

**Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils Meeting  
Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 – 7.00 p.m.  
Room 302, Catholic Education Centre**

Chair: G. Rodney

Vice-Chair: L. Davoli

Trustees: S. Hobin  
A. Abbruscato  
E. O'Toole (Regrets)

Superintendent: M. Mazzorato

Members Present: G. Rodney (Chair) – Brampton West Elementary  
L. Davoli (Vice-Chair) – Mississauga North Elementary Representative  
C. DiCarlo - 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  
K. Magdangal – OAPCE Representative Alternate  
K. Foschia – Brampton East Caledon Dufferin Malton – Elementary Rep.  
K. Cespite – Brampton East Caledon Dufferin Malton – Secondary Rep.  
V. Kameka – Brampton West Secondary  
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  
P. Olivieri – Mississauga North – Secondary Alternate  
L. Tedesco – Mississauga South – Elementary Representative

Regrets: E. O'Toole - Trustee  
G. Ogundele – Diocesan Representative  
R. Quattro – OAPCE Representative  
J. Rodrigo – Mississauga North – Secondary Representative

Recorder: C. Fernandes

**A. Routine Matters**

1. Call to Order

- G. Rodney called the meeting to order at 7.10 p.m.
- M. Mazzorato thanked Trustee S. Hobin for representing Trustee E. O'Toole (regrets due to illness) and Trustee A. Abbruscato who will join the meeting later due to another commitment.

2. Opening Liturgy
  - G. Rodney and L. Davoli led the Liturgy
3. Attendance
  - i. Welcome and Declaration by CCCSC Representatives
  - ii. Declaration of Conflict of Interest – Nil
  - iii. Declaration of Alternatives by Family of Schools
    - P. Olivieri – Mississauga North – Secondary
  - iv. Identification of Observers and Guests
    - M. Pascucci – Chair of the Board
    - K. Magalhaes – Alternate, Mississauga Brampton Central Family of Schools
    - K. Canlas – Chair – St. Valentine School
    - A. Castelletto – Chair – Father Michael Goetz S.S.
    - D. Dunn – Vice-Chair – St Edmund Campion S.S.
    - T. Spagnolo – Chair – Father Francis McSpirtt C.E.S.
4. Approval of Minutes of September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Meeting

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

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2014 MEETING BE APPROVED**

***CARRIED***

5. Business arising from the Minutes - Nil
6. Approval of the Agenda

- **Moved by P. Giansante and K. Magdangal**

**THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED**

***CARRIED***

**B. Presentations – Nil**

**C. Business Matters**

1. *Trustee Report – S. Hobin*
  - The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) had an excellent start to the 2014 – 2015 school year due to a number of factors including:
    - an increase in enrolment where, although there has been a decline in some areas, there is steady growth in other areas;
    - EQAO results were outstanding and staff have formed direction in the Board’s goals from a program prospective with a switch in focus to numeracy to answer some of the concerns around math. The secondary panel has seen success in growth and improvement with the applied level math. A Math Congress was held on October 1,

2014 where school administrators gathered to discuss the topic and were later joined by representative teachers to look at different opportunities to teach math in our schools;

- the Board's Five-Year Strategic Plan has been published and distributed to all schools and stakeholders. The plan is a continuation of the previous five-year strategic plan and is based on input from surveys conducted on many groups within the Board. The results of these surveys show that parents, staff, parish priests and rate-payers believe that the DPCDSB is a safe, exciting and dynamic school board. The Board has worked very hard over the last few years to ensure that schools are safe, that all students feel welcome and that the schools are places where the children want to be.

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

- Prior to the election for the position of the CCCSC Vice-Chair and the appointment of representatives to various committees, M. Mazzorato requested that members refer to the By-Laws and Procedures that outline the terms of reference and the mandate of the CCCSC Committee as a whole, and especially in supporting the system-wide endeavours that the CCCSC undertakes to support families and Catholic School Councils throughout the Board.

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

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

Louie Davoli - self-nominated

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 2014 – 2015 BE APPROVED.**

***CARRIED***

4. *Appointment of CCCSC Representative on the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) – G. Rodney*

- Vacant

5. *Appointment of CCCSC Representatives (Elementary and Secondary) on the School Year Calendar Committee – G. Rodney*

- L. Tedesco will be the Elementary CCCSC representative on the School Year Calendar Committee.
- M. Emery will be the Secondary CCCSC representative on the School Year Calendar Committee.

6. *Appointment of CCCSC Representative on the ACCESS DP Committee – G. Rodney*

- M. Emery will be the CCCSC Representative on the ACCESS DP Committee.

