

**Approved Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils Meeting
Thursday, September 26, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre**

- Chair: G. Rodney, CCCSC Chair
L. Davoli, CCCSC Vice-Chair (Regrets)
- Trustees: A. Da Silva (regrets)
T. Thomas
- Superintendent: M. Mazzorato
- Members Present: J. Coughlin, Principals/Vic-Principals Assoc. – Alternative Elem. Rep.
S. Gos, Principal/Vice-Principals Assoc. – Secondary Rep.
T. Cruz, Superintendent Mississauga North – Board Rep.
R. Quattro, OAPCE Rep.
K. Cespate, Brampton East/Caledon/Dufferin/Malton – Secondary Rep.
B. Kennedy – Brampton West – Secondary Rep.
R. Cinapri, Mississauga Brampton Central – Elementary Rep.
P. Giansante, Mississauga East – Elementary Rep.
- Regrets: M. O’Mahony – Principals/Vice-Principals Assoc. – Elementary Rep.
G. Ogundele – Diocesan Rep.
- Recorder: C. Fernandes

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attention
 - G. Rodney called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. Opening Prayer
 - R. Cinapri led everyone in the opening prayer
3. Attendance
 - i. Welcome and Declaration of CCCSC representatives
 - ii. Declaration of Alternatives by Family of Schools
 - iii. Identification of Observers and Guests
 - Aimee Gerdevich, OAPCE Past President
 - Jennifer Millson, Secretary to the Regional Council of OAPCE
 - Irene Della Rossa representing the Diocesan Rep.
4. Approval of Minutes of June 5, 2013
Amendments to Minutes:
 - Under Members Present – K. Cespate, Brampton East/Caledon/Dufferin/Malton Secondary Representative

- Item C2 (1st bullet) Congratulations to Orlando Sousa, new President of OAPCE
- Item C3 (2nd bullet) Highlight of the OAPCE 74th Conference in Peterborough was a teleconference with the Australian Council of Catholic Parents.
- **Moved by P. Giasante and K. Cespite**

THAT THE MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2013 MEETING BE APPROVED AS AMENDED

CARRIED

5. Business arising from Minutes – Nil

6. **Approval of the Agenda**

- **Moved by P. Giasante and K. Cespite**

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED

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B. Presentations - Nil

C. Reports

1. *Trustee Report – Thomas Thomas*

- 2012-13 was a very successful year with secondary students successfully moving on to post-secondary education and into the work force, and Grade 8 students who transitioned on to secondary school.
- The new school year start-up has gone well, in part due the work done by the Plant Department to ensure all schools were ready to receive students on September 3rd, 2013. Summer curriculum writing teams also worked during the summer at the Catholic Education Centre
- The Board has proclaimed the following special days honouring components of staff:
 - UNESCO World Teachers Day on October 5, 2013, which Dufferin-Peel will celebrate on Friday, October 4th
 - Bus Driver Appreciation Day on October 23, 2013
 - Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day on October 30, 2013.
- The Board has approved an updated Capital Priorities list up to the 2016-17 school year as well as a review of our French Immersion program.
- The Board started advertising for kindergarten registration earlier than normal this year to ensure all Catholic families are aware of our excellent Catholic schools and programs.
- The 2012-13 EQAO assessments in Grade 3 and 6 reading, writing and mathematics bettered the provincial average by between 1% and 4% in all six assessment areas. Our Secondary students exceeded the provincial averages by between 4% and 12% in the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) and Grade 9 mathematics. These successes show a high level of collaboration

among parents/guardians, staff, administrators and trustees in supporting the well-being and achievement of our students.

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

- The Ministry of Education is currently envisioning what the next phase of Ontario's education strategy is going to look like and is inviting consultation from the broad sectors and partners in Catholic Education, specifically around seven questions. M. Mazzorato has provided context around the questions and has invited members to review them and provide input at the October 24th CCCSC meeting when this item will be discussed in depth with the new council.
- The Catholic Education system has an opportunity to ensure that whatever input is given towards Ontario's Education Strategy reflects that we are a faith based system and that our context is a Catholic world view.
- Ontario Catholic Schools Graduation Expectations have been used to plan and guide educational experiences for students for many years. They are as current today as we go further into the 21st century, as they were when they were first developed.
- M. Mazzorato is working on the possible use of e-communities, an infrastructure to facilitate the flow of communications within each of the regions, to enable School Councils within each Family of Schools to communicate with one another and with their CCCSC Representative.

