



**Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils Meeting  
Thursday, October 29, 2015 – 7.00 p.m.  
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre**

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

Trustee: S. Xaviour

Superintendent: M. Mazzorato

Guest Presenter: S. Peterson, Coordinator, Religious Education & Faith Formation

Members Present: T. Cruz – Board Representative  
 M. Schaus - OECTA Elementary Representative  
 M. O'Mahony – Principals/Vice-Principals Elementary Representative  
 S. Gos – Principals/Vice-Principals Elementary Representative  
 K. Cespite – Brampton East, Caledon, Dufferin, Malton – Sec. Rep.  
 K. Dancy – Brampton North East – Elementary Representative  
 M. Rodrigues – Brampton North East – Secondary Representative  
 G. Rodney – Brampton West – Elementary Representative  
 V. Mordido – Mississauga Brampton Central – Elementary Representative  
 I. Lushi – Mississauga Brampton Central – Secondary Representative  
 P. Meehan – Mississauga East – Elementary Representative  
 L. Davoli – Mississauga North – Elementary Representative  
 L. Tedesco – Mississauga South – Elementary Representative  
 E. Pegas-Ferreira – Mississauga South – Secondary Representative

Regrets: S. Harry-Paul, P. MacDonald, K. Magdangal, G. Ogundele, P. Olivieri, V. Pedley

Recorder: C. Fernandes

**A. Routine Matters**

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

- iv. Identification of Observers and Guests
  - L. Blank – Co-Chair – Mary Fix ES
  - J. Creighton – Chair – St. Thomas Aquinas SS
  - A. D’Silva – Parent – St. Elizabeth Seton ES
  - S. Daley – Chair – Cardinal Leger SS
  - M. Gill – Chair – St. Bonaventure ES
  - M. Gomes – Co-Chair – Loyola Catholic SS
  - S. Menezes – Chair – St. Isaac Jogues ES
  - T. Szytko – Co-Chair – Father Daniel Zanon ES

4. Approval of Minutes of September 24, 2015 Meeting

- **Moved by L. Tedesco**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2015 MEETING BE APPROVED**

**CARRIED**

5. Business arising from the Minutes - Nil

6. Approval of Amended Agenda – Item C (Business Matters) moved up to become Item B

- **Moved by K. Cespite**

**THAT THE AMENDED AGENDA BE APPROVED**

**CARRIED**

**B. Business Matters**

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

- Before the elections for the positions of the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the CCCSC and the appointment of representatives to various committees, M. Mazzorato referred to the Terms of Reference, the Mandate and the Responsibilities of the CCCSC.

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

Elections were conducted by secret ballot in accordance with Central Committee for Catholic School Councils’ Procedural Bylaw B2.2 iii (d).

Board Representative, T. Cruz, and Principals/Vice-Principals Secondary Representative, S. Gos, were appointed scrutineers.

Nominations for the Chair of the CCCSC were opened by M. Mazzorato.

G. Rodney, Brampton West Family of Schools Elementary Representative, nominated herself for the position of Chair of the CCCSC.

L. Davoli, Mississauga North Family of Schools Elementary Representative, nominated himself for the position of Chair of the CCCSC.

In accordance with CCCSC practice, M. Mazzorato requested further nominations three times. There being none, nominations were declared closed.

MOTION: THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

The nominees briefly addressed the assembly.

Ballots were counted and G. Rodney was elected by a majority on the first ballot.

Chair G. Rodney assumed the chair in order to conduct the remainder of the proceedings. The Chair thanked the Family of Schools representatives for their support and confidence.

MOTION: THAT THE BALLOTS BE DESTROYED.

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

Nominations for the Vice-Chair of the CCCSC were opened by G. Rodney.

L. Davoli, Mississauga North Family of Schools Elementary Representative, nominated himself for the position of Vice- Chair of the CCCSC.

In accordance with CCCSC practice, G. Rodney requested further nominations three times. There being none, nominations were declared closed.

MOTION: THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

L. Davoli was acclaimed Vice-Chair of the CCCSC. The Vice-Chair of the CCCSC thanked the Family of Schools representatives for their support and confidence.

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

- P. Olivieri will be the CCCSC Representative on the Special Education Advisory Committee.

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

- L. Tedesco will be the Elementary CCCSC Representative on 2016 - 2017 School Year Calendar Committee.
- K. Cespate will be the Secondary CCCSC Representative on the 2016-2017 School Year Calendar Committee.

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

- V. Mordido will be the CCCSC Representative on the ACCESS DP Committee.

