



Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils Meeting

Thursday, December 2, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Chair: Dominique- Darmanin Sturgeon
Vice Chair: Roxanne Smith
Trustee: Bruno Iannicca
Superintendent: Wayne Brunton

Members

Present:	Bruno Iannicca	Trustee
	Wayne Brunton	Superintendent
	Silvana Gos	Superintendent
	Alexis Galvao	Principal / Vice Principal Secondary Association
	Jessica Price	Dufferin-Peel Secondary Unit OECTA Representative
	Giovanna Chiodo	Dufferin-Peel Elementary Unit OECTA Representative
	Mary Licata	Brampton East Caledon Dufferin Malton- Secondary
	Karen Dancy	Brampton North-East- Elementary
	Carla Mynerich	Brampton North-East - Secondary
	Dominique Darmanin- Sturgeon	Brampton West - Secondary
	Jennifer Cazabon	Mississauga Brampton Central - Secondary
	Donna Lomba	Mississauga East- Elementary
	Anna Farmer	Mississauga East- Secondary
	Leeanne DeSouza Kenney	Mississauga North- Elementary
	Dinah Langley	Mississauga North - Secondary
	Roxanne Smith	Mississauga South - Secondary
	Jennifer Millson	OAPCE Representative

Recorder:	Angela Charette			
Regrets:	Mariana Kutin-Morais	Marisol Avila	Ian Lodge	Brian Diogo
	Laurie-Anne Clarke			
Absent:	Gabriel Ogundele	Ebenezer Addei		

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order
Chair Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Regrets were noted, guests welcomed, and attendance taken
2. Acknowledgement of First Nations Sacred Territory – Wayne Brunton
3. Opening Prayer – Wayne Brunton
Moving onto our second Advent – special intentions for students and families during this time
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- NIL
- c. Identification of Observers and Guests
 Tammy-Lynne Peel, Superintendent of Education, Brampton West
 Michelle Coutinho, Principal of Equity, Policy, Strategy, Research
 Kesh Sharma, ICT Support

Freduah Agyemang Gail Briand-Santo
 Angela Creighton

- 5. Approval of the Minutes of November 4, 2021, Meeting
THAT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2021, MEETING BE APPROVED.
Moved by Dinah Langley **Seconded by Roxanne Smith**
CARRIED

- 6. Business Arising from the Minutes - NIL
- 7. Approval of the Agenda
THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.
Moved by Karen Dancy **Seconded by Jennifer Millson**
CARRIED

B. Business Matters

- i. NIL

C. Presentations-

Tammy-Lynne Peel- Superintendent of Education, Brampton West

- Friday, September 17, 2021, was originally scheduled as a PA Day- it was rescheduled to Monday, September 20, 2021, to align with Federal Election. Concerns were brought forward with regards to Federal Election Canada covid protocols, contact tracing etc. The change was well received from parents who in the past identified other concerns, some not pandemic related, in granting community access to buildings
- October 2022 there is a scheduled election, and considerations will be given again with the 2022-2023 school year calendar
- Thursday, June 2, 2022, is a scheduled provincial election- Monday, June 6, 2022, is a scheduled PA Day- would like to reschedule the PA Day to Thursday, June 2, 2022- avoiding students being in school that day- this request will be brought forward to Trustees

Michelle Coutinho-Principal- Equity, Policy, Strategy, Research

- Presentation shared with CCCSC. Through the use of Pro Grant funding, planning will begin taking place in January regarding sessions, and resources for equity and inclusivity
- Equity work is rooted in our catholic school teachings, Bible was the first equity strategy- roots of all our work. When we look at a faith community, we speak on dignity
- Terms used a lot; Equality, Equity and Diversity- when referring to inequity we refer to not everyone getting the same thing. Equality- both individuals given the same thing- that does not work for everyone because some people require different tools. Equity work is talking about giving tools needed- it is work of justice- the individual's needs and the system, and restoring dignity
- Think broadly when thinking about diversity, the meaning, and how it impacts our students
- We are beginning to name things; name the oppressions- naming it means we can

acknowledge it. We name it in our CBILC's. When we talk about equity, we also talk about achievement. Ministry is moving toward destreaming because of achievement, and equitable access

