

**Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 24, 2013 – 7.00 p.m.**  
**Board Room, Catholic Education Centre**

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

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

Superintendent: M. Mazzorato

Members Present: G. Rodney, CCCSC Chair  
L. Davoli, Vice-Chair  
P. MacDonald – DPSU OECTA Secondary Representative  
M. O’Mahony – Principals/Vice-Principals Assoc. – Elementary Representative  
T. Cruz – Board Representative  
R. Quattro – OAPCE Representative  
A. Montagnese – Brampton East/Caledon/Dufferin/Malton Elem. Alternate  
P. Montagnese – Brampton East/Caledon/Dufferin/Malton Sec. Alternate  
R. MacBean – Brampton North-East Elementary Representative  
S. Donovan – Brampton North-East Secondary Representative  
B. Kennedy – Brampton West Secondary Representative  
P. Pinheiro – Mississauga Brampton Central Secondary Representative  
P. Giansante – Mississauga East Elementary Representative  
J. Rodrigo – Mississauga North Secondary Representative  
M. McBride – Mississauga South – Elementary Representative

Regrets: G. Ogundele – Diocesan Representative  
C. Boscarino – OECTA Elementary Representative  
M. Emery – ACCESS DP Representative  
S. Gos – Principals/Vice-Principals Assoc. – Secondary Representative  
K. Cespite – Brampton East/Caledon/Dufferin/Malton Secondary Representative

Recorder: C. Fernandes

**A. Routine Matters**

1. Call to Order
  - M. Mazzorato called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. Opening Prayer
  - M. Mazzorato led the opening prayer

3. Attendance
  - i. Welcome and Declaration by CCCSC Representatives
  - ii. Declaration of Conflict of Interest – Nil
  - iii. Declaration of Alternatives by Family of Schools
    - A. Montagnese – Brampton East/Caledon/Dufferin/Malton Family – Elementary
    - P. Montagnese – Brampton East/Caledon/Dufferin/Malton Family – Secondary
  - iv. Identification of Observers and Guests
    - L. Tedesco – Mississauga South Alternate – Elementary
    - J. Payne – Brampton West Alternate – Elementary
    - K. Canlas – Catholic School Council Chair – St. Valentine ES

4. Approval of Minutes of September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Meeting

- **Moved by R. Quattro**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 MEETING BE APPROVED**

***CARRIED***

5. Business arising from the Minutes - Nil

6. Approval of the Agenda

- **Moved by P. Giansante**

**THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED**

***CARRIED***

**B. Presentations – Nil**

**C. Business Matters**

*1. Trustee Report – A. da Silva*

- The EQAO results letters were sent home to parents on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013. For the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board has exceeded the Provincial averages as well as those of our Co terminus Boards. There is room for improvement and the Board is putting a plan together to focus on improving areas such as Math.
- Trustee DaSilva updated members on the Long Term Occasional teacher hiring process as a result of the introduction of a new hiring regulation. The new process may involve up to three separate postings followed by interviews, based on the seniority and qualifications of available applicants. This may delay the time it takes to replace a permanent teacher with a long term occasional teacher.
- The Ministry has now drafted legislation for a provincial bargaining model that will ensure that the Employer and the Trustees will be at the table at any negotiations in the future.
- Trustee da Silva attended the Cardinal’s Dinner on September 17, along with fellow trustees and Board officials. It is the biggest fundraiser the Catholic Church holds to raise funds for

all Catholic charities. She had the opportunity to express some of the concerns of our Board with Premier Kathleen Wynne, Tim Hudak and Andrea Horwath.

- The Bullying Prevention & Wellness Symposium will be held on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013, and all parents are encouraged to attend. This is one of Dufferin-Peel's first initiatives in this round of mental health programs that have been funded.
- The OCSTA Faith in Our Future campaign is holding a contest for Grades 5 – 8 students to submit a two-minute video clip showing how students are living their faith and what it means to them to be in a Catholic school system. The deadline for submission is November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

2. *CCCSC Mandate and Policies – M. Mazzorato*

- M. Mazzorato requested that attendees refer to the By-Laws & Procedures booklet that was provided at the beginning of the meeting. She identified the mandate of the CCCSC Committee, the responsibilities of the Committee as a whole, and especially in the support of the work of Catholic School Councils throughout the Board, and to provide representation from a parent's perspective on the work of the Board. Also identified were the duties of the Chair, the Vice-Chair and of Executives on the CCCSC Committee.

