. Virtual training sessions- experienced and newly appointed chairs, secretaries, OAPCE and parish reps - November 30th – please share flyer – will record training and post on board website
- iv. PRO Grant- partially funded by Ministry- \$500 transferred to each catholic school council –\$77, 000 from Ministry to support work that is done – SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee) that engages parents then transferred \$25,000

- v. Funds may be used towards speakers, mental health and wellbeing, equity and indigenous education
- vi. VOYAP (Volunteer of the year Award) twelve nominees on last years' video - request for CCCSC members to promote to parents that volunteer within schools- applications were sent out in April- strike a committee and go through packages in May- last year four chosen– CCCSC will have a small celebration in June
- vii. Criminal Reference Checks- Vulnerable Sector Screenings- all parent council members required to have CRC or Annual Declaration in place- please share with local CSC

Superintendent Scigliano: Responding to Jennifer Cazabon, the MYSP survey was sent out centrally from the board, October 16th to be completed by October 30th

Superintendent Scigliano: Responding to Karen Dancy's request to re-open the survey, significant amount of work done, will bring back communication cascades

Tania Prsa: Request for what schools are doing to utilize Parent Engagement Funding

Superintendent Scigliano: Suggestion to have conversations with principals– suggestion to look historically at what CSC has done at specific school location

Chair Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon: Encourage CCCSC members to connect with each other and Chairs on central list each representative receives

Superintendent Scigliano: Responding to Karen Barnett-Myers request for results of student and staff census, will investigate further with Research department regarding information

Superintendent Scigliano: Hybrid option mandated for meetings to CCCSC members

Jennifer Cazabon: Suggestion for technology to be provided by Ministry to CSC due to online mandate

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3. **Ontario Association of Parents In Catholic Education (OAPCE) Report- Diana Carlesimo**

- i. First board meeting held- Bishop attended in person
- ii. New website launched- modern look, numerous faith resources
- iii. First Peel Region meeting- shared presentations, large attendance, OAPCE reps and additional parents attended
- iv. Provincial conference in April- held in GTA- open to all parents, including OAPCE reps
- v. Minutes and additional information will be sent to all CCCSC reps

Diana Carlesimo: OAPCE is the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education- OAPCE engages advocates and enhances the collective voice of parents and promotes publicly funded catholic education- only catholic parent organization regulated by Ministry- every school should have an OAPCE rep

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4. Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Report- Nil **CARRIED**

5. Diocesan/Parish Representative Report- Gabriel Ogundele- Nil **CARRIED**

6. ACCESS DP Report- Diana Carlesimo- Nil **CARRIED**

C. Information/Committee Updates

1. Correspondence- Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon- Nil **CARRIED**

6. CCCSC In Service Committee Report- Nil **CARRIED**

D. Action Items

1. Planning for November 30th Training Sessions

E. Additional Items

1. CCCSC Mandate, Policies and By-Laws- Superintendent Scigliano

- a) Mandate of CCCSC members is to promote boards vision and values and sacramental life and catholic practices of Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board and be faithful to its mission- support, encourage and enhance meaningful parent engagement at the board level -improve student achievement and well being within context of catholic faith- provide information and advice, communicate, and support Catholic School Councils
- b) CCCSC members- responsible to support catholic education, boards vision and values, faithful to mission, sacramental life, strategic planning and learning plans, promote shared responsibility of education of children, involving home school, parish, and community- communicate information to Catholic School Councils and the Director of Education- utilize funding, effective practices, ensure schools are welcoming, reduce barriers, knowledge, and skill building
- c) Role of Chair- elected from parent representatives at first meeting of CCCSC each school year for two-year term- cannot serve more than two consecutive terms
- d) Vice Chair- one year term- cannot serve more than three consecutive terms

- e) Meetings- majority must be parent members, two superintendents sit on the committee, and trustee must be present- minimum of four meetings per year- more are held, typically first Thursday- board room at 7:00 pm- 9:00 pm and following agendas – items may be deferred to next month
- f) Privacy respected to all individuals- nothing specific regarding individual names, holding anonymity, and privacy- individual issues- collective work
- g) Quorum- majority of members that make up a meeting
- h) Agenda set by Chair in consult with Superintendent, distributed minimum seven days in advance- with prior minutes for approval
- i) Observers are invited to attend CCCSC meetings- elected members may wish items to be brought as an agenda item – community members attend CCCSC meetings, they may bring items to their local CCCSC rep to facilitate that conversation through Chair
- j) Streamlining agendas- board meetings included- questions may be asked, but some items can be addressed at local Catholic School Councils- localized concerns- items can be added to agendas

Superintendent Scigliano: Responding to Karen Barnett-Myers request for clarification regarding Access DP and SEAC- SEAC is Special Education Advisory Committee, with Superintendent Papaloni and Trustees – DP Access is in line with physical accessibility in schools

Superintendent Scigliano: Responding to Karen Barnett- Myers question, why there are not committee members with an equity and indigenous education focus, Superintendent Scigliano will request clarification on members and by-laws

F. Appointment of New Committee

1. Appointment of CCCSC Chair- Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon
2. Appointment of CCCSC Vice-Chair- Karen Dancy
3. Appointment of CCCSC Representative on the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)- Laurie-Anne Clarke
4. Appointment of CCCSC Representatives (Elementary and secondary) on School Year Calendar- Elementary Representative- Alexandra Sikorski
Secondary Representative- Jennifer Cazabon
5. Appointment of Access DP Representative- Diana Carlesimo

G. Adjournment/ Closing Prayer

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

H. Future Meetings

Thursday, December 7, 2023

Monday, February 5, 2024

Thursday, March 7, 2024

Thursday, April 11, 2024

Thursday, May 9, 2024

Thursday, June 20, 2024 - Volunteer of the Year Award Presentation & final meeting of the school year

I. Adjournment

Moved by Karen Barnett-Myers

Seconded by Yvette Lemonius

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:00 pm

CARRIED