- We talk about action- equity is in the Multiyear Strategic Plan and the CBILC- it is one thing to say that we stand for something- but where is the action. Dufferin Peel is exceptional in talking about the action that is associated with the statement- re: Land Acknowledgment was done in community with Indigenous partners and took over two years- it has Anishinaabek words embedded in it. Languages were taken away in residential schools- it is a call to action
- How is injustice addressed- rises in all sorts of oppressions- Dufferin-Peel has tried to do Identity-based data in the school climate survey, staff census, student census- there is some discomfort around personal questions- helps to inform us- data helps to amend programming, look at discipline and look at focus groups- focus groups on anti-Black racism- changes we are implementing are impacting the people we are focusing on
- Students want to connect with staff, and staff need professional development
- Academic streaming, advisory councils, changes to the curriculum to look at policies to the dress code- integration of Black history- Indigenous families – looking at representation and police presence. Harm can look like the erasure of identity; if a student never see's someone in the hallway that looks like themselves, or in the guest speakers, or in the books, it causes harm
- Perpetuated pictures from the past that we think are the truth. When we look at oppressions on sexism, racism, Islamophobia- they have never been challenged
- Representation is important. Conversations have been happening in schools. Trailblazers: a book on Black pioneers in Canadian history sent to all elementary Dufferin Peel schools. Secondary has a wide variety of representation. Celebrate Black and Indigenous joy, and disrupt narratives
- Land Acknowledgment- we are one of first boards to have Indigenous language course
- Representation is important in speakers; Black Futures Series- Student Senate interviewed members of the Black community- one student interviewed the author of 'Gutter Child,' by Jael Richardson
- Black Futures lab by students for students- prototypes are saved in the SharePoint to show other schools how they can start- best practices
- Staff training- important for all staff to have this conversation, variety of professional development going on
- SharePoint: internal site where Dufferin Peel staff can access resources- policies and practices- discipline and how do we correct that- Black Community Advisory Council
- Black Graduation Coach project
- Policies and practices- bathrooms that have a single use washroom
- Community voice: IAC and BCAC, share lived experiences. A lot of social media- @dpequity and Black Excellence account on Twitter and Instagram. Departments within the Board are coming together to be aligned. Re working with Supply Chain and the prejudices they observe- mannequins that represent different identities are important in a cosmetology class, not just white mannequins that are always available to purchase
- Question brought forward from Dinah Langley, during the Chairs training session, there was a discussion around an equity inclusivity statement that could be created for CSAC meetings. Michelle will send something forward for council

D. Reports

1. Trustee Report – Bruno Iannicca

- i. In February secondary schools are going back to semesters. Discussions have

taken place on how to help students transition- some students are only familiar with quadesters- remote or in person will be offered and is Ministry mandated- significant amount of concern and conversation on wellbeing has taken place from student perspective

- ii. Policy was passed that allows double vaccinated volunteers and participants only inside the school- positive response
- iii. Waiting for a policy from medical health officer- hopefully in January that will be finalized
- iv. Parents have questioned if Dufferin Peel would be implementing that students be double vaccinated to participate in sports- it was discussed but has not been implemented
- v. Cafeterias are being re-opened, lockers are available
- vi. Question raised last council meeting about parent volunteers participating in schools that do not have a sports team- answer remains the same as pre-covid; parents are allowed to volunteer provided there is a teacher to supervise
- vii. MADD Canada and Peel Regional Police presentation will be forthcoming with more details for December
- viii. Looking into a human trafficking presentation- discussions regarding speaking to CCCSC; a few stipulations, re: privacy. Link from Global News will be shared with members
 - Suggestion brought forward from Jennifer Millson; Peel Health has a community outreach unit to support survivors and increase awareness, could be shared during the presentation

2. Superintendent Report – Wayne Brunton & Silvana Gos

- Thank you to everyone who participated in the Parent Engagement event with Dr. Jamieson, and the CSC training sessions, good turnout
- Every CSC will receive \$500, no restrictions or report required, separate from Pro Grant
- CSC funds- transparency in minutes- possibly saving up for an item- CSC and Principal decide where the funds are spent- funds raised by students should go back to the students, do our best to spend funds but sometimes there is a carryover
- Fundraising is OK if items can be delivered to school and could be picked up (outside) some examples are Terra Cotta, poinsettias, wish lists from teachers. Virtual speakers can be used. Peel Public Health has confirmed that the transmission of virus cannot be contracted through touching items
- Responding to Mary Licata's question if approval was required from the Finance department to carry over funds, Superintendent Brunton confirmed school council funds are always carried over, and no approval required
- CSC Annual Report is typically sent out the beginning of the school year -this year it will be sent before the Christmas break- names and contact information are required along with preliminary plans for your schools
- CSC Annual Survey will come out in May- request for feedback; what members would like to see in the future, etc. Chairs will share with members- it will be a link and online
- Clarification to CSC role- Zoom links are only for reps- the link should not be shared with anyone who is not an elected official- it is not a public forum
- Responding to a question brought forward earlier to Superintendent Brunton

by a member of CCCSC, could the unapproved minutes of the meetings be shared prior to them being vetted and approved by CSAC; the minutes are not to be shared. CCCSC reps would first review and approve the minutes as a group- minutes belong to CCCSC, and only members would approve

- Small token of appreciation being sent to all our members in the courier- thank you for serving us as a member of CCCSC

