

MINUTES

Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC)

Thursday, May 11, 2023 7:00 p.m.

CEC – Board Room

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 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

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

Juanita Celenza	Sunny Kanabe
Natasha Kovar	George Ling
Sheena Tennessee	
 - c. Identification of Observers and Guests - Nil
5. Approval of Agenda, April 13, 2023

Moved by Karen Dancy

Seconded by Ian Lodge

THAT THE AGENDA OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING, APRIL 13, 2023 BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

- a. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a) Fully Alive clarification- During last month's CCCSC Meeting it was mentioned Pearson had lost rights to Fully alive. Pearson did not lose rights- paused as they currently work with Catholic Bishops to revisit the fully alive program- parents input on religion and Fully Alive curriculum - CCCSC parents provided feedback to ICE
 - b) Natasha Kovar- During last month's CCCSC meeting question brought forward how board presents uniforms to non- catholic students – clarification this in no way had anything to do with an issue regarding students wearing head scarfs, or other items- general inquiry into uniform
6. Approval of the Minutes, April 13, 2023

Moved by Natasha Kovar

Seconded by Jennifer Cazabon

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING, APRIL 13, 2023 BE APPROVED.

Approved Minutes- Central Committee for Catholic School Councils, May 11, 2023

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- a. Business Matters- Nil

B. Presentations - Nil

C. Updates/Information/Reports from Trustees for Receipt

1. Trustee Report – Stephano Pascucci

- i. Question from last CCCSC meeting regarding two percent School Cash Online fees – clarification this is a merchant processing fee to use credit and debit- board does not collect fees- school secretary will set up toggle to add an incremental fee- optional for parents
- ii. Trustees will be attending school events- milestone events, upcoming graduations
- iii. Forthcoming information on RFP- bids are listed

Ian Lodge: Clarification requested regarding classroom closures in schools- who determines what schools, and purpose of the rooms

Trustee Stefano Pascucci: As school populations decline, some schools may begin shuttering classrooms- some rooms used for other reasons, or closed completely- other rooms receive more from HVAC systems, school by school basis to send communication

Superintendent Brunton: Plant department has data based on enrollment and several other analytics such as HVAC- principals involved in discussion- if smartboards are in classroom that is being shuttered ICT would move it to another room- if shuttered class could be used for another purpose suggestion to speak to principal on case by case- resources moved at no cost to school

Karen Dancy: Schools raised money and then items were removed- smartboards sent to other schools- please confirm if schools may keep their technology

Superintendent Brunton: Understanding items stay in the school- during covid chrome books were shared amongst schools- principals had been asked to identify assets- shuttered classrooms not mentioned

Superintendent Gos: Smartboards in shuttered classrooms may not always get moved- it may cost more to move some of them rather than purchase new one- depending on equipment

Yvette Lemonius: Suggestion moving forward to communicate to families for transparency purposes- specifically if students contribute towards an item

Paula Lima: Asbestos removal that is that currently happening in school while children are in building- does this pose health threat

Superintendent Brunton: Assessments and preliminary testing happen- depending on specifics of building- everyone needs to be safe- Plant and Maintenance department work with Ministry of Labor- particular schools can be looked at and would be advised

Yvette Lemonious: Human Trafficking- requesting more exposure for students to be educated on topic

Superintendent Brunton: Recent parent engagement presentation on Human Trafficking held online- more interest expressed than those that attended

Karen Barnett: Suggestion for more focus on wellness presentations

Jennifer Cazabon: Suggestion for different methods of communication to parents- multiple SMS messages and emails in a day from schools- parent engagement flyers may be overlooked

Diana Carlesimo: Family engagements could be held that allow for students to attend- may attract more parents

Rim Boulos-Kottas: Topic of human trafficking could be brought to students in grade 7 and 8- not just high school students- reach a younger target audience

Superintendent Brunton: Community outreach awareness- must be age level appropriate- Timeas Group, Elizabeth Fry Society- board wide events

Superintendent Brunton: Remaining balance of Pro grant funding- support for Indigenous Education Culture Camp transportation costs- funds could be further distributed to each Catholic School Council – refrain from communication - final balance will be determined

Superintendent Brunton: Thursday, May 18th Parent Engagement presentation -Dr. Andrew Campbell- proactive measures on combating anti Black racism- Equity department has worked with Dr. Campbell in the past

Superintendent Brunton: CCCSC members invited to June Mass and Volunteer of the Year presentation- recipients awarded in June- trustees may also attend- next year's CCCSC dates will be shared with members- Chairs meeting held in October- encourage parents to attend- November will be first meeting- orientation and regular events

Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Last meeting conversation about succession planning

Superintendent Brunton: Catholic School Council survey forthcoming- not shared with all parents- survey for voting members who will connect and go over feedback for the year- series of questions pertaining to fundraising, curriculum, leadership – chair will share with members

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D. Updates/Information/Reports from Superintendent for Receipt