3. *Election of the CCCSC Chair – M. Mazzorato*

Nominations for the position of Chair of CCCSC were received as follows:

Genevieve Rodney - nominated by P. Giansante and S. Donovan

No other nominations were received

Chair elected by acclamation: G. Rodney

Nomination Closed

- **Moved by P. Giansante and S. Donovan**

**THAT THE ELECTION, BY ACCLAMATION, OF GENEVIEVE RODNEY TO CHAIR OF CCCSC FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2013 – 2014 BE APPROVED.**

***CARRIED***

**M. MAZZORATO TURNED THE CHAIRING OF THE MEETING TO G. RODNEY**

4. *Election of the CCCSC Vice- Chair – G. Rodney*

Nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of CCCSC were received as follows:

Louie Davoli - nominated by P. Giansante

No other nominations were received

Vice-Chair elected by acclamation: L. Davoli

Nomination Closed

- **Moved by P. Giansante**

**THAT THE ELECTION, BY ACCLAMATION, OF LOUIE DAVOLI TO VICE-CHAIR OF CCCSC FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2013 – 2014 BE APPROVED.**

***CARRIED***

5. *Appointment of CCCSC Representatives (Elementary and Secondary) on School Year Calendar Committee – G. Rodney*
  - J. Rodrigo will be the elementary CCCSC representative on the School Year Calendar Committee.
  - S. Donovan will be the secondary CCCSC representative on the School Year Calendar Committee.
  
6. *Appointment of CCCSC Representative on the Special Education Advisory Committee – G. Rodney*
  - R. MacBean will represent CCCSC on the Special Education Advisory Committee.
  
7. *Appointment of CCCSC Representative on the ACCESS DP Committee – G. Rodney*
  - Vacant

#### **D. Reports**

1. *Superintendent's Report – M. Mazzorato*
  - The work individual Catholic School Councils do for their school family and the work that CCCSC Family of Schools Representatives do to represent the individual Catholic School Councils in their respective families is going to contribute to the collective work that is intended to support parents in supporting their children at home.
  - The sharing of ideas between Catholic School Councils with respect to the Parent Reaching Out Grants, speakers, math and literacy development, ideas to engage parent involvement in their child's education and wellbeing, would be of great benefit to our entire Catholic school community.
  - M. Mazzorato requested that CCCSC Family of Schools Representatives share with their Catholic School Councils a link to a video produced by EQAO and guided by Dr. Marian Small on Proportional Reasoning. The YouTube link to this video is:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LPkQvN3r8js>
  - The Ministry is looking at building their next phase of their education strategy and would like it to be as consultative as possible. CCCSC Family of Schools representatives and all Catholic School Councils have been invited to participate in this process. The Ministry has requested input on seven questions and the Board has provided a Catholic context to each question. The meeting will break into small groups to discuss and provide input for the seven questions.
  
2. *OAPCE Report – R. Quattro*
  - In May 2014, OAPCE's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference and Annual General Meeting will be hosted by Dufferin-Peel.
  - A summary sheet of OAPCE's history, mandate and contact information was distributed (see Attachment 1).
  - The OAPCE Conference Chair met with the CCCSC In-service Committee on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 to begin planning the 2014 OAPCE Conference. By Christmas, a keynote speaker and workshops to be offered will be announced.
  - On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 OAPCE participated in the Ontario Consultation on Healthy Eating Initiatives that focused specifically on "Menu labelling and food marketing". The ultimate

goal is to reduce childhood obesity by 20% by 2018. The next phase includes recommendations on how to move from “strategy to action” by starting all children on an early path to health and creating healthy communities. If there is interest, R. Quattro has offered to do a presentation to CCCSC on this consultation and to discuss some of the details.

- On October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 OAPCE representatives attended the Regional consultation on Building the Next Phase of Ontario’s Education Strategy. The Ministry anticipate that an updated “vision” born of these regional consultations will be released in early 2014.

3. *SEAC Report – Nil*

4. *Parish Report – Nil*

5. *ACCESS DP – Nil*

6. *Family of Schools Reports*

- a. Brampton East/Caledon/Dufferin/Malton (Elementary) - A. Montagnese - Alternate
- St. Isaac Jogues ES will be holding a Halloween dance and sell chocolates to raise funds.

Brampton East/Caledon/Dufferin/Malton (Secondary) - Nil

- b. Brampton North East (Elementary) – R. MacBean

- St. Anthony ES has successfully raised funds by selling San Diego Frozen Yogurt and the “Bags for Schools” recycling initiative to raise funds.

