

**Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils Meeting
Thursday, February 12, 2015 – 7.00 p.m.
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre**

Chair: G. Rodney

Vice-Chair: L. Davoli

Trustees:

Superintendent: M. Mazzorato

Guest Presenter: C. Blanchard, Superintendent of Strategic Planning, Policy & Special Projects

Members Present: T. Cruz, Board Representative
P. MacDonald – DPSU OECTA Secondary Representative
M. O’Mahony – Principals/Vice-Principals Assoc. – Elementary Representative
S. Gos – Principals/Vice-Principals Assoc. – Secondary Representative
G. Ogundele –Diocesan Representative
R. Quattro – OAPCE Representative
K. Cespite – Brampton East Caledon Dufferin Malton – Secondary Rep.
G. Rodney – Brampton West – Elementary Representative
V. Kameka – Brampton West - Secondary Representative
S. Sukhu – Mississauga Brampton Central – Elementary Representative
M. Emery – Mississauga Brampton Central – Secondary Representative
L. Kostick – Mississauga East – Elementary Representative
P. Giansante – Mississauga East – Secondary Representative
L. Davoli – Mississauga North – Elementary Representative
J. Rodrigo – Mississauga North – Secondary Representative
L. Tedesco – Mississauga South – Elementary Representative

Regrets: P. Olivieri – SEAC / CCCSC Liaison

Recorder: C. Fernandes

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order
 - G. Rodney called the meeting to order at 7.00 p.m.
2. Liturgy led by G. Rodney and L. Davoli
3. Attendance
 - i. Welcome and Declaration by CCCSC Representatives
 - ii. Declaration of Conflict of Interest – Nil
 - iii. Declaration of Alternatives by Family of Schools – Nil

- iv. Identification of Observers and Guests
 - M. Cittadino – Parent, St. Joseph Elem (Miss.)/St. Aloysius Gonzaga S.S.
 - J. Creighton – Chair - St. Thomas Aquinas S.S.
 - K. Dancy – Co-Chair – Holy Spirit
 - M. Martinovic – Co-Chair - Our Lady of Mercy
 - V. Ramwa – Parent – St. Joseph S.S.

4. Approval of Minutes of January 15, 2015 Meeting

- **Moved by R. Quattro**

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2015 MEETING BE APPROVED

CARRIED

5. Business arising from the Minutes - Nil

6. Approval of the Agenda

- **Moved by C. Cespite**

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED

CARRIED

B. Presentation

School Based Technology Enhanced Teaching and Learning Plan – C. Blanchard, Superintendent of Strategic Planning, Policy and Special Projects

- An outcome of the Principals Congress in May 2012 was that there was a need to understand the potential for the integration of technology into classroom programs and the impact this would have on student achievement. Ten recommendations were developed and included:
 - There is a need to challenge the status quo and to embrace the new paradigm of learning in the 21st century. All students must have the opportunity to learn the new skills required to remain competitive in an ever-changing global market while living out the principals of our Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations. A need was identified to focus on student-directed learning that promoted creativity and innovation in a meaningful and relevant way.
 - Inquiry-based learning is key to the collaboration process where we become co-learners with our students. Teaching/Learning required strategies that embrace and integrate new technologies and new literacies while raising awareness of global issues through the use of a variety of resources.
 - Digital literacy is an essential component of learning in the 21st century. Wireless technology must be made available to provide opportunities for e-learning, webinars, teleconference, blended learning and integrated technology. Policies that allow technology to be used in schools in a responsible manner must be revisited ensuring the globalization of information and accessibility.
- In December 2012 an implementation plan was developed for the integration of technology. It included:

- The nature of technology enhances skill development such as problem solving, critical thinking and inquiry that are important for life-long learning;
- All technology plans need to further align and to be coherent with all Board plan as we integrate technology;
- Technology is foundational to supporting effective pedagogy for all learners by focusing on a growth mindset, being open to learning and engaging a co-learning stance.
- The implantation plan for technology must:
 - Be responsible to local teacher learning needs and student learning needs;
 - Help support the development of responsible digital citizenship and stewardship;
 - Ensure a universal Design for Learning – all learners have a way in – and to recognize and support equity of access for all learners;
 - Reflect a sustainable process to encourage and celebrate ethical innovation and creativity;
 - Involve Effective Lesson design which integrates the most appropriate technology;
 - Continue to engage community voice.
- Recent commitments to technology include:
 - Significantly increased number of SMART Boards to over 2,100 covering approximately 50% of all classrooms;
 - 40% growth of computers over the last four years to 18,700;
 - Equipped all elementary schools with new computers between 2011- 2013;
 - Expanded technical support to six new schools and learning centres since 2011
 - Increased Internet Bandwidth from 200mb to 2,000mb;
 - Installed wireless access in all schools and in the CEC and Keaton Centre;
 - Created new websites for the board and all schools;
 - Deployed Office 365 for all teachers and students in Secondary Schools
- A school-based Technology Plan is being developed to deal with new and existing technology in the schools, the role of tablets and types of tablets to enhance student learning, in-service, role of technology labs in the schools, the role of SMART Boards and other visual technology projection devices, the deployment of such labs, and other aspects of technology applications in the schools.
- The deployment of up to 3,000 tablets with charge-carts to schools.
- APP Committee will be responsible for evaluating and approving all apps for the system.
- The Board of Trustees will soon review a staff report regarding the new policy for student access of personal devices and the appropriateness of such access, as well as the current board policy after consultations are completed.