**C. Presentations**

1. *Religious Education Program - S. Peterson*

- With the support of the Trustees, a new Religious Education program has been purchased to replace the existing program that has been in place for more that 30 years and does not

contain any of the new curriculum features. The new program is named “Growing in Faith & Growing in Christ”;

- The new program has been sponsored by the Catholic Bishops of Ontario, Alberta, Saskatchewan and the North West Territories and developed in collaboration with Catholic educators from across Canada;
- The program is based on the Catholic Elementary Curriculum Policy document for Religious Education that has been approved by the Bishops. It reflects the content of faith expressed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church;
- The new program will consist of digital and print components to support 21<sup>st</sup> Century learners in their engagement with the religious education concepts and content;
- Grade 1 and Grade 2 text books and poster packs were distributed to members of the CCCSC to peruse;
- Text books and related materials for Grade 1 and Grade 2 have been distributed to Dufferin-Peel elementary schools with the exception of St. Sofia School that follows the Byzantine Rites. There is a temporary shortage of Grade 2 text books and of Grade 1 and 2 teacher manuals that is expected to be rectified by the end of November 2015;
- Grade 1 and Grade 2 students, their parents, and teachers have digital access to extra activities to help enhance student learning;
- To support the Religious Education program, every elementary and secondary school will receive a program entitled “Finding God” that is adapted for students who learn in different ways;
- The new program will be rolled out slowly with one grade per year receiving the new curriculum (i.e. Grade 3 will receive the program next year, Grade 4 the following year, etc.);
- The Cardinal has requested that schools move the Confirmation program from Grade 8 to Grade 7 as students in Grade 8 are under pressure to meet the requirements of graduation. This change will be phased in over a two year period. The Parishes will communicate information around the timing of Confirmation to the schools.

## 2. *Update on Health and Physical Education Curriculum – S. Peterson*

- Ontario Catholic schools have always taught Sex Education through the Family Life program. For over thirty-five years this program has been an intricate part of the Religious Education program, and the Ontario Bishops have worked with Catholic partners to develop “Fully Alive”, a faith filled, age appropriate program that provides students with an understanding of sexuality as God intended. The goals of the program are to:
  - present a distinctively Catholic view of human life, sexuality, marriage and family
  - complement the efforts of families
  - support the work that parents are doing at homeCopies of the Fully Alive program were passed around for members to review;
- The revised HPE is broken down into three strands – Active Living, Movement Competence and Healthy Living. The Human Development and Sexual Health component is part of the Healthy Living strand;
- The Human Development and Sexual Health component will be taught under the Religious Education and Family Life Education (Fully Alive Program) Curriculum. The Family Life Curriculum, using the resources series, Fully Alive, is broken down into 5 themes:
  - Created and Loved by God
  - Living in Relationship
  - Created Sexual: Male and Female

- Growing in Commitment
- Living in the World

The Human Development and Sexual Health expectations of the HPE curriculum will be taught across all the themes, and especially the third theme of the Fully Alive Program - Created Sexual: Male and Female;

- All curriculum expectations must be accounted for in instruction and are taught through the Fully Alive Program. Evaluation will be focused on students' achievement of overall expectations. Prompts and examples are optional. Teacher materials are being developed by the Institute for Catholic Education (ICE) to provide support;
- The themes within the Fully Alive program which deals with issues of Human Development and Sexual Health are typically taught in the spring. Letters to parents will be sent home before each of the themes of the Fully Alive program are taught in the classroom;
- Parents are encouraged to meet and discuss any concerns they may have with the classroom teacher and/or the Principal of the school. Parents may request to review the curriculum, ask to see the Fully Alive program teacher resource manual and, they also have the option to remove their child from specific lessons;
- Parent resource materials have been shipped to elementary schools to be distributed to all parents. In addition, parents are encouraged to visit the following websites to obtain more information:
  - Institute for Catholic Education  
[www.iceont.ca](http://www.iceont.ca)
  - Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario  
<http://www.acbo.on.ca/>
  - Ontario Ministry of Education  
<http://edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/health.html>

#### D. Reports

##### 1. *Trustee Report – S. Xaviour*

- Trustee Xaviour welcomed and congratulated new members to the CCCSC and the members who had been re-elected by their peers;
- Trustee Xaviour congratulated Superintendent Mazzorato who has been hired as Director Designate effective November 16, 2015 and will become Director of Education for the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and Secretary to the Board of Trustees on January 15, 2016;
- The new school that is being built in Brampton was originally to be named Pope Francis Catholic Elementary School. The name was sent to the Vatican for approval and the Board has been informed that Pope Francis would prefer the school to be named after a saint who dedicated their life to Catholic Education. St. Alphonsa Catholic Elementary School is located in Brampton West and will open in September 2016;
- The Board has received approval from the Ministry to build another elementary school in Brampton West that is slated to open in September 2017;
- Dufferin-Peel has done well in the Secondary EQAO testing with 88% of students passing the Grade 9 Academic Math component and 60% passing the Applied Math. The Ministry did not provide the Board with the provincial standings as Peel Board schools did not write the test because of a strike action by their educators.

