

**Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2014 – 7.00 p.m.
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre**

Chair: G. Rodney
Vice-Chair: L. Davoli

Trustees: A. Abbruscato
E. O'Toole

Superintendent: M. Mazzorato

Members Present: G. Rodney, CCCSC Chair
L. Davoli, Vice-Chair
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
R. Quattro – OAPCE Representative
K. Cespite – Brampton East Caledon Dufferin Malton – Elementary Rep.
B. Kennedy – Brampton West – Secondary Representative
B. Brassem – Brampton North East – Alternate Secondary Representative
R. MacBean – Brampton North East – Elementary Representative
R. Cinapri – Mississauga Brampton Central – Elementary Representative
J. Rodrigo - Mississauga North - Secondary Representative
L. Tedesco – Mississauga South – Alternate Elementary Representative

Regrets: S. Donovan – Brampton North-East Secondary Representative
M. McBride – Mississauga South Elementary Representative

Recorder: C. Fernandes

Observers: B. Coady, Co-Chair, Divine Mercy Elementary School
E. Orellana – Parent, Divine Mercy Elementary School
K. Dancy, Co-Chair, Holy Spirit Elementary School

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order
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
 - L. Tedesco, Alternate for Mississauga South – Elementary
 - H. Brassem, Alternate for Brampton North East – Secondary
 - iv. Identification of Observers and Guests
 - B. Coady, Co-Chair, Divine Mercy Elementary School
 - E. Orellana – Parent, Divine Mercy Elementary School
 - K. Dancy, Co-Chair, Holy Spirit Elementary School
4. Approval of Minutes of December 5th, 2013 Meeting

- **Moved by C. Cespite**

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE December 5th, 2013 MEETING BE APPROVED

CARRIED

5. Business arising from the Minutes - Nil

6. Approval of the Agenda

An amendment was made to the Superintendent’s Report item after the electronic agenda was sent out on January 3, 2014. The agenda distributed at this meeting states that the Superintendent will report to the CCCSC Committee on “Introduction to the Khan Academy”.

- **Moved by R. Quattro**

THAT THE AMENDED AGENDA BE APPROVED

CARRIED

7. Introduction of Newly Appointed Trustees to CCCSC

M. Mazzorato introduced and welcomed the two new trustees who will be supporting the work of CCCSC, Trustee Anna Abbruscato and Trustee Esther O’Toole.

B. Presentations – Nil

C. Reports

1. *Trustee Report – E. O’Toole*

- Trustee O’Toole is glad to have the opportunity to work with CCCSC again and to see how the committee has grown and evolved.
- A number of schools were affected by the recent ice storm, with some experiencing water damage. The Plant Department has worked hard and as quickly as possible to repair the damage in order to minimize the disruption and inconvenience that is being caused.

- Trustee O’Toole thanked the Board for opening Blessed Trinity Catholic Learning Centre on Christmas Eve to accommodate the parish of St. Josephine of Bakhita when St. Joan of Arc SS lost power during the ice storm and could not be used to celebrate Mass.
- A delegation from the parent community of Divine Mercy Elementary School will be attending the Board Meeting on Monday, January 13, 2014, to delegate the Board with respect to the transfer of students in the French Immersion program to a sister site, Our Lady of Mercy, to continue the program in Grades 5 to 8. There are four schools that will be affected when Grade 5 students in the French Immersion Program transfer to sister sites – St. Pio of Pietrelcina, St. Angela Merici, St. Elizabeth Seaton and Divine Mercy. Trustee O’Toole stated that the decision to split the French Immersion program between sister sites was an operational decision that trustees are not able to reverse. If parents feel that their concerns are not being addressed, they have the right to delegate the board and voice their dissatisfaction about the process.
- The main concerns voiced by the parents from Divine Mercy were:
 - Many families moved into the catchment area for Divine Mercy as they believed that their children would remain in the French Immersion Program at Divine Mercy from Grades 1 – 8.
 - The enrolment at Divine Mercy will drop if the French Immersion students move to Our Lady of Mercy.

Trustee Report – A. Abbruscato

- All of the schools were made safe for students to return to after the Christmas break thanks to the massive effort made by the Plant and custodial staff in clearing the ice build-up on walkways around the schools and removing felled trees and branches.

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

- In September 2015 all Dufferin-Peel schools will offer full day kindergarten. This will simplify the way registrations are done in the future as the complicated flexible boundary regulations will no longer be in place.
- A report will be brought forward to the By-Laws Committee recommending a change to CCCSC By-Law B5.1 that relates to the qualifications of the Chair for CCCSC. The current by-law identifies that a chair is elected for a two year term provided the member continues to have a child enrolled in a school in Dufferin-Peel. The updated by-law will also state that the member must also be a person of good standing on a Catholic school council.
- There will be a change in the procedure that relates to the Volunteer of the Year Award. The recipient of the award is recognized at the June CCCSC Meeting. The change will add that the Volunteer of the Year recipient will also be recognized before his/her peers at the fall meeting of Catholic school council Chairs.
- There is a possibility that the February 6, 2014 CCCSC meeting may have to be cancelled due to a scheduling conflict of the Elementary Parent/Teacher Interview night. M. Mazzorato will look into the matter and report back to the committee.
- In continuing to support parent engagement through technology, M. Mazzorato played a 20 minute video clip on the Khan Academy.

