

**Unapproved Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils Meeting  
Thursday, September 22, 2011, 7:00 P.M.  
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre**

Chair: G. Rodney

Trustees: E. O'Toole  
T. Thomas

Superintendents: G. Prajza

Members: G. Prajza, G. Rodney, E. McMahon, J. Gordon, L. McQueen

Recorder: D. Reed

**A ROUTINE MATTERS**

1. Opening Prayer  
O. Sousa led the Opening Prayer.  
E. Mazzotta will prepare the prayer for the October, 2011 meeting.
  
2. Attendance
  - i. Welcome and Declaration of CCCSC representatives
  - ii. Declaration of Alternates by Family of Schools
  - iii. Identification of Observers

Superintendent G. Prajza called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes of May 12, 2011 Meeting  
Amendment:  
Item: B(ii) OAPCE Report (last bullet): Add "Symposium" after ICE.

**Moved by L. McQueen**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2011 MEETING BE  
APPROVED AS AMENDED.**

***CARRIED***

3. Approval of the Agenda

**Moved by L. McQueen**

**THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.**

**CARRIED**

**B PRESENTATIONS**

Video presentation of *The Enduring Gift*

A documentary on the establishment of the Catholic educational system in Ontario and the importance of Catholic education. The video will be distributed and shown to all schools.

**C BUSINESS MATTERS**

a. *Trustee Report – T. Thomas & E. O’Toole*

Nil

b. *CCCSC – Upcoming Elections – G. Prajza & G. Rodney*

- Elections for school council executives should be completed at each school by the end of September;
- School Council Chairs will meet on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at St. Francis Xavier Secondary School at which time two representatives, one elementary and one secondary from each Family of Schools will be elected. These representatives will become part of the Central Committee of Catholic School Councils (CCCSC).
- Elections for CCCSC Chair and Vice-Chair will take place on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

c. *CCCSC 2011-2012 Calendar*

- Calendar was distributed;
- Topics to be considered for discussion at future meetings to be brought to next meeting.

d. *Committee Updates*

- i. *In-Service Committee Updates and Important Dates: G. Rodney & G. Prajza*
- *October 20, 2011: Family of School Chairs Board-wide Meeting*  
Meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier Secondary School and will begin at 6:30 p.m.  
Invitation will be sent out shortly.
  - *November 5, 2011: Training for School Council Executive Members*  
Event will be held at St. Joseph Secondary School from 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.  
Workshops and schedule for the day to be confirmed.
  - *February, 2012 – Winter Event*  
Speaker and location to be confirmed.

- *April 14, 2012 – School Council In-Service and Market Place*  
Event will be held at St. Joseph Secondary School;  
Schedule for the day to be confirmed
  
- G. Rodney further added that she had attended St. Ursula School's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations earlier in the evening and that the event was very well attended.  
Committee was also informed that G. Rodney was elected to sit on the City of Brampton Library Board as the representative of Dufferin-Peel.  
G. Rodney has also recently become involved with *People for Education*. Some of her thoughts were included in the Globe and Mail. The article related to students who are not motivated to reach Grade "A" level. G. Rodney emphasized that there are many and varied tools available within the Dufferin-Peel system to assist students achieve their full potential.
  
- ii) *OAPCE Report: O. Sousa*
  - The Annual General Meeting, "Celebrating Parent Partnerships in Catholic Education" held May 13-14, 2011 was very successful. Workshops were well-attended and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to network. Dufferin-Peel held the delegate majority for Provincial participation. Next AGM is scheduled for May 4-5, 2012 and will be held in Durham.
  - Launch of the "Enduring Gift" DVD was made at the Institute for Catholic Education Symposium on May 11-12, 2011. The Bishop spoke about the new evangelization the Church and emphasized that students are key to the future of the Church.
  - DRAPCE has compiled Year End Highlights for current members and encourages partners to register onto DRAPCE communications list. Significant effort is made to cross-promote events.
  - DRAPCE website will be updated with a Speaker's corner.
  - Lou Rocha was speaker at the Board of Director's Meeting.
  - O. Sousa was chosen to sit at the I.C.E. Curriculum Review Table on behalf of OAPCE.
  - Updated version of "*The Graduate Expectations*" document will be presented at the "When Faith meets Pedagogy" conference.
  
- iii) *SEAC Report – L. Eschli*  
In L. Eschli's absence, G. Prajza provided the following report:
  - Review of SEAC goals, Strategic System Direction and Catholic Board Learning Plan, year 2, were made at the SEAC meeting of September 21, 2011.
  - Sample of book, *Our Story, Our Tradition, Our Journey* was presented.
  - Student data on suspension statistics was discussed. It was emphasized that in suspension situations, first course of action must be progressive discipline.
  - Additional support is in place in Special Education budget.
  - SEAC was successful in receiving \$15,000 from the Parents Reaching Out Grant (PRO Grants). These funds will be used for parent hands-on/information workshops
  - Next SEAC meeting scheduled for October 20, 2011

iv) *Parish Representative Report – I. Della Rossa*

Last year's meetings of the Parish representatives were very successful and very well attended. As a result, many meetings were held. In particular, the June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 pot-luck and meeting was very positive.

e. *ProGrants – G. Prajza*

- Applications for Parents Reaching Out Grants (ProGrants) for 2011-2012 were due to Ministry of Ontario by May 13, 2011. Of the 62 Dufferin-Peel schools that submitted applications, all of them received varied amounts of funds. In total, funds of just under \$58,000 were received. There were approximately the same number of applications submitted this year as last year.
- CCCSC submitted a proposal for \$14,000 for the February event and received a grant of \$8,000. Plans for this event will now begin.

f. *Family of Schools Report:*

- *Mississauga South – L. McQueen*
  - The Spring Mississauga South meeting was held at All Saints. *Facebook 101*, presented by Chris Vollum, was extremely informative and very well received by all those in attendance.
  - Ground-breaking ceremony for the new Loyola Secondary was recently held. Construction is ahead of schedule and the new school is scheduled to open September, 2012.
- *Brampton East/Caledon/Dufferin/Malton – J. Gordon*

Chris Vollum was guest speaker at their last meeting where he presented *Facebook 101*. The presentation was very informative and participants were made aware of the negativity of Facebook and how easily children can get involved in bullying situations.
- *Mississauga East – E. Mazzotta*

A Movie Night is being held at Philip Pocock Secondary on September 23, 2011– all are welcome.

**D. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES**

NIL

**E. CORRESPONDENCE - G. Prajza**

The Board has received a letter from the Ministry of Education that provided information on Parent Engagement and Parents Reaching Out Grants. The Ministry informed the Board that each school will continue to receive the \$500 grant and that any additional funds are to be applied for through the ProGrants program. All 72 Ontario School Boards received varied amounts of funds that allowed parents to hold events for their school communities.

**F. OTHER**

- Prajza provided information on the New Roman Missal which will come into effect on Sunday, November 27, 2011. The Diocese will have new Mass cards printed for Parishes and some Parishes will print cards for schools. Staff will be encouraged to review new responses with staff and students.
- G. Rodney expressed her thanks and appreciation to everyone for their work in the committee this past year.

**G. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Thursday, October 27, 2011 – Board Room, CEC

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by L. Eschli

**THAT THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS BE ADJOURNED AT 8:45 P.M.**

***CARRIED***