

**Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils Meeting
Thursday, January 26, 2012, 7:00 P.M.
Room 302, 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
O. Sousa, OAPCE Representative
L. Davoli, Mississauga North – Elementary Representative
A. Virostek, Mississauga Brampton Central – Elementary Representative
L. Eschli, Mississauga South, Secondary 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

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 A. Virostek
3. Attendance
 - i. Welcome and Declaration of CCCSC representatives
 - ii. Declaration of Alternates by Family of Schools
 - iii. Identification of Observers
 - S. Hobin, Trustee
 - T. Rios, Council Co-Chair, St. Francis Xavier Elementary
 - D. Luciani, School Council Member, St. Cecilia
 - H. Tyndorf, Principal, Philip Pocock Secondary School

4. Approval of Minutes of November 24, 2011 Meeting
Amendment:
Pg. 4 – Family of Schools Report – Brampton North-East
Change: All Saints School to St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

- **Moved by N. Hutfloetz**

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 24, 2011 MEETING BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

5. Approval of the Agenda
Amendment to Item I:
Change “Next Meeting” date to February 23, 2012

- **Moved by N. Hutfloetz**

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

B Presentations

Although there are no presentation scheduled for this meeting, the following presentations are scheduled for upcoming CCCSC meetings:

- February Meeting - Curriculum; Special Education
- March Meeting - Importance of Lent, Fr. J. Roth
- April - Activity Fees and Funding

C Business Matters

1.. Trustee Report – S. Hobin

- Funding for Special Education was a priority in the discussions that took place at the Trustees/MPP’s meeting that took place on January 19th, 2012 at the CEC.
- Budget meetings will begin in March; Ministry has not yet informed Boards what will be included in this year’s budget.
- Contract negotiations have not begun as yet; Committee will be updated on their progress.
- Brampton area still experience some growth in enrolment, but is below projections in the Mississauga area.
- Our Lady of Lourdes School Blessing will take place February 23, 2012
- Board’s Capital Plan includes 8 renovation projects and 1 new elementary school in the Brampton West area.
- The old Loyola building will be converted into an education centre; programs for this location will be introduced gradually.
- Father Stan Chu Ilo, was the facilitator at the Trustees Retreat held January 25th, 2012 at the CEC. Father Stan’s topic of discussion was very well-received and is recommended as a speaker at one of CCCSC’s event.
- Trustees planning visits to school councils within the next few months.

2. *Committee Updates – G. Prajza*

February, 2012 event:

- The date of this event has been confirmed for March 26, 2012 and will feature Joe Rich as the keynote speaker. Committee is currently in the process of confirming the location for the venue. Details for the event will be distributed in due course.

April 14, 2012 – CCCSC Marketplace and Conference:

- Planning for this event will begin shortly.
- Overview of previous years' workshops was provided.

2. *OAPCE Report: O. Sousa*

- Board meeting being held this weekend. Updates on strategic planning, 2012 budget and 2012 conference will be discussed.

- It has been confirmed that Cardinal-designate Collins will celebrate the Eucharist at the OAPCE Annual General Meeting and that the Parent Conference will be held May 4-5, 2012 at All Saints Catholic Secondary School in Whitby.

- **ICE Curriculum Report**

The MOE Curriculum Unit, responsible for curriculum revisions, is presently working on Environmental Education and Financial Literacy. They have been working with educators and representatives from the financial sector to develop materials for Financial Literacy to be integrated into the curriculum from Grades 4 to 12 across all subjects. Information and details can be found on the EduGains website: www.edugains.ca.

The E-Learning Unit, responsible for on-line courses, is currently working to link EduGains to the E-Learning Resources

Final report of the Critical Review and Analysis of the Issue of "Skills, Technology and Learning" was recently presented to Committee. The report can be found on the Ministry's website:

http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/research/Jenson_ReportEng.pdf

- The policy document for Elementary Health and Physical Education has not yet been released.
- Catholic Curriculum Corporation has been working with Leprosy Mission Canada to develop a resource entitled Leprosy in the World Today: Answering the Call to Care. A DVD is also being developed by Salt + Light and Leprosy Mission Canada to accompany this resource.
- Discussions currently underway with Novalis regarding a trip to Italy early in October, 2012 on the 50th anniversary of Vatican II.
- The EOCCC (Eastern Ontario Catholic Curriculum Cooperative) representative, L. Keon is promoting the book, 'Defying Disability: Conquering the Challenges of Living with Cerebral Palsy' by Christine Murphy. The author writes about her faith, experiences and challenges of living with Cerebral Palsy.