1. Superintendent Report- Wayne Brunton & Silvana Gos
 - i. Saturday, May 13th Parent Engagement cancelled- formerly known as Marketplace and held on Saturdays- pre covid event included vendors, keynote speakers- post covid, decline in turnout- vendors uninterested in attending-suggestion brought forward Pro grant funding be used for each school

Chair Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon: Significant value in what used to take place- Marketplace was opportunity to network, individual family of school events well attended in past -some virtual might work well

Diana Carlesimo: Suggestion for different date in future, family engagement with students may present more interest

Karen Dancy: OAPCE has experienced same decline in interest with parent involvement post covid- larger issue

Superintendent Brunton: Future event could be on global scale- one big event with mix of in person and virtual- location, topics per community, parents were surveyed- the 5 sessions for May 13th event were topics chosen by parents- Dufferin Peel is in position to defend why there is a right to offer catholic education- keynote speaker address was how to protect and sustain catholic schools

Jennifer Cazabon: Vendors do not have large budgets due to current costs- new parents do not understand what Marketplace is -suggestion to educate chairs at October meeting to take information back to councils- advertise across the board

Juanita Celenza: Suggestion to meet in smaller groups at schools may be beneficial

Karen Barnett: Request for clarification on purpose of parent engagement event- concerns over wellbeing in schools

Superintendent Brunton: Main purpose is catholic education- keynote speaker address along with a number of other topics and presentations to serve various needs- networking with other parents

Paula Lima: School hosting spring market- offering wellness theme, variety of vendors in community, students participating, Twitter not recommended as marketing platform, door to door handouts recommended to garner interest - visually changing graphics

Jennifer Cazabon: Suggestion to imbed images within email- PDF difficult and does not save - May is late for Parent Engagement- suggestion to move dates prior to Christmas

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E. Updates/Information/Reports from Committees for Receipt

1. OAPCE- Karen Dancy

- a) School Mental Health Support Team – workshop with Dr. Josephine Lombardi
- b) Advocacy work- ICE- OAPCE Executive Director- annual ICE symposium took place- opportunity to celebrate month of Mary with Father Liao
- c) May 25th- volunteer celebration and wrap up- in person event

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2. Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Report

- 1. SEAC Report – Gianluca Ferrari - Nil

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3. Parish Representative Report

1. Parish Report- Gabriel Ogundele

a) Parish reps within the schools – are schools aware of having a rep and their role

Natasha Kovar: Some schools do not have an active parish rep- difficulty obtaining

b) Training in October – new archbishop- passionate about working with youth-discussions regarding parish rep, value, and importance- language of mercy and leaders should be fluent in mercy – courage to speak to students about catholic education, multi-dimensional, and protecting catholic education- discussions to bishops around protecting catholic education

c) Religious icons in schools- discussions surrounding choosing catholic schools

Superintendent Brunton: World religions course- non catholic parents choose catholic education- speaks to the education offered within Dufferin Peel

d) Bishop Camilleri- will join June 15th Volunteer of the Year Presentation and lead in Mass

Superintendent Brunton: Will connect with Gabriel regarding readers and petitions

Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Catholic education from baptism, living the faith, promote what is learned, catholic education lens - uniform shows we are all the same

Gabriel Ogundele: Difficult to engage parents- through parish reps there are extensive discussions- look at own involvement in church

Stephanie Coombes: Orangeville- lower registration rates for communion and families are turned away after missing registration deadlines- priests need to engage and parents receive more information combined with school

Superintendent Brunton will take this suggestion back

Maria Scupham: When parish decided they would give catechism teachers became removed- more advocacy requested for parish and school to share- paper from school not always coming home with students- parents losing communication especially if not attending church regularly

Gabriel Ogundele: Memorandum sent to archdiocese to appeal this is what parents are requesting

Superintendent Brunton: Request to connect with archdiocese prior to information being shared with parents

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4. ACCESS DP Report
 1. Diana Carlesimo- Nil

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5. Monthly Member Update Report- Nil

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6. CCCSC In Service Committee Report- Nil

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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
 - i. Anti Black racism presentation- CCCSC hosting Dr. ABC on May 18th
 - ii. ICE symposium- students from St. Francis Xavier Secondary School present- archbishop in attendance
 - iii. Chair Dominique Darmanin- Sturgeon sitting on Traffic Safety Committee council

Tannice Ashman: Council is struggling to recruit parents- Journey into Learning evening allows councils to provide information on fundraising

Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Without council students do not receive good service- important role within school communities

Karen Barnett: Suggestion to speak to children and ask how school is going and what challenges they are facing- parents can join council to discuss- more conversation at school recommended regarding what council is

Jennifer Cazabon: Presentation on de streaming - math and science is de streamed for grade 9- parents protesting the detreaming- input to create resources from board

Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Suggestion to speak with MPP's- programming or de streaming concerns may be brought further

Karen Barnett: Requesting clarification if school board tried to stop destreaming – letter was sent

Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Board abides by Ministry - no reply regarding letter

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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 Ian Lodge

Seconded by Diana Carlesimo

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:25 pm

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