

**Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils Meeting
Thursday, February 21, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre**

Chair: G. Rodney

Trustees: A. da Silva (regrets)
T. Thomas

Superintendent: C. Pitoscia

Members Present: G. Rodney, CCCSC Chair
L. Davoli, CCCSC Vice-Chair
M. O'Mahony, Representative, Elementary Principals
E. McMahon, Representative, Secondary Principals
N. Hutfloetz, Representative, Brampton North-East
B. Kennedy, Brampton West, Secondary Representative
P. Giansante, Mississauga East, Elementary Representative
E. Lehman, Mississauga South, Alternate Elementary Representative
T. Stephan, Mississauga North, Secondary Representative
K. Cespite, BECDM, Secondary Representative
M. Emery, Mississauga Brampton Central, Secondary Representative
O. Sousa, OAPCE Representative

Recorder: C. Cristina

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
 - N. Hutfloetz led everyone in the opening prayer.
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 January 24, 2013 Meeting
 - Item A-2. Remove last sentence.
 - **Moved by E. Lehman**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24, 2013 MEETING BE APPROVED AS
AMENDED.**

CARRIED

5. Business arising from the Minutes
Nil

6. Approval of the Agenda

- **Moved by T. Stephan**

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

B. Presentations

Catholic Education/Community Studies Units – W. Brunton

- A very interesting and detailed history of Catholic Education from its beginnings to receipt of full funding for secondary schools as well as study units for Grades 7 and 10 were presented and well-received. These study units have been prepared with the goal of preparing students to be able to support and respond to questions related to Catholic Education.
- C. Pitoscia will arrange for distribution to Committee, copies of *Our Story. Our Tradition. Our Journey; The Enduring Gift, and Auditing Our Catholic Schools.*

C. Reports

1. *Trustee Report – T. Thomas*

- Trustee Thomas thanked W. Brunton for his very informative and interesting presentation;
- Attended Liberal Convention that was recently held and met with Ontario's new Premier, K. Wynn. Parents are encouraged to contact their MPP's to discuss their stand with Catholic Education;
- Trustee Thomas was very pleased to report on the new capital projects that were recently approved.

2. *Superintendent's Report – C. Pitoscia*

- February is Black History Month in Dufferin-Peel; many activities and events are taking place;
- The fifth Parenting and Family Literacy Centre opened at Christ the King Elementary School;
- Details regarding the recently approved capital projects are available on the Board website;
- In response to the question regarding HST exemptions for school councils, it is to be noted that school councils are not a separate entity of the Board nor are they charitable organizations, they are part of the Board as a whole. School councils do not pay HST on purchases provided that they follow the Board's Supply Chain Management's policies and procedures through the school.

3. *OAPCE Report – R. Quattro*

- Registrations for the 2013 OAPCE Conference in Peterborough are proceeding well;
- OAPCE's 75th Anniversary in 2014 will be held in Dufferin-Peel; location to be confirmed;

- Volunteers will be recognized at the conference under the following categories:
 - Volunteer of the Year Award
 - Lifetime Achievement Award
 - Father Mazerolle Award
 - Monsignor Harrigan Award
 - Glorja Manne Award
- Details regarding these awards can be found on the OAPCE website.
- OAPCE will be running a *'Create Change Campaign'* in association with Free the Children. The region who will donate the most pennies will be recognized.
- OAPCE will be presenting at the upcoming ACBO Spring Plenary in March, 2013.
- DRAPCE will be hosting its very first parent conference on May 4, 2013. Keynote speaker, Michael Reist, will speak on *Raising Children with Character in the 21st Century*.
- Breakout workshops will include:
 - Boys & Girls Learn Differently
 - Inspired by Arts
 - Autism and Learning Strategies
 - Brain Gym, The Brain and Stress Strategies for Kids
- Online registrations will open on April 5th, 2013; for more details an e-mail can be sent to: drapce@hotmail.com
- DRAPCE meets once monthly at St. Valentine's School in Mississauga and meetings are open to all parents within Dufferin-Peel.
- Bruce Campbell will be presenting at the DRAPCE council meeting on February 27th, 2013 at St. Valentine's School.

4. SEAC Report – Nil

5. Parish Representative Report – Nil

6. ACCESS DP – M. Emery

- Nil - Meeting not yet held.

7. Family of Schools Reports:

- Brampton East/Caledon/Dufferin/Malton – K. Cespite
 - St. Marguerite d'Youville Secondary School will be hosting a symposium on Mental Health and Wellness on April 27, 2013.
- Brampton North East – N. Hutfloetz
 - St. Marguerite Bourgeoys School will be hosting a presentation on March 25, 2013 with Guest Speaker, Leonard Sax.
- Mississauga East Family of Schools – P. Giansante
 - Family of Schools Meeting scheduled for February 28th, 2013
 - Preparations for St. Pio of Pietrelcina School's 10th Anniversary are underway.
- Mississauga South Family of Schools – E. Lehman

- R. Quattro was pleased to report that Youth Ambassador pins "*I am the Light of Christ*" will be distributed to all Mississauga South Youth Ambassadors.
- Mississauga Brampton Central – M. Emery
 - Garth Buckley was speaker at the recent Family of Schools Meeting. His topic, *Mental Health and Coping* was excellent and very well-received.
 - Literacy Week was recently held at St. Barbara School.
- Mississauga North – L. Davoli
 - An evening with Father Stan Chu Ilo was held on February 19th, 2013 at St. Therese of the Child Jesus School. Fr. Stan's presentation, *Encouraging our Children's Spiritual Journey in the Year of Faith*, was very encouraging and inspirational.

D. Information / Committee Updates – G. Rodney

1. Correspondence

Nil

2. By-Laws Committee – L. Davoli

- By-Laws are being finalized and will be brought to the March 21st, 2013 CCCSC meeting. It is hoped that these By-Laws will be ready for the Board By-Laws Committee Meeting of April 21st, 2013.
- L. Davoli thanked Committee for all their hard work with these By-Laws.

3. CCCSC In-Service Committee – G. Rodney

a) CCCSC Mid-Winter Presentation – G. Rodney

- Preparations for the February 28th, 2013 event are ongoing and registrations being received;
- G. Rodney thanked Committee for their dedication and hard work in preparing for this event;
- It was suggested that another way of handling registration be considered for future events.

b) CCCSC Market Place – April 13, 2013 – G. Rodney

- Bishop Boissonneau will be speaking at the event;
- Flyer will be available for distribution at the February 28th, 2013 event;
- A number of workshops have been confirmed;
- Chair, Mario Pascucci, will be invited to bring greetings from the Board;
- CCCSC will arrange to purchase rights for Survey Monkey in order that registrations for the workshops can be received electronically;

E. Other

- Mrs. C. Neuhold, parent of French Immersion student at Divine Mercy, attended the meeting to inquire about the possibility of revising registration procedures with the French Immersion program and distributed a copy of a letter expressing her concerns.

- F. Agenda Items for next meeting**
- Parent Volunteer Award
 - Draft By-Laws

G. Closing Prayer - Our Father was led by M. Emery

- H. Future Meetings**
- March 21, 2013
 - May 2, 2013
 - June 6, 2013

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by P. Giansante

THAT THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS BE ADJOURNED AT 8:55 P.M.

CARRIED