

MINUTES

Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC)

Thursday, March 7, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

CEC – Board Room

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

A. Routine Matters

1. Chair Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Prayer led by Superintendent Scigliano
3. Land Acknowledgement - Superintendent Diogo
4. Welcome and Introduction
 - a. Welcome and Declaration of CCCSC Representatives
 - i. Superintendent Scigliano thanked CCCSC members for suggestions that were brought forward as topics for the agenda. Many of the suggested topics will be addressed, and suggestions brought forward were noted to be pertinent discussions and not single school issues. Superintendent Scigliano provided a reminder that issues that come up in a school community are to be supported by the school principal and local school's Family of Schools' superintendent. CCCSC meetings are not the appropriate venue for these issues and noted that people are respectful of this request and thanked members for following the process.
 - i. Declaration of Conflict of Interest- Nil
 - b. Declaration of Alternates by Family of Schools

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

Anthony Cardamone	Stephanie Ponte
Sandra Caputo	
5. Approval of Minutes, February 5, 2024

Moved by	Sunny Kanabe
Seconded by	Jennifer Cazabon

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING, FEBRUARY 5, 2024, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

5. Approval of Agenda, March 7, 2024

Moved by	Alexandra Sikorski
Seconded by	Sunny Kanabe

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THAT THE AGENDA OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING, MARCH 7, 2024, BE APPROVED.

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- a. Business Matters- Nil

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**B. Presentation – Assistant Superintendent- Kevin Wendling
Math Achievement Plan**

- i. Math Achievement Action Plan- Province mandated that Ontario school boards create a Math Achievement Action Plan based on core priorities- Curriculum Fidelity, Math Content Knowledge, and Measurable Results- progress may vary
- ii. Key Performance Indicator- with three priority actions, board requires strategies that are measured at board level and classroom level- data that is assessed
- iii. Math resources have been purchased- ensure that tools are being used and how are students reacting- board measures when the tools are being used
- iv. Ministry selected and identified 35 Priority Schools- grade 3, 6 or 9 classrooms with underachieving math data through EQAO scores- schools receive a math facilitator who assists classrooms- 9 facilitators supporting schools
- v. Student Achievement data, student attendance- Ministry suggests if a student misses more than 10 days, learning is affected and creates gaps
- vi. Student, teacher, and principal survey conducted in January- focus on math with attitudes, digital tools, learning- usage data regarding tools
- vii. Primary students surveyed- attitudes became more negative as grades increased- basics are needed to be learned- math is in architecture, art, business, and everyday life
- viii. Student confidence observed to be lower in math- teachers are working to ensure they know their learners- parents can assist with math in everyday life through board games, card games, cooking, and counting
- ix. Ministry website offers high impact strategies for mathematics- including background knowledge, modeling
- x. Students discussed the importance of explaining how they come up with answers
- xi. Ministry supported 150 subsidies for teachers to take AQ courses – additional subsidies given- AQ courses focus on methods of teaching, how to reach students
- xii. Priority schools are seeing positive movement- attitude surveys- Research department puts together scale score- math engagement, learning environment, manipulatives and technology in math instruction went up 6-8 percent with math facilitator- beginning stages of data
- xiii. Three reports submitted to the Ministry- Trustees receive update- feedback given from groups

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Responding to Alex Sikorski's question that there are multiple ways of teaching, and if parents can be self-taught, Superintendent Wendling clarified that there are in fact multiple ways of teaching, and therefore multiple ways to answer questions- recommendation to speak to classroom teacher and clarifying what method or perspective is being taught- no textbooks- additionally there are resources on board website- lessons available on YouTube

Responding to Jennifer Cazabon, Superintendent Wendling commented that communication and knowledge questions need to be clear- students encouraged to speak to teachers when struggling- categories in curriculum guides- rubrics

Superintendent Diogo: Professional Learning Communities- grade 2 and 5 teachers board wide are using the same questions- focus on those years attitudinal data- high school de streamed grade 9 math more like grade 8- full spectrum being taught in elementary- building the bridge

Superintendent Wendling: Math facilitators jobs require diagnostic testing on where gaps are- Program department facilitators looking at gaps across all curriculum- social aspects involved from grade 9 to 12

Responding to Karen Myers- Barnett, Superintendent Wendling discussed math pathways – teachers encouraged to know their learners so students not struggling in courses- students choosing courses and parents encouraged to advocate with course selection- Math Achievement Plan working to close gaps

In response to Karen Myers-Barnett regarding priority schools, Superintendent Wendling confirmed that priority schools are not published- teachers, and student community may cause embarrassment- EQAO, and attendance affect- year to year this may change with supports- it also labels schools

Principal Diana Speranza: Identifying schools and then providing supports may take the school out of being a priority school- then this label does not follow the students

Superintendent Scigliano, responding to Juanita Celenza: Teachers are engaging in specific professional board wide communities that focus on primary, junior and secondary work across the board

Superintendent Wendling: Spring survey will come out, parents encouraged to share opinions

B. Standing Items

1. Trustee Report – Anisha Thomas

- i. This month's virtue of kindness reminds us gift of Christ is upon us
- ii. Season of Lent- called to draw closer to Christ throughout 40 days of Lent- as Catholic school communities, we are grateful for continued partnership of parish priests, who support our students' faith formation during this Holy time of the liturgical calendar

