

**Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils Meeting  
Thursday, April 3, 2014 – 7.00 p.m.  
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre**

Chair:	G. Rodney - Regrets
Vice-Chair:	L. Davoli
Trustees:	A. Abbruscato E. O'Toole - Regrets
Superintendent:	M. Mazzorato
Members Present:	L. Davoli, Vice-Chair P. MacDonald – DPSU OECTA Secondary Representative M. O'Mahony – Principals/Vice-Principals Assoc. – Elementary Representative S. Gos – Principals/Vice-Principals Assoc. – Secondary Representative T. Cruz – Board Representative R. Quattro – OAPCE Representative K. Cespite – Brampton East Caledon Dufferin Malton – Elementary Rep. P. Giansante – Mississauga East - Elementary J. Rodrigo - Mississauga North - Secondary Representative M. McBride – Mississauga South Elementary Representative
Regrets:	G. Rodney – Chair E. O'Toole - Trustee C. Boscarino – OECTA Elementary Representative S. Donovan – Brampton North-East Secondary Representative G. Ogundele – Diocesan Representative
Recorder:	C. Fernandes
Observers:	J. Estevao – Chair, Guardian Angels Elementary School N. Carasco – Chair, St. Bonaventure Elementary School M. Zoric, DRAPCE Chair - Guest

**A. Routine Matters**

1. L. Davoli called the meeting to order at 7.00 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer
3. Attendance
  - i. Welcome and Declaration by CCCSC Representatives
  - ii. Declaration of Conflict of Interest – Nil
  - iii. Declaration of Alternates by Family of Schools - Nil
  - iv. Identification of Observers and Guests
    - M. Zoric – Chair, DRAPCE - Guest

- J. Estevao – Chair, Guardian Angels Elementary School
- N. Carasco – Chair, St. Bonaventure Elementary School

4. Approval of Minutes of January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Meeting

- **Moved by R. Quattro**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 MEETING BE APPROVED**

***CARRIED***

5. Business arising from the Minutes - Nil

6. Approval of the Agenda

An amendment was made to the Agenda after the electronic copy was sent out on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014. L. Davoli requested that the item “2013 – 2014 PRO Grant – Mississauga North Family Literacy Night” be withdrawn.

- **Moved by K. Cespite**

**THAT THE AMENDED AGENDA BE APPROVED**

***CARRIED***

**B. Presentations – Nil**

**C. Reports**

1. *Trustee Report – A. Abbruscato*

- The board is in the 5th year of the Strategic Plan and has formed a committee to review its results by the end of this school year. The board will be consulting with various groups, including CCCSC, in early May. Surveys will be sent to all the Catholic school councils and other stakeholders.
- The board does not feel it has received a fair deal from the Ontario Government with respect to the recent Grants for Student Needs (GSN) announcement. In 2014-2015 the transfer payments to the board will be cut by approximately \$450,000.
- The Kiss and Ride program has become a major safety concern and has taken up a lot of time of the trustees and of the Traffic Safety Committee. At risk is the safety of students and staff at both elementary and secondary schools due to the disregard by drivers of the rules currently in place. The committee is looking for input from parent groups, including CCCSC, to help to improve the plan.

2. *Superintendent’s Report – M. Mazzorato*

- A copy of the DVD entitled “Each Child a Gift” was distributed to committee members. Superintendents are often called upon to prepare reports for trustees that show the evidence of the success achieved in supporting the Board Learning Plan. The genesis of the report was to present a way to bring to light work that supports children and their families even before they start to attend, to when they exit DPCDSB schools. The DVD is a

- compilation of six vignettes that came out of the authentic work going on in some of the schools and to try to bring to light from the students perspective how the DPCDSB schools are impacting on them. The DVD was played for the committee.
- The second presentation was a Ted Talk entitled “Sugata Mitra: The Child Driven Education – Implications for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning” that M. Mazzorato tied into the concept of 21<sup>st</sup> century learning. She focused on some of the work the Board is doing in the Early Years program to put very young children on the path of wonder and curiosity, thus becoming their own teacher and teacher of others.
  - Further changes are being recommended to the CCCSC By-Laws and Procedures to ensure that they are aligned with Ont. Reg. 612/00 and are reflective with the processes that govern the procedures of the Board when engaged in committee work. One of the proposed amendments is the removal of references to Ont. Reg. 330/10 that was incorporated into Ont. Reg. 612/00 and no longer exists. Also recommended for removal are references to “Board Procedural Bylaws” that are designed for the Board of Trustees. The proposed changes also identify a process to deal with member absenteeism and members who are not fulfilling the responsibilities of their roles. The proposed amendments to the CCCSC By-Laws and Procedures will be submitted for approval at the April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 meeting of the Board By-Laws/Policy Review Committee.
  - An e-mail was sent to all Principals outlining the procedure and the forms to be completed with respect to the 2013 - 2014 Volunteer of the Year Award. Principals were asked to share the e-mail with their Catholic school council.
    - The deadline for submitting the completed package to M. Mazzorato’s office is Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 4.00 p.m. The nominations will be reviewed by a selection committee comprising of the Superintendent assigned to CCCSC, the Chair and Vice-chair of CCCSC, and a member of the Religious Education & Faith Formation team.
    - The award recipient will be contacted and presented the award at the June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 CCCSC meeting and will also be recognized at the Family of Schools Chairs Meeting hosted by CCCSC in the fall of 2014.
  - The Ministry’s Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Two parent members of each PIC are invited to attend the conference. The CCCSC Chair, G. Rodney, will be one of the attendees. An invitation was extended to a second parent member from CCCSC or a Catholic school council to attend on behalf of the DPCDSB.
  - Each year the CCCSC Committee puts forward a proposal for consideration by the Ministry of Education to supply Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant funding for a project or an initiative that the CCCSC committee would like to pursue.
    - In 2013-14, a proposal entitled “Emerging Technology in our Schools” was submitted and approved for a grant of \$20,000 for the development of a parent engagement tool, workshop materials for parents, childcare during events for parents, printing of parent resources, speakers’ fees, refreshments and advertising costs.
    - The proposal for 2014-2015 has to be submitted to the Ministry by May 16, 2014, for a maximum grant of \$30,000. CCCSC members were invited to share any ideas they have that could be used to put together a proposal for this funding.
    - M. Mazzorato suggested the development of 10-minute YouTube videos on a variety of topics that would help parents and further encourage parent engagement in their children’s education. Topics of interest can be solicited through parent and school council surveys and from input by the CCCSC committee. The videos would be developed using experts in the various fields of education from both outside and within

