

**Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils Meeting  
Thursday, December 6, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.  
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre**

Chair: G. Rodney

Trustees: E. O'Toole  
T. Thomas (Regrets)

Superintendent: C. Pitoscia

Members Present: G. Rodney, CCCSC Chair  
L. Davoli, CCCSC Vice-Chair  
M. O'Mahony, Representative – Elementary Principals  
P. Giansante, Mississauga East, Elementary Representative  
E. Lehman, Mississauga South, Alternate Elementary Representative  
K. Cespite, BECDM, Secondary Representative  
R. Cinapri, Mississauga Brampton Central, Elementary Representative  
T. Stephan, Mississauga North, Secondary Representative  
G. Ogundele, Parish Representative  
O. Sousa, OAPCE Representative

Recorder: C. Cristina

***Commissioning Ceremony for the new Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC)  
was held in the Chapel at the CEC prior to the meeting.***

**A Routine Matters**

1. Call to Order and Attendance
  - G. Rodney called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Opening Prayer
  - K. Cespite led everyone in the opening prayer.
  - L. Davoli asked everyone to join in a moment of silence in memory of the victim's of the Montreal massacre.
3. Attendance
  - i. Welcome and Declaration of CCCSC representatives
  - ii. Declaration of Alternates by Family of Schools
  - iii. Identification of Observers and Guests

4. Approval of Minutes of November 1, 2012 Meeting

- **Moved by E. Lehman**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 1, 2012 MEETING BE APPROVED.**

***CARRIED***

5. Approval of the Agenda

Amendment: Move Trustee Report to the beginning of the meeting.

- **Moved by P. Giansante**

**THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.**

***CARRIED***

**B. Presentations**

*DPCDSB Information Technology Strategic Direction Review – R. Eberhardt*

- R. Eberhardt, CIO, presented information and details on Board's I.C.T. program and its plan on moving forward with Learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**C. Reports**

1. Trustee Report – E. O'Toole

- Inaugural Meeting of the Board was held on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012. At the meeting, both M. Pascucci and L. Zanella were acclaimed as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. Trustees who will sit on various committees will be identified at the next Board Meeting.
- Recent media reports have focused on teachers and their actions with regards to their contracts. Committee was informed that Catholic schools are not being affected by these actions.
- E. O'Toole was very pleased and excited to inform that she is now on Twitter. As a Trustee, it is important to be moving forward in order to be well-informed and connected by way of new and current social media forums.
- E. O'Toole extended her best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and thanked the members for their commitment to CCCSC.

2. Superintendent's Report – C. Pitoscia

- Agenda format has been slightly changed in order to follow the new PIC guidelines.
- The meaning of 'conflict of interest' and how it would relate to meetings was described in detail.
- B. Campbell will present at next CCCSC meeting.
- CCCSC was represented by L. Davoli at the Inaugural meeting of the Board which was held December 6, 2012.

- Parish-School symposium was held on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at Pope John Paul II Centre in Mississauga. At the meeting, Bishop Boissonneau stressed the importance of maintaining a connection within the parish, home and school.
- Information related to parent engagement received from the Ministry of Education was distributed.

### 3. OAPCE Report – O. Sousa

- Plans to implement OAPCE's strategic plan have already begun. This strategic plan will include faith development, personal development for the board of directors, and modifications to website.
- Planning for the 74<sup>th</sup> AGM scheduled for May 24-25, 2013 is ongoing.
- 'Beyond Catholic Graduation' survey was very successful with over 6800 participants.
- A public awareness campaign, *Faith in Our Future*, has been launched by OCSTA.
- Revisions to the Pastoral Guidelines to *Assist Students of Same-Sex Orientation* have begun.
- Witnessing Faith, Leading and Learning, and Building Partnerships will be the focus of OCSOA's strategic plan.
- Elections for this year were recently held and amongst those elected, O. Sousa was re-elected for another term as Director for Dufferin-Peel and R. Quattro will be completing her term as Director. A special thank you was extended to S. Walker for her dedication and contributions to the organization.

### 4. SEAC Report – Nil

### 5. Parish Representative Report – G. Ogundele

- Meeting being planned for January; will bring report to CCCSC after the meeting.

### 6. Family of Schools Reports:

- Mississauga North Family of Schools – T. Stephan
  - Remembrance Day Ceremony at St. Aloysius Gonzaga which included its feeder schools and the local Legion was very successful and meaningful.
  - St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School was honoured with the Dr. Bette Stephenson Award in recognition of its excellent achievements in the EQAO results.
  - Annual awards banquet held at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School.
- Mississauga East Family of Schools – P. Giansante & P. Meehan (Guest)
  - Dance-a-thon at St. Pio of Pietrelcina Elementary scheduled for February, 2013.
  - A presentation on head injuries and concussions was held at Corpus Christi School on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The speaker, Dr. C. Tator, provided valuable information and was very well received by those who attended.
- Mississauga South Family of Schools – E. Lehman
  - Plans for All Saints School's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary event are underway.

- Mississauga Brampton Central – R. Cinapri
  - Guest speaker, Dr. Karyn Gordon, at St. Julia School was very well received. Dr. K. Gordon is an excellent speaker and one who is highly recommended.
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- Brampton North-East – E. Ferguson (guest)
  - New Principal, E. Felice, assigned to Holy Name of Mary Secondary School in September 2012.
  - A School Council has been formed for 2012-2013 after an initial low turnout.

**D. Information / Committee Updates – G. Rodney**

1. Correspondence

Nil

2. By-Laws Committee – C. Pitoscia

Invitation was extended to members to come forward if they wished to become part of this new, short-term committee. It is hoped that By-Laws could be finalized by the end of this school year.

3. CCCSC In-Service Committee – C. Pitoscia

- C. Pitoscia provided details regarding ProGrants that were received for the mid-winter and marketplace events. DRAPCE also received a ProGrant to hold a joint event with CCCSC.
- In-Service Committee will meet and report to CCCSC for approval of events.
  - a) CCCSC Mid-Winter Presentation – G. Rodney
    - Meetings to be scheduled for December and January in preparation for the mid-winter event.
  - b) School Council In-Service and Market Place – April 13, 2013 – G. Rodney
    - A. Virostek will contact Bishop's office to confirm his attendance at this event. Bishop Boissonneau will be invited to celebrate Mass and give keynote address.
  - c) Membership – G. Rodney
    - E-mail will be sent to CCCSC members seeking interest in participation in this committee.

**E. Other**

1. Letter writing campaign to Canadian Soldiers – L. Davoli

- L. Davoli has become aware that some soldiers cannot be home for Christmas. After discussions with Superintendent, it was approved that schools who wish to participate will allow students to send Christmas cards to the troops. Mailing address for the Canadian troops will be provided.

2. Feedback on Secondary School Uniform Policy and Practices – C. Pitoscia
  - CCCSC is invited to provide feedback on recommendations for changes to the Policy on Secondary School Uniforms. Recommendations were outlined and presented.
  - Feedback on these recommendations to be sent to G. Rodney who will, in turn, forward them to C. Pitoscia.

**F. Agenda Items for next meeting**

Nil

**G. Closing Prayer - led by K. Cespite**

**H. Future Meetings**

January 24, 2013

February 21, 2013

March 21, 2013

May 2, 2013

June 6, 2013

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by M. O'Mahony**

**THAT THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS BE ADJOURNED AT 9:05 P.M.**

***CARRIED***