2. *Superintendent Report – M. Mazzorato*

- Superintendent Mazzorato deferred her report to Superintendent T. Cruz who provided information on a recent program, Youth Cyber Safety Academy, that is available to all Peel students;
- This program is the result of a collaboration between our Board, the Peel District School Board, Peel Police and Sheridan College to develop strategies around safe use of the internet. Funding for this initiative was provided by the Ministry of Education;
- The Youth Cyber Safety Academy is a full-day innovative, hands-on Internet Safety lesson for Grade 5 students and is offered at the Peel Children's Safety Village in Brampton. The morning portion is spent in the "Cool Zone" where students have a real-life internet experience on iPad minis, playing a one-of-a-kind, custom-designed Capture the Flag online game. This application allows students to create personal profiles and test out a variety of skills and knowledge while having the opportunity to participate in a live online chat with other students. After lunch, students move to the Academy for an interactive Internet Safety presentation which includes an analysis of the information they provided during the morning session. Students will focus on the importance of keeping personal information private, the positive/negative aspects of the internet as well as learn about the various lures that online predators may use to trick children while online. Students will also learn about Cyber Citizenship and how their online actions can affect themselves and others now and in the future. This program runs from October 2015 - June 2016.

The CCCSC watched the u-tube video on the Youth Cyber Safety Academy that can be accessed at:

[Peel Police – Youth Cyber Safety Academy](#)

3. *OAPCE Report – K. Magdangal – Written Report Submitted*

- OAPCE directors and their families will be attending “We Day” on October 1, 2015. OAPCE is supporting “Free The Children”, a non-profit partner of Me to We, an enterprise founded by Canadian brothers Craig and Marc Kielburger;
- OAPCE is currently engaged in regional branding across the province;
- The Executive Director of the Institute for Catholic Education (ICE) will be making a presentation to the OAPCE Board of Directors in January;
- The Ontario College of Teachers (OCT) has indicated an interest in speaking with parent groups, including school councils. OAPCE will aid the OCT by providing contact information for the various Catholic Boards;
- The 77<sup>th</sup> OAPCE Conference will be held in Toronto on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016, that coincides with the end of Catholic Education week. The theme of the conference is “Different Gifts, One Voice: Living Our Virtues in a Virtual World”. The Keynote Speaker is Michael Redfearn. The conference will take place at Madonna Catholic High School and the Mass, reception and gala dinner will be held at Monte Cassino Place;
- DRAPCE (Dufferin-Peel chapter of OAPCE) is supporting Canadian Food for Children, a not for profit organization founded and run by Andrew and Joan Simone. DRAPCE to provide a list of items urgently needed by the charity.

4. SEAC Report – P. Olivieri – Nil

5. Diocesan Report – Nil
6. ACCESS DP Report – Nil
7. Family of Schools Reports – Nil

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

1. Correspondence - Nil
2. CCCSC In-Service Committee – G. Rodney
  - **Training for Catholic School Council Executive Members**
    - In view of the labour challenges the board is facing, the training sessions for Catholic School Council Executive members that were scheduled to be held at St. Joseph S.S. have been cancelled and, instead, web-conferences will be held for CSC members at 9.00 a.m. on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, that will enable them to log on from their own homes, via the Internet, to participate in the sessions being offered. CSC members who do not have Internet access will be invited to come to the CEC and sit in on the webinar sessions. Detailed information will be sent out to administrators on Friday, October 30, 2015;
    - The following webinar sessions will be offered:
      - New Chairs & Experienced Chairs
      - Treasurers
      - Secretaries
      - Parish Representatives
      - OAPCE Representatives

#### **F. Other Business**

1. Labour Challenges Experienced at the Schools
  - In response to a question from the floor regarding the withdrawal of some services by CUPE staff members and how it is affecting the schools in particular, Superintendent Mazzorato stated that health and safety are of foremost importance, and if there is anything that jeopardizes these issues, the administrators address the situations with the custodial or secretarial staff at the schools;
  - CUPE members are very cognizant of the importance of health and safety and are performing tasks required of them to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students and staff alike that include the cleaning of bathrooms and classrooms. Maintenance duties such as sweeping the hallways, moving furniture, setting up for meetings, etc., are the types of services that have been withdrawn;
  - The Ministry and the Board have cancelled most events that take administrators out of the schools because it is recognized that they need to be in their schools to deal with any evolving problems. Essential meetings are held using technology such as web-conferences.

#### **G. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