- Information regarding the Fr. Angus MacDougall Award and the Archbishop Philip Pocock Award was distributed.
- OCSTA:
 - continuing its work in defense of funding of Catholic Education;
 - Catholic Education Week material to be distributed in February;
 - Catholic Education Week will be a joint venture with the French community in 2113;
 - OCSTA representative will be on TVO's The Agenda with Steve Paikin on January 25th, 2012; one school system challenge will be topic of discussion.

Update on ICE Projects 2012

- The Elementary Religious Education Policy Document will be presented to the Education Commission at their next meeting in February. The Family Life Policy Document will go to the Education Commission in June.
- Possible province-wide research project on the impact of Ontario Catholic schools on our graduates is under consideration.

F.A.C.E. Project Update

- Project manager to replace L. Rocha who recently retired, will be appointed soon.

Bill 13/14 Anti-Bullying Legislation

- Work is ongoing on this legislation and the Catholic framework will be released soon.
- Recommended the following speakers for upcoming CCCSC events:
 - Anthony McLean from IENGAGE (www.IENGAGE.com) facilitating "Where inclusivity thrives, bullying cannot survive."
 - M. Neuts who speaks on the serious effects of bullying.

3. *SEAC Report – J. Gordon*

- Catholic Communities, Culture and Caring: School Climate Survey/Data Analysis was presented. School Boards are required to share the results of the survey with their Catholic Community, Culture and Caring Action Teams and to build strategies into their school communities.
- Year over year data on Identified Students by Exceptionality was presented. Through this data, the Board continues to learn more about the student and subsequently become more proactive in the support for the needs of students including those with diverse learning needs.
- A team from Dufferin-Peel co-presented with the Ministry of Education and two other boards the Draft Learning for All: K-12 Resource Document at the Council for Exceptional Children Conference that was held December 2-3, 2011.
- Recent Government announcements described the new Ontario Mental Health and Addictions Strategy as a way to build on successful practices in education as part of its mandate. As part of the strategy, six mental health workers will be aligned to support board staff.
- As part of Catholic Education Week (May 6 – 11, 2012) the Dufferin-Peel Student Trustees have organized an inter-school Mass and Praise to be held at St. Marcellinus Secondary School on Friday, May 11, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

- A report on the Peel Caring Network for Challenged Children was presented at the meeting. The Network provides a variety of supports for students with Down Syndrome and their families. March 21st, 2012 has been designated as *World Down Syndrome Day*.
- A summary of the Parents Reaching Out Grant highlighting its focus on Parent Engagement was provided.
- A letter, supporting inclusive educational practices, from the SEAC Chair and Vice-Chair was sent to the Director of Education and Associate Director of Instructional Services. It is to be noted that all Board Trustees are fully supportive of Section 23 programs within Dufferin-Peel.
- Updates from the Special Education Policy Branch of the Ministry of Education were provided. These and other policy and program updates are available at: http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/SpecialEd_Update2011.pdf

5. *Parish Representative Report – G. Ogundele*

- Deferred to next meeting.

6. *Family of Schools Report:*

Mississauga South – L. Eschli

- M. Neuts, who speaks on the issue of bullying and the struggles his family has experienced, was guest speaker at a recent Loyola Secondary event. Mr. Neuts' talk was extremely powerful and he is highly recommended to be invited to one of CCCSC's event.
- L. Eschli will forward information and contact details for Mr. Neuts to G. Prajza's office.

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.

D. Business Arising out of Minutes

Nil

E. Correspondence

Nil

F. Other

- During the recent Advent season, G. Prajza had the opportunity to visit many of our schools and to participate in the various ways that Christmas was celebrated through arts, music and beautiful displays. G. Prajza pointed out that it was a pleasure to see the parents' involvement and that faith which binds us together is alive in our schools.

G. Closing Prayer

G.Prajza led the closing prayer.

H. Future Meetings

Thursday, February 23, 2012 – Board Room, CEC

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by L. Eschli

**THAT THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL
COUNCILS BE ADJOURNED AT 8:15 P.M.**

CARRIED