

**Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils Meeting
Thursday, December 5, 2013 – 7.00 p.m.
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre**

Chair:	G. Rodney
Vice-Chair:	L. Davoli
Trustees:	A. da Silva T. Thomas
Superintendent:	M. Mazzorato
Members Present:	C. Boscarino – OECTA Elementary Representative 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 G. Ogundele – Diocesan Representative A. Gerdevich – OAPCE Alternate K. Cespite – Brampton East Caledon Dufferin Malton – Elementary Rep. S. Donovan – Brampton North-East Secondary Representative R. Cinapri – Mississauga Brampton Central – Elementary Representative P. Pinheiro – Mississauga Brampton Central - Secondary Representative M. McBride – Mississauga South – Elementary Representative
Regrets:	R. Quattro - OAPCE Representative P. Giansante - Mississauga East - Elementary Representative J. Rodrigo - Mississauga North - Secondary Representative
Recorder:	C. Turco
Observers	M. Licata – CSC Chair – Ven. Father Michael J. McGivney R. Castellano – CSC Chair – St. Lucy A. Sayegh – CSC Co-Chair – St. Augustine SS

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer – led by G. Ogundele
3. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Welcome and Declaration by CCCSC Representatives
 - i. Declaration of conflict of interest – None
 - ii. Introduction of recording secretary – C. Turco
 - b. Declaration of Alternatives by Family of Schools - None

c. Identification of Observers

4. Approval of Minutes of October 24th, 2013 Meeting

- **Moved by M. McBride**

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 24th, 2013 MEETING BE APPROVED

CARRIED

5. Business arising from the Minutes - Nil

6. Approval of the Agenda

- **Moved by K. Cespite**

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED

CARRIED

B. Presentations – *IT Strategic Direction Review Presentation – R. Eberhardt, CIO*

- Handout - Catholic Board Strategic Plan for Information Communication Technology 2013-2016.
- Walk through shared priorities, shared beliefs and shared theories of action.
- Enhance teaching and learning opportunities through access to technology.
- Improved Information Communication Technology Department ability to support evolving technology.
- Average age of computers in elementary schools is 3 years. Secondary school computers are refreshed every 5 years. Computers that are not suitable for use by students are not kept in the schools.
- Question arose about devices with cameras and the issue of confidentiality. Response: with advanced technology come some challenges with respect to confidentiality. Policies, process and filters have been put into place to face these challenges. The Board makes every effort to ensure safe technology.
- Question arose about how this technology is shared with parishes to increase communication within the triad of parish, home and school. A suggestion was made that the Program Department be invited to explain how the communication should unfold. Looking at ways to leverage social media that can be used to strengthen the triad.

C. Reports

1. Trustee Report – T. Thomas

- The athletics sports field at Cardinal Leger SS has been named after the Hon. William G. Davis, former Premier of Ontario.
- Students at St. Sofia School will be moved to the St. Kateri site while renovations are carried out at St. Sofia School.

- Mario Pascucci was re-acclaimed as chair of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board at the board's annual organizational meeting held on December 3, 2013, and Sharon Hobin was elected vice-chair.
- More changes will be made at the next board meeting when trustees vote on committee chairs.

Trustee Report – A. da Silva

- 80 submissions were made to the Faith in Our Future contest, many from Dufferin-Peel schools. Trustee Da Silva will be on the judging panel.
- Student trustees belong to the Ontario Student Trustee Association. A sub-committee of Catholic student trustees have written a letter to Pope Francis requesting a pod cast mass to all secondary schools.
- The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) has made a proposal to condense Ontario's four school systems into two – one English and one French, ending separate systems for Catholic schools.
- The Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association (OCETA) is asking people to lobby for a Catholic Education system. Trustee Da Silva recommends that MPPs be contacted and informed of the benefits of a Catholic education. The final decision will be made by Queen's Park. Read more: <http://kitchener.ctvnews.ca/teachers-union-calls-on-ontario-to-merge-public-catholic-school-systems-1.1576720#ixzz2oMHTVJYX>
- Suggestions on how to activate parents to get involved included providing prototype letters that parents could send to Queen's Park. Chains of communication have been established and will be used to communicate actions and information. A suggestion was made that Church bulletins could be used as a communication tool.

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

- A combined submission from DP CCCSC, Catholic School Councils and school Administrators that infused the importance of Catholic education was submitted to the Ministry in response to the 7 questions posed in "Building the Next Phase in Ontario's Education Strategy" document.
- How our educators use technology to support Parent Engagement and Student Achievement.
- Further to Trustee da Silva's reference regarding the very positive response from Dufferin-Peel schools to the Faith in Our Future contest, Superintendent Mazzorato advised those present that all submissions can be found via the newly updated DPCDSB website that provides a link to the DP You Tube site. Superintendent Mazzorato demonstrated how to access the link and members were able to watch one of the submission videos.
- Lesson Video – St. Michael Secondary School – teacher using smart board technology to support students in paragraph formation in preparation for OSSLT.
- Lesson Video – St. Julia Elementary School – Math help. These videos are on You Tube for all to access.

3. *OAPCE Report – A. Gerdevich, Alternate for R. Quattro*

- An update was provided on the progress of plans made for the 75th Anniversary of OAPCE and the Annual General Meeting and Conference – May 23rd and 24th, 2014. The conference is being hosted by Dufferin-Peel at Philip Pocock Catholic SS.

4. *SEAC Report – Nil*

5. *Parish Report – G. Ogundele*
 - In-service last month with parish representatives
 - Next meeting to be held in January 2014.
6. *ACCESS DP – Nil*
7. *Family of Schools Reports (See Attachment 1)*

D. Information / Committee Updates – Chair

1. Correspondence - Nil
2. CCCSC In-Service Committee
 - a. Training of School Council Executives – November 2, 2013:
 - The feedback from parents was positive.
 - Concern was expressed about providing information to CSC members who did not attend all the sessions. It was recommended that power point presentations can be created to share the information.
 - A Question and Answer sheet was put together by M. Mazzorato’s office that captured the questions that were raised in the Chairs meeting.
 - The CSC Resource Binder is in the process of being updated by the CCCSC In-Service Committee.
 - Concern was expressed that the School Council section is not visible on the new school websites.
 - b. CCCSC Mid-Winter Presentations
 - A list of events that schools and family of schools will be hosting will be shared at the January meeting.
 - c. 75th Anniversary of OAPCE and Annual General Meeting and Conference – May 23rd and 24th, 2014.
3. EQAO Parent Forum in Oakville
EQAO Parent Forum – Reimbursement Guidelines

E. Agenda items for next meeting - Nil

F. Closing Prayer – Our Father

G. Adjournment – 8.50 p.m.

H. Future Meetings

Thursday, January 9, 2014
Thursday, February 6, 2014
Thursday, April 3, 2014
Thursday, May 1, 2014
Thursday, June 12, 2014