3. *OAPCE Report – R. Quattro*

- The final culmination of data from the survey conducted by the Institute for Catholic Education for Ontario Catholic School Graduates will be presented in a few weeks as a combination report and toolkit.
- OAPCE is currently representing the Parents Voice at the Institute for Catholic Education in their revision of the following four documents:
 - i. Secondary Religious Education Policy
 - ii. Health and Physical Education for Elementary and Secondary
 - iii. Pastoral Guidelines for Students with same sex attraction.
 - iv. New Social Science Modules for Grades 11 and 12
- Sister Joan Cronin has stepping down from her role as Executive Director of the Institute for Catholic Education after 20 years of leadership. Mr. Michael Pautler has been appointed as the new Executive Director.
- DRAPCE has prepared an electronic conference workshop survey for the types of workshops parents would like to see provided. All School Council OAPCE representatives will provide the link to their school councils - <http://oapce.on.ca/drapce/fall-2013-survey-oapce-conference-workshops/>
- DRAPCE is preparing for the November 2nd, 2013 CCCSC in-service, Training for School Council Executives
- DRAPCE elections will be held for the positions of Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer and for one of the two regional directors to replace Orlanda Sousa who is now OAPCE President
- At the Provincial level, Aimee Gerdevich has taken over the role of Conference Chair and Renata Quattro has resumed the role of Treasurer.

- 75th Anniversary of OAPCE and Annual General Meeting and conference will be hosted by the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board on May 23rd and 24th, 2014. This year's theme is "when you weren't looking – the effects of parent engagement on our children". The Meet & Greet and the Gala Awards dinner will be held at the Toronto Airport Marriott and the host school is Philip Pocock Catholic Secondary School.
4. *SEAC Report* - Nil
 5. *Parish Representative Report – I. Della Rossa (on behalf of G. Ogundele)*
 - Pope Francis proclaimed September 7th, 2013 as a day of fasting and prayers for peace in Syria, the Middle East and throughout the whole world. Cardinal Collins spoke of the importance of this global initiative and churches throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto offered special prayers at all Masses.
 - The Doors of Hope project was created to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Catholic Charities. Elementary and Secondary students from Toronto, Dufferin-Peel, York and Durham Catholic District School Boards participated in this Social Arts project. Plaques will be presented to each participating School Board. The doors will be on display as part of Nuit Blanche on October 5th, 2013.
 6. *ACCESS DP – Nil*
 7. *Family of Schools Reports*
 - Brampton East/Caledon/Dufferin/Malton - Nil
 - Brampton North-East - Nil
 - Brampton West - Genevieve Rodney
St. Ursula held an Open House and barbecue using funds from their PRO Grant. The event was a success with many families in attendance.
 - Mississauga Brampton Central – Nil
 - Mississauga East – Nil
 - Mississauga North – Nil
 - Mississauga South – Nil

D. Information / Committee Updates - G. Rodney

1. Correspondence - Nil
2. G. Rodney acknowledged the dedication and the work performed by the 2012-13 CCCSC By-Laws Committee in producing the By-Laws & Procedures Handbook. The handbook

was distributed to members present. The By-Laws and Procedures are also posted on the CCCSC website.

3. The 2013-2014 Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant application was approved by the Ministry. The grant awarded is \$20,000.
4. CCCSC In-Service Committee Update
 - a. Meeting of September 17, 2013
 - The Family of Schools Chairs meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier Secondary School on October 16, 2013. The event will commence with a light dinner and social from 5.45 to 6.30 p.m., followed by a liturgical celebration and greetings from senior administration and trustees. The individual Family of Schools meetings will follow immediately thereafter.
 - The “Training for Catholic School Council Executive Members” in-service will take place on November 2nd, 2013 at St. Joseph Secondary School, commencing at 8.30 a.m. Workshops will be held for experienced and new chairs, School Council secretaries, treasurers, and Parish and OAPCE representatives.

E. Other - Nil

F. Agenda Items for next meeting

- Building the Next Phase in Ontario’s Education Strategy: “Great to Excellent”

G. Closing Prayer

- Our Father was recited

H. Future Meetings

- Thursday, December 5, 2013
- Thursday, January 9, 2013
- Thursday, February 6, 2013
- Thursday, April 3, 2013
- Thursday, May 1, 2013
- Thursday, June 12, 2013

I. Adjournment

- **Moved by R. Cinapri**

THAT THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS BE ADJOURNED AT 8.00 P.M.

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