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

- A Boardwide observance of National Sweater Day was held on February 5, 2015 in which the majority of Dufferin-Peel's schools and numerous departments at the CEC and Keaton Centre participated. The observance was shortened in elementary schools to accommodate Parent-Teacher Interviews scheduled for that evening. The Plant Department is to determine the cost savings by turning down the heat and the impact it had on our carbon footprint. To bring a Catholic lens to the day, the theme My Sweater, My Story was developed to encouraged staff and students to post their stories and photographs on Twitter. The event was also used to encourage all participants to donate gently used sweaters to Canadian Food for Children. A number of classroom resources were provided leading up to the day.

- The video “The Enduring Gift” was played for the CCCSC. Each school has received a copy of the video and M. Mazzorato encouraged CCCSC members to play the video for their Catholic School Council members.
- M. Mazzorato asked the Family of Schools Representatives to contact schools in their family to solicit information about school based Parents Reaching Out grants that were highly successful and received a good response from the parent community. A repository of successful applications can be built and put on line for all schools to access.

2. *Diocesan Report – G. Ogundele*

- A meeting of Catholic School Council Parish Representatives is being arranged on March 3, 2015, at St. Leonard Parish Hall in Brampton. The Most Rev. John B. Boissonneau, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, will be attending and will address the group. Parish Representatives should confirm their attendance by e-mailing ldellarosa@rogers.com. A save-the-date flyer will be e-mailed to all schools.

3. *OAPCE Report – R. Quattro*

- Regional
The DRAPCE meeting scheduled for February 25, 2015 has been cancelled as a CCCSC Mid-Winter Event on 21st Century Learning is to be held at the host school. Members are encouraged to attend the DPCDSB event. The next DRAPCE meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2015 at which Mission Milk Bags will present.
- Provincial
OAPCE 1st Quarter meeting:
 - OAPCE passed the 2014 financial statements for Audit and will present them at the Annual General Meeting in May.
 - Guest speaker, Education Minister Liz Sandals, provided a detailed report of what is happening at the Ministry of Education. She addressed concerns voiced by OAPCE members about the new Health and Physical Education Curriculum for Grades 1 – 8, and gave assurances that teachers will be given the tools required to deal with sensitive issues that may arise. Minister Sandals also discussed the different Parents Reaching Out grants that are available to encourage parent engagement. Mathematics is still an area that requires improvement and the Minister suggested that the PRO grants could be used to bring this issue to the forefront of school council and parents’ attention.
 - OAPCE has re-launched its website and the quarterly newsletters are now being sent out electronically. CCCSC members are invited to review the letters and forward any comments or suggestions they may have.
 - Mission Milk Bags will be featured at the May OAPCE Conference in Renfrew.
 - The FACE Project Manager gave an update of what is happening across the Province.

4. *SEAC Report – P. Olivieri (Written Report)*

- History / Social Studies Presentation
A presentation regarding the new History & Social Studies program being introduced in Dufferin-Peel was presented to SEAC. The presentation highlights the Citizenship framework and correlations with the Ontario Graduate Expectations. The program is very much inquiry based, allowing different entry points for all learners;

Creating Pathways for Success Presentation

The document NAVIG8 to 9 was shared, highlighting choices, opportunities and transitional practices in place for student transitioning to high school and beyond. The program also features education career planning and the IPP process for all students. myBlueprint, an electronic tool available to students, grades 7 – 12, was also highlighted.

- Parent Evening, Students with Differing Abilities

An information evening for parents of students with differing abilities entering kindergarten was highlighted. Over 70 participants attended and were able to familiarize themselves with the process of entry into school for their child.

- Orientation Evening

An orientation for all SEAC members took place, outlining the role of SEAC.

- PRO Grants

SEAC did receive a grant to support parent evenings. Members used part of the evening planning for upcoming parent evenings.

1. READ & WRITE GOLD: Literacy Support Software for Home: April 14 & April 16, 2015
2. Math Initiative for Students with Differing Abilities: March 5, 2015
3. Preparing Students with Differing Abilities for the Sacraments: January 20, 2015

5. *ACCESS DP Report – Nil*

6. *Family of Schools Reports – included in Agenda package*

C. Information/Committee Updates – G. Rodney

1. *Correspondence - Nil*

- Letter received from Education Minister Liz Sandals inviting Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Chairs and Co-Chairs to attend the 6th Annual PIC Symposium on April 24th and 25th, 2015.
- Applications for the Minister’s Student Advisory Council (MSAC) are open and G. Rodney asked Family of Schools Representatives to contact their schools to share this information.

2. *CCCSC In-Service Committee*

- G. Rodney to provide CCCSC Committee members with an update via correspondence on the CCCSC Market Place after the February 20,2015 CCCSC In-Service Committee meeting.

3. *EQAO Regional Strategic Planning Session*

- G. Rodney attended the EQAO Regional Strategic Planning Session early in February and found it very informative as the objectives of the EQAO were clearly laid out. Family of Schools Representatives were asked to share the EQAO information in the meeting package with the schools in their families.

4. *Other Business*

- G. Rodney attended the February 10, 2015 Mid-Winter Event at St. Josephine Bakhita School and asked for feedback from other CCCSC committee members who attended the event. There was very positive feedback on the sessions offered, including myBlueprint™, Tweet This! Blog That! and the Responsive Classroom.

- Any schools interested in hosting a presentation on Mission Milk Bags should contact Carol Fernandes at carol.fernandes@dpcdsb.org

D. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

E. Closing Prayer – Our Father

F. Meeting Adjourned at 9.10 p.m.

G. Future Meetings

Thursday, April 9, 2015

Thursday, May 14, 2015

Thursday, June 11, 2015