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- iii. Ministry of Education expected to announce the 2024-2025 Grants for Student Needs- budget planning process starts well before release of GSN at end of March- stakeholders well informed with a live budget information webcast Wednesday, April 24, 2024
- iv. 2024-2025 Modified School Year Calendar- Ontario Regulation amended to 364/15 identifies that every school shall include a minimum 194 school days, seven Professional Activity days and a maximum ten examination days. Ministry directive required consult from Board of Trustees, Elementary and Secondary Units of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association, Elementary and Secondary Principals' and Vice- Principals Associations, Central Committee for Catholic School Councils through both elementary and secondary representatives, board staff and co-terminus school boards. Cost savings through transportation will be attained through alignment with co-terminus board. Six of seven Elementary PA days and seven of the seven Secondary PA days are aligned with co-terminus board. A draft of 2024-2025 Modified School Year Calendar submitted to Ministry for approval
- v. DPCDSB selects alumni from secondary schools and celebrates them through Distinguished Alumni campaign. Graduated recognized for valuable and unique contributions in careers, pathways and communities- board is currently accepting nominations- due date April 4, 2024
- vi. Remote learning option continues for the 2024-2025 school year for elementary and secondary- host schools will continue to be Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School, and St. Paul Catholic Secondary School- a communication bulletin sent out to parents/guardians regarding interest and instructions on how to register
- vii. Newly elected student Trustees for the 2024-2025 school year are North Student Trustee Jia Sharma from St. Marguerite d'Youville, South Student Trustee Raheen White from St. Marcellinus, and Indigenous Student Trustee Bailey Clyne from Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Suggestion from Karen Dancy to have Student Trustees attend a future CCCSC meeting

Superintendent Scigliano: Copies of the Trustee report are being provided, after consultation with Trustee Thomas Thomas

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2. Superintendent Report- Adrian Scigliano

- i. Topics brought forward as agenda items will be discussed- CCCSC meetings not venue for localized school discussions, but questions could be discussed separately at another time
- ii. Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino will attend the April 11th CCCSC meeting to present Student Census Data
- iii. Parent Engagement Funding- met with Chief Financial Officer to verify- email provided says the \$500 funds can be rolled over- typical plans are funds should be intended to be spent by August 31st, but could be rolled over

- iv. Guest speaker parent engagement sessions- Cannabis and vaping- through suggestion of Peel Public Health and CAMH, currently going through the guest speaker protocol and aiming for end of April or beginning of May for a presentation

Diana Carlesimo suggests month of May might be difficult due to sacraments- Superintendent Scigliano will investigate this
- v. Equity department to be transferred \$10,582 to provide picture books in elementary schools that reflect diversity in schools- Black and Indigenous authors- distributed as a 5-book package- books representative of students in schools
- vi. CCCSC given a budget of \$70,500- expenditures include \$25,000 to SEAC department, \$10,582 to Equity department, \$7200 on the Chairs evening that went back to the Hospitality department, meeting refreshment items, Matt Richardson presentation, and planned expenditures. Liturgical tokens. The \$500 ProGrant Funding is separate funding to each school that does not come out of the \$75,000- Superintendent Scigliano to look into the SEAC expenditures-
- vii. Volunteer of the Year Award information sent out- costs associated with this function- opportunity until May 10th to bring forward names- Chair and four volunteers sit on a committee

Jennifer Cazabon: Decrease in activity fee has taken out cost of religious retreat and yearbook fees- request for Superintendent Scigliano to look into encompassing those fees back into a student activity fee

Superintendent Scigliano, responding to Jennifer Cazabon, will look into possibility of students to participate in school fundraising that does not breach the cafeteria contracts that are in place

Responding to Karen Myers-Barnett, Superintendent Scigliano will investigate facilities at St. Martins Catholic Secondary School in reference to the regional sports program

Karen Myers-Barnett: Link will be forthcoming for OFFSA and students with exceptionalities

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

- i. OAPCE Regional conference to be held April 13th- registration open to everyone- links will be forthcoming
- ii. Request for local vendors for the OAPCE conference
- iii. OAPCE can now be followed on @OAPCE85 and on X @OAPCEONTARIO
- iv. Parent 2 Parent Press- <https://oapce.org/parents-4-parents/>
- v. Upcoming meeting on May 29th – virtual may move to in person

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4. Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Report- Mike Brunetto

- i. Feb 21st SEAC meeting- Tanya Gallway presentation- Diverse Learning - mental health, stress management and resiliency – walkthrough of website and how to navigate supports
- ii. Uniform voting- discussions ongoing
- i. Discussions regarding shortage of support workers- petition forthcoming to Minister Lecce- HR department actively working on shortage

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

CARRIED

C. Information/Committee Updates

1. Correspondence- Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon

- i. Ministry of Education shared a Parent’s Guide to Educational System- guide covers how students are doing in school, learning about suspension and expulsion process, attending school council meetings, or parent involvement meetings, specialized supports to help students succeed- efforts to increase transparency and accountability in the school system
- ii. St. Edmund Campion hosting Dr. ABC through Black Excellence- Dr. ABC has done a lot of work with DPCDSB- Brampton schools will be invited- flyer will be forthcoming

Responding to Diana Carlesimo’s question if the board is ensuring that all principals are following process regarding suspensions and expulsion, Superintendent Scigliano confirmed that Safe Schools information sessions are viewed each month at Family of Schools meeting to ensure consistency

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6. CCCSC In Service Committee Report- Nil

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D. Adjournment/ Closing Prayer

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

E. Future Meetings

Thursday, April 11, 2024

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Thursday, May 9, 2024

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

F. Adjournment

Moved by Karen Myers- Barnett

Seconded by Jennifer Cazabon

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:00 pm

CARRIED