

**Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils Meeting
Thursday, February 23, 2012, 7:00 P.M.
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre**

Chair: G. Rodney

Trustees: F. DiCosola
T. Thomas

Superintendents: G. Prajza

Members Present:

G. Prajza, Superintendent
G. Rodney, CCCSC Chair
E. McMahon, Representative - Secondary Principals
M. O'Mahony, Representative – Elementary Principals
O. Sousa, OAPCE Representative
L. Davoli, Mississauga North – Elementary Representative
L. Eschli, Mississauga South, Secondary Representative
E. Lehman, Mississauga South, Alternate Elementary Representative
N. Hutfloetz, Brampton North East, Elementary Representative
C. DiCarlo, OECTA Elementary Representative
J. Gordon, BE/C/D/M/O Elementary Representative
P. Giansante, Mississauga East, Elementary Representative
K. Cespite, B/E/C/D/M/O, Secondary Representative

Recorder: C. Cristina

A Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance
 - G. Prajza called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Opening Prayer – led by G. Prajza
3. Attendance
 - i. Welcome and Declaration of CCCSC representatives
 - ii. Declaration of Alternates by Family of Schools
 - iii. Identification of Observers
 - D. Patterson, Board Consultant – Family of Schools Improvement Support
 - S. Ulett-Smith, Ontario Ministry of Education Achievement Officer
 - J. Taylor, Ontario Ministry of Education Achievement Officer

- A. MacDonald, Ontario Ministry of Education Achievement Officer
- S. Kendrick, Superintendent Special Education
- D. Patterson, Consultant, C.E.C.
- R. Quattro, OAPCE
- C. Sales, St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

4. Approval of Minutes of January 26, 2012 Meeting

Amendment:

Pg. 2 – Item C.1. – 3rd bullet:

Change: “updates” to “updated”

- **Moved by L. Eschli**

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26, 2012 MEETING BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

5. Approval of the Agenda

- **Moved by N. Hutfloetz**

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

B Presentations

- *Special Education – S. Kendrick*

S. Kendrick, Superintendent of Special Services, provided Committee with information related to the Special Education Department of the Board. Ms. Kendrick described the structure of the Special Education Department, Section 23 Schools, and how funding affects students. She thanked parents for their involvement and assured them that Dufferin-Peel values all students ensuring that everyone is included in a most inclusive environment.

- *Curriculum – D. Patterson*

Ministry of Education Achievement Officers distributed and described in detail the Ministry pamphlet titled, *Helping Your Child Do Mathematics; A Guide For Parents*. This pamphlet is being written as a guide for parents to better understand the concepts and methods of assisting students with mathematics at home. Ministry Officers invited suggestions and comments from committee as this document is still in the draft stage. Following much discussion, Ministry Officers were pleased to have received many valuable suggestions that will be taken into consideration.

C Business Matters

1.. Trustee Report – F. Di Cosola

- Meeting on Feb. 6th, 2012 to prioritize capital projects included discussion on the Board’s first Global Learning Centre proposed for St. James School.
- With reference to the possible reductions and modifications outlined in the recent Drummond Report, Board is waiting to hear decision on recommendations that will be made.

2. *Committee Updates – G. Prajza & M.A. O’Mahony*

March 26, 2012 event:

- “*Parenting The Long Journey: Navigating our Way through Technology,*” is the title of Joe Rich’s presentation;
- Mississauga Grand Banquet Centre confirmed for this event;
- Maximum of 650 people can be accommodated;
- Flyers and tickets will be distributed within the next week.
- Door prizes being prepared.

April 14, 2012 – CCCSC Marketplace and Conference:

- Committee has met and preparations are underway;
- Schedule for the day has been streamlined and will now be held between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

2. *OAPCE Report: O. Sousa*

- Annual General Meeting scheduled for May 4th, 2012 at All Saints School in Whitby; Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Collins;
- OAPCE’s Outreach Program is on-going and proving to be very successful. To-date, 69 schools are involved.

3. *SEAC Report – J. Gordon*

- Section 23 Programs and a future IB Program at St. James School were addressed;
- Services of the Psychology Department to be profiled during the month of February
- Use of the SMART Student Response System was demonstrated as part of the Tools for Learning: Adaptive Technology in Dufferin-Peel, Part II
- Amongst the many services that Brampton Caledon Community Living provides, it also assists people with intellectual disabilities and their families with community residential settings, community participation supports, guidance, and information.
- Work amongst Committee members involved with the ProGrant projects is on-going.

5. *Parish Representative Report – G. Ogundele*

- A meeting of the parish representatives is scheduled for Thursday April 12, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church, Mississauga;
- Fr. Liborio Amaral has been invited to address the parish reps and moderate any discussion that ensues;
- Additional details of the meeting will be sent to the schools at a later date.

6. *Family of Schools Report:*

Mississauga South – L. Eschli

- M. Neuts will be speaking at Loyola Secondary on March 5th, 2012. All are welcome to attend.

Mississauga North – L. Davoli

- Mississauga North recently held an event where Yvonne Bienko was speaker. Y. Bienko's talk was very interesting and is highly recommended as speaker.

Mississauga East – P. Giansante

- As part of its anti-bullying prevention program, St. Pio of Pietrelcina School will be holding their Huddle-Up Assembly where Jason Colero, a former Argos player, will be speaking to students and parents. The event will take place on March 23rd, 2012 and all are welcome to attend.

Mississauga Brampton Central – A. Virostek

- St. Francis Xavier Secondary hosted a Peel Police presentation on Drugs and Internet Awareness. Guests were treated to a dinner prepared by the St. Francis Xavier Secondary Hospitality students.

Brampton North East – N. Hutfloetz

- *Aussie X*, an organization that endeavours to share the Australian culture to elementary students, was invited to attend St. Marguerite Bourgeoys School. The group introduced students to the games of Net Ball and Cricket and presented the school with equipment so that students can continue to play these games.

D. Business Arising out of Minutes

Nil

E. Correspondence

Nil

F. Other

G. Prajza informed committee that a survey on parent engagement is being distributed by the Board researcher. The survey is self-explanatory and everyone is encouraged to complete and submit the questionnaire.

G. Closing Prayer

It was fitting that the Hail Mary be recited as the new Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School was holding its official blessing this evening.

H. Future Meetings

Thursday, March 22, 2012 – Board Room, CEC

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by L. Eschli

THAT THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS BE ADJOURNED AT 9:20 P.M.

CARRIED