Introduction to the Khan Academy

- Khan Academy is a non-profit educational website created in 2006 by educator Salman Khan. The stated mission is to provide 'a free world-class education for anyone anywhere'.

- In a 2011 TED Talk video, Salman Khan talks about how and why he created the Khan Academy, a carefully structured series of educational videos offering complete curricula in mathematics, general sciences, healthcare, finance, astronomy, and a variety of other subjects. He demonstrates the power of interactive exercises, and calls for teachers to consider flipping the traditional classroom by giving students video lectures to watch at home, and do "homework" in the classroom with a teacher available to help students.
- All videos (hosted via YouTube) are available through Khan Academy's own website, www.youtube.com/user/khanacademy which also contains many other features such as progress tracking, practice exercises, and a variety of tools for teachers in public schools. Logging into the site can be done via a Google or a Facebook account for those who do not want to create a separate Khan Academy account.
- M. Mazzorato requested the CCCSC Family of Schools representatives to share this information with the Catholic school councils they represent.

3. *OAPCE Report – R. Quattro*

- The OAPCE Board of Directors will meet on January 11, 2014 to discuss their Strategic Plan, financial plans and the upcoming conference in May 2014. A 2014 budget will also be approved at the meeting.
- Audited financial statements will be made available to the public at the May Conference.
- Funding for OAPCE is received through Ministry grants, school board memberships and donations from ACBO, CPCO, and OECTA.
- President Orlanda Sousa is invited to address OCSTA on January 17th, 2014 at their annual Professional Development Seminar.

DRAPCE Report – R. Quattro

- DRAPCE has provided Superintendent Mazzorato with an activities summary report for 2013.
- R. Quattro thanked the Board for the support given to DRAPCE by paying the membership fees. These funds are used to support Catholic school council OAPCE representatives by way of meetings, presentations and workshops.
- A presentation by Josephine Lombardi on "When Faith Meets Adolescence" will be held on January 15th at St. Anne's School in Brampton. Registration for this event is necessary.
- The 2014 Conference Schedule, the 2014 OAPCE Volunteer Awards flyer and Josephine Lombardi's flyer were distributed in the agenda package.

4. *SEAC Report – Nil*

5. *Parish Report – G. Ogundele*

- The Parish Representatives have been attending the regular Catholic school council meetings and will share information at the next meeting which will be scheduled for the end of February 2014.
G. Ogundele will contract the office of the Bishop and request the Bishop's presence at that meeting.

6. *ACCESS DP – Nil*

7. *Family of Schools Reports – G. Rodney*

- G. Rodney thanked M. Mazzorato for designing and implementing the Family of Schools Monthly Reporting Template as it is an effective way of gathering and sharing information

about the activities of Catholic schools councils in the seven families. She encouraged the Family of Schools representatives to continue contacting the schools in their family for information and submitting it on a timely basis for inclusion in the CCCSC Minutes.

D. Information / Committee Updates – Chair

1. Correspondence - Nil
2. CCCSC In-Service Committee
 - a. CCCSC Mid-Winter Presentations
 - i. Mississauga Brampton Central Family of Schools – Tuesday, January 16th, 2014.
 - ii. Mississauga North and Mississauga South Families of Schools, Tuesday, February 18th, 2014.
 - b. 75th Anniversary of OAPCE and Annual General Meeting and Conference – May 23rd and 24th, 2014:
 - i. Registration is mandatory and will open on January 31, 2014 on the OAPCE website, www.oapce.on.ca. Parents are asked to register as soon as possible as space is limited to 500 and no walk-in registration will be permitted.
 - ii. Confirmation of attendance at the Meet and Greet, the Conference and AGM, the Mass and the Gala Dinner have to be done on the website, as well as choice of workshops and special catering requirement.
 - iii. The registration fee for the Conference and AGM is \$40 and the Gala Dinner is \$35.
 - iv. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins will celebrate Mass at the Toronto Marriott Hotel on Saturday, May 24th at 5.30 p.m.
 - v. Keynote speaker at the Conference is Brian Finamore, Chaplaincy Lead at St. Paul SS who will speak on Child Engagement and the effects it has on children who volunteer in schools.
 - vi. There will be 23 workshops offered over two sessions.
 - vii. Each Family of Schools has been asked to contribute student talent or student participation to the conference.
 - viii. Nominations in five categories are requested for volunteers in Catholic Education across Ontario.

E. Agenda items for next meeting - Nil

F. Closing Prayer – Our Father

G. Adjournment – 8.30 p.m.

H. Future Meetings

Thursday, February 6, 2014

Thursday, April 3, 2014

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Thursday, June 12, 2014