## D. Reports

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

- At the September 25, 2014 meeting of the 2013 – 2014 CCCSC Committee, a discussion was held on ways to share the theme of this year's Catholic Education Week, Exploring Paths of Joy, and its five sub-themes. Each member of the CCCSC has already received or will receive a basket that they are encouraged to take to their school or keep in their homes, in a sacred space, as a vessel to hold liturgies and other items related to the sub-themes, with the hope that they will be shared with the students and with families.
- M. Mazzorato welcomed M. Pascucci to the meeting and introduced him to the Committee.
- Two short videos entitled "Helping Your Kids Succeed in School" and "The Key to Success? Grit" were shared with the committee:

Helping Your Kids Succeed in School

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0S\\_gLw9pXg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0S_gLw9pXg)

The Key to Success? Grit

[http://www.ted.com/talks/angela\\_lee\\_duckworth\\_the\\_key\\_to\\_success\\_grit?language=en](http://www.ted.com/talks/angela_lee_duckworth_the_key_to_success_grit?language=en)

### 2. OAPCE Report – K. Magdangal

- The OAPCE Board of Directors met in Toronto on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and the following news was shared:
  - A updated website for OAPCE will soon be released that will permit all regions in Ontario to share happenings in their areas;
  - The President has asked that five tasks be accomplished for the 2015 OAPCE Conference. Committees will be formed around the tasks identified in the Strategic Plan with a director taking the lead for an individual committee as well as working on other committees. The Directors have been encouraged to reach out to their regions for input and for volunteers to work on their committees;
  - A new Communications Director, Lisa Cuypers, has been hired. More emphasis will be placed on communications including a newsletter to be e-mailed to members;
  - The role of the OAPCE representative will be showcased, using Dufferin-Peel as an example of excellence. This will be viewed across the province in the hope that it will increase the number of OAPCE representatives.
  - DRAPCE will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, and all parents are welcome to attend the meeting.

Trustee Abbruscato joined the meeting at 7.45 p.m.

### 3. SEAC Report – Nil

### 4. Parish Report – Nil

### 5. ACCESS DP – Nil

## 6. *Family of Schools Reports*

- The 2014 – 2015 CCCSC Family of Schools Representatives will forward their first report to be included in the December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Meeting Agenda package.

## **E. Information/Committee Updates – G. Rodney**

### 1. *Correspondence - Nil*

### 2. *CCCSC In-Service Committee*

- CCCSC will hold a web conference on “Catholic School Councils – Purpose, Roles and Responsibilities” for school council members and school administrators on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 7.00 p.m. It was felt that school council members had a number of questions that could not be answered due to time limitations during the Training of Catholic School Council Executive Members, and, by holding this web conference, it would give parents a broad overview of how councils operate and would also give them an opportunity to pose some of their questions. If there is an interest to hold more web conferences, they will be offered again. The instructions to join the web conference are included in the agenda package. They were also sent out to all Administrators to share with their school council members.
- The CCCSC In-Service Committee has had preliminary discussions into the possibility of holding single or joined Family of Schools winter events and discussions have also been had with the Instructional Family of Schools Supervisory Officers to plan a more coordinated way to offer these events not only to the parents within their own family but also to other parents who may have an interest in the topic.
- Trustee Hobin indicated that she received feedback last year about the winter events from school council members who felt that there are two separate requirements that need to be accommodated; one is for school council chairs to have the opportunity to get together to share best practices, share their challenges and the opportunities specific to council; and there is also the need to have one or two speakers who appeal to all parents. At present, Family of School events either include guest speakers or have a short meeting and a guest speaker, and do not really accommodate the needs of school council members.
- M. Mazzorato will inform the CCCSC In-Service Committee and the Instructional Family of Schools Supervisory Officers of the concerns voiced by Trustee Hobin on behalf of school council members.
- The flyer for the November 1, 2014 Training of Catholic School Council Executive Members is included in the agenda package. Members are encouraged to share the information with their school councils and are asked to respond to their principals if they plan to attend.
- On April 11, 2015 CCCSC will hold a “Market Place” at St. Joseph S.S. This annual event is always well attended as vendors are invited to promote their products and parent engagement workshops are offered on a variety of topics.
- The DRAPCE website hosts an analysis done by a parent member of all the vendors who participated in the May 2014 OAPCE Conference market place, the products they sold or promoted and the percentage the schools would receive from the sale of those products. The analysis is entitled “Fundraiser Overview”.  
<http://www.drapce.com/drapce-meeting-documents/>

**F. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- P. MacDonald suggested a status update by the Chief Information Officer regarding “Bring Your Own Devices to School” with a technological perspective in terms of the infrastructure to support this project. This item will be brought forward at a future meeting once the GAP has been approved.

**G. Closing Prayer**

**H. Meeting Adjourned at 8.15 p.m.**

**I. Future Meetings**

Thursday, December 11, 2014 - Commissioning of CCCSC Members at 6.30 p.m. in the CEC Chapel, followed immediately by the regular CCCSC meeting

Thursday, January 15, 2015

Thursday, February 12, 2015

Thursday, April 9, 2015

Thursday, May 14, 2015

Thursday, June 11, 2015