Brampton North East (Secondary) – S. Donovan

- St. Marguerite d’Youville SS and Notre Dame Catholic SS have held their Parent-Teacher Interviews and St. Thomas Aquinas SS and Holy Name Catholic SS will be holding their interviews on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- The Secondary Schools will be holding their 2012-13 Awards Night during the first week of November.
- St. Thomas Aquinas is holding Spirit Week and Harvest Fest (October 21 – 25, 2013); Over 300 parents attended Grade 9 Orientation; Catholic School Council published a School Council Handbook for parents that is also available on the school website. The Regional Arts Program Open House will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- St. Marguerite d’Youville used their 2012-13 PRO Grant for the Link Program that is on the school’s website.

- c. Brampton West – (Elementary) – G. Rodney

- St. Ursula ES 2013-14 PRO Grant application was approved and Catholic School Council is planning how to utilize the funds.
- The school and parent communities in the Brampton West Family of Schools are very excited about being part of the 75<sup>th</sup> OAPCE conference.
- G. Rodney has received numerous compliments with respect to the Family of Schools Chairs Meeting that was held at St. Francis Xavier SS on October 16, 2013.

Brampton West (Secondary) – Nil

d. Mississauga Brampton Central – (Elementary) – Nil

Mississauga Brampton Central – (Secondary) – P. Pinheiro

- St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Council started a few initiatives last year and has successfully increased parent participation from 8 to 30. Social functions and speakers invited to address parents, using various home communication systems available at the school and involving Student Council in joint fundraising activities have all contributed to this success.
- St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Council and two other Councils have merged their funding in a joint PRO Grant initiative.

e. Mississauga East (Elementary) – P. Giansante  
St. Pio of Pietrelcina ES is organizing a dance-a-thon.

Mississauga East (Secondary) - Nil

f. Mississauga North (Elementary) – L. Davoli

- St. Sebastian ES has wrapped up a successful Fall fundraiser; the 2013-14 PRO Grant application was approved and will be used to develop host a “Numeracy Night” workshop.

Mississauga North (Elementary) – J. Rodrigo

- Our Lady of Mercy ES is holding a dance-a-thon to raise funds; the Catholic School Council will use their 2013-14 PRO Grant funds to increase parent engagement and produce documents/brochures for the parents of: Grade 8 students transitioning to secondary school; Grade 4 French Immersion students who will be transferring from Divine Mercy ES; and students entering the Full Day Kindergarten Program.

Mississauga North (Secondary) – J. Rodrigo

- All Mississauga North Secondary Schools have held their Awards nights that were successful with a lot of parents in attendance.
- A teacher from St Aloysius Gonzaga received the “Teacher of the Year Award for Special Olympics” from the Special Olympics Committee for the work she does with diverse learners.
- Our Lady of Mercy ES has contacted St. Aloysius Gonzaga SS with respect to collaborating on a document on Grade 8 students transitioning into secondary school.

g. Mississauga South (Elementary) – M. McBride

- St. Margaret of Scotland’s Catholic School Council has grown to 20 members this year as more parents made the decision to get involved; a Much Music fundraiser to be held later in the year; Catholic School Council started a newsletter for parents; 2013-14 PRO Grants to produce a Volunteer Handbook; lunch and grocery bags from a previous Green initiative are being handed out the new students.
- Mary Fix Catholic ES will be holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bazaar on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013, to raise funds for the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas baskets.

Mississauga South (Secondary) – Nil

**E. Consultation**

Building the Next Phase of Ontario's Education Strategy – Family of Schools Representatives formed small group to collaborate in answering the seven questions that the Ministry has posed.

**F. Information / Committee Updates**

1. Correspondence - Nil
2. CCCSC In-Service Committee - G. Rodney
  - A. Training of School Council Executives
    - The CCCSC In-service Committee met on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 to finalize arrangements for the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Training of School Council Executives to be held at St. Joseph SS.
  - B. CCCSC Mid-Winter Presentations
    - Individual Family of Schools are encouraged to hold their own localized mid-winter presentations or to join up with an adjacent Family of Schools to hold presentations for all the Catholic School Councils within their families.
  - C. OAPCE 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Annual General Meeting
    - Aimee Gerdevich, OAPCE Conference Chair, and Renata Quattro, OAPCE Treasurer, attending the In-Service Committee meeting to start planning the OAPCE Conference and Market Place to be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Dufferin-Peel will host these events.
    - The In-Service Committee is inviting parent volunteers to join the committee. One does not need to be a CCCSC Family of Schools Representative to serve on the committee, parent members of any Catholic Schools Councils are welcome to participate.

**G. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – Nil**

**H. Closing Prayer - Hail Mary**

**I. Meeting adjourned at 9.05 p.m.**

**J. Date of Next Meeting - Thursday, December 5, 2013**