the Board and would be posted on the DP YouTube channel. They could be posted as stand-alone items or used as a focal point to offer evening webinars to parents to join in discussions and have experts on the topic available to answer any questions or concerns. This would be an excellent vehicle to reach parents who are unable to attend sessions outside the home. The videos could also be used by the Board and by Catholic school councils to offer sessions at their schools for parents who do not have the technology to join in webinars. PRO Grant funding from 2013-14 and 2014-15 can be used for the development of this proposal.

- R. Quattro suggested that videos be translated into multiple languages in order to engage all DPCDSB parents, and that a video also be produced on the most frequently asked questions by Catholic school councils.

### 3. OAPCE Report – R. Quattro

#### i) Month of April

- On April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 OAPCE will hold its second Quarterly Board of Directors meeting. This is the final opportunity to discuss potential by-law changes, vet the audited financial statements and other items that will be discussed, disclosed or passed at the Annual General Meeting on May 24, 2014;
- On April 10<sup>th</sup>, OAPCE will participate in the Student Achievement Working Tables. The organization has been participating at this table since 1997.
- On April 25<sup>th</sup> OAPCE has been invited to host a vendor table at the Ministry's Parent Involvement Committee symposium.
- Throughout April OAPCE will also be attending dinners and conferences hosted by education partners such as EOCCC, OCSOA, CPCO, OCSTA, CARFLEO and the CPIC summit.

#### ii) News from Education Partners

- Sean Conway, former Minister of Education has joined the Trustees "Faith in our Future" video series in which he stated that Catholic education has always been, and will continue to be, well balanced and strong because of the commitment to the "Home School Parish" triad.
- Student trustees have launched the 1<sup>st</sup> annual province-wide Mass for Catholic Education Week to be held on the morning of May 7, 2014. School boards and secondary schools across the province have been invited to celebrate Mass at the same time. 192 secondary schools have signed up to participate. More information is available on Facebook and on the OCSTA website.
- The Ontario College of Teachers has launched a communications initiative to increase overall public awareness of the college and of the services it provides. For more information please visit [www.oct.ca](http://www.oct.ca) or sign up for their workshop at the OAPCE conference on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

#### *DRAPCE Report – M. Zoric (DRAPCE Chair)*

- M. Zoric thanked M. Mazzorato for attending the DRAPCE meeting in February to answer questions regarding parent involvement and fundraising at Catholic school councils and to clarify what school councils may or may not do. The session was very informative and helpful. Over 35 DPAPCE representatives from elementary and secondary schools attended the meeting.
- There is an interest from parents to move forward and use technology to reach out to school communities. M. Mazzorato stated there are some processes that need to be implemented at the Board level before schools can collect, input and update e-mail addresses of parents on an annual basis.

- On April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 B. Campbell, General Manager of Communications and Community Relations, has been invited by DRAPCE to do a presentation on the Catholic Education Advocacy Network.
- DRAPCE will celebrate parent volunteers during week of April 6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014. All parents with children in DPCDSB schools are invited to register at [www.oapce.on.ca/drapce](http://www.oapce.on.ca/drapce) .

*OAPCE 75<sup>th</sup> Conference and Annual General Meeting – R. Quattro*

- 151 delegates from across the province have registered for the conference, with the majority attending from Dufferin-Peel.
- Morning and afternoon sessions for most of the workshops are being offered. The most popular workshops are filling up quickly.
- All seven Family of Schools have committed to student participating at the conference, the Mass and gala dinner, by way of hospitality, technological and media support, choirs, music and dance groups, and the exhibition of student art and banners. The CCCSC In-Service committee will coordinate the transportation, the preparation of GAP forms and the supervision required for student participation.
- “Toonies for Tuition” is a Canada-wide endowment fund started in 2005 by Catholic Trustees to help defray the cost of a Catholic education for students who live in regions where it is only partly funded or not funded at all. OAPCE has launched a province-wide challenge to see which region will raise the most funds for this endeavour. School boards, schools and parishes have been invited to participate in this challenge and to bring their funds to the conference.
- Nominations for OAPCE awards closed on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 with 32 entries. Four of the nominations are for Dufferin-Peel personnel.

4. *SEAC Report – Nil*

5. *Parish Report - Nil*

6. *Family of Schools Reports – January, February and March, 2014*

**D. Information / Committee Updates – Chair**

1. Correspondence – Nil
2. Committee Updates - Nil

**E. Agenda items for next meeting**

Presentation by Ontario College of Teachers

**F. Closing Prayer – Our Father**

**G. Adjournment – 8.40 p.m.**

**H. Future Meetings**

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Thursday, June 12, 2014