3. OAPCE Report - Jennifer Millson

- Recording will be posted from last night's meeting- resources will be shared with CCCSC, good feedback and increase in attendance
- November 20th, 2021, webinar went well- webinars that were eligible to be recorded for anyone who may have missed them can be viewed- Partners in Education, and Miguel Martinez along with many other presentations- survey to share information
- OAPCE will take the information and share with Directors around the province- Sara Westbrook presentation was not recorded- there is a survey to complete if you attended
- December newsletter to be shared through CCCSC networks
- Regional Council- last night's meeting there was an election- Jennifer Millson nominated for additional two years along with Mariana Kutin-Morais, there are also many new reps
- Dietician presentation in November- the copy can be shared with you if you could not attend
- December Zentangle night- a few spots left- Jennifer will resend the link
- Comment from Dinah Langley, Miguel's presentation was engaging- promoted at school council meeting- link is being shared with school council members. Link shared in chat for reps
- Parents are still asking for the hybrid model in presentations if they cannot travel and make it to certain events, it provides flexibility
- Next meeting scheduled for end of January with the Provincial Board
- Responding to Mary Licata's question if secondary schools would be having exams, Superintendent Brunton responded that it has not been decided at this time, details are being ironed out-as of right now the focus is on CPT's

4. SEAC Report – Donna Lomba

- Summer 2021 program went well, staff supporting needs for two weeks in August
- Projects to help students transition back to school
- Helping students access their emails and information
- Working to have Human Trafficking presentations
- Students with special needs regulation meeting with parents to try and have a movie night or virtual dance party, workshops, finance plans and nutrition plans
- Programs and services for SLP and Downs Syndrome, more support for parents requested
- Rosie Della Spina's last day December 17, 2021 – retirement announcement

5. Parish Representative Report –NIL

6. ACCESS DP –Carla Mynerich

- Meeting held on December 1, 2021- role of access DP – goal is to ensure continual improvement of access to board facilities, policies, programs, services for staff and members of communities with disabilities. Goal is to eliminate the barriers – call upon students and other individuals who are feeling oppression- to share their lived experiences with committee- to send information to the committee and have an

opportunity to sit on the committee. Next meeting will be February or March- meet three times a year. Superintendent Matthew Thomas is the Chair.

7. Monthly Member Update Report - NIL

E. Information / Committee Updates- Dominique Darmanin- Sturgeon

1.
 - Correspondence – Dr. Anne Jamieson presentation was hosted
 - Training for CCCSC positions
 - CCCSC letter, Introduction written by Chair Dominique Darmanin- Sturgeon, posted on the DPCDSB website
 - Bylaws were left on the website, parent engagements are also available
 - Parents are able to navigate the CCCSC information on the website by going to the Catholic Schools tab, Central Committee, all items are displayed there

2. CCCSC In-Service Committee Update- NIL

F. Other-

- Clarification requested from Dinah Langley, regarding the November 17th Ministry announcement, and the Trustee newsletter, if rapid antigen test kits would be coming home with students. Superintendent Brunton responded, there is some confusion between PCR tests and Rapid Tests. 19 pilot secondary schools were selected to have PCR tests that are voluntary and distributed only if there is an outbreak. The Ministry has announced that all families would get rapid test kits to take home before the Christmas break. Dufferin Peel is working with Peel Public Health on communication and distribution to parents. The Board is cautious on how to send the test kits home; in discussion with Trustees, there will be a decision made, after considering best options
- Responding to Dinah Langley, if a letter would be forthcoming from the Ministry to let parents opt in for a test kit, Superintendent Brunton responded that the letter being shared will have instructions on how to use the test kits and the background on why they are becoming available to parents
- Question brought forward by Dinah Langley if there has been any success on finding out if Dr. Loh is available to present to CCCSC, Trustee Iannicca responded there has not been any success. There is an upcoming Parent/Caregiver webinar on Tuesday, December 7th with Dr. Loh
- Responding to Dinah Langley if there is any way to find out if Peel Public Health can provide a portal to parents to submit questions prior to their presentations, Superintendent Brunton will inquire about their platform, and if that is possible
- Comment and request from Karen Dancy, there are students who are behind on missed vaccines normally given at school- if parents go to their physician there is a charge, this creates an equity issue- could Trustee Iannicca bring that concern forward to Dr. Loh
- Suggestion brought forward from Jennifer Cazabon, to reach out to your family physician, there is a Peel Health form available that parents can sign, to state these vaccines would have been done at school, and there is no charge to parents- would be helpful to let parents know
- Comment from Carla Mynerich, that pharmacists are giving out the vaccines. Carla will try to communicate this with Dr. Loh. Centrally send questions to Wayne and Angie and they will be sent to Carla

G. Questions Asked by Public- NIL

H. Closing Prayer – Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon

I. Adjournment Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon

Moved by Dinah Langley

Roxanne Smith

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED at 9:12 pm

CARRIED

J. Future Meetings

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Thursday, March 3, 2022

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Thursday, May 5, 2022

Thursday, June 9, 2022-

Volunteer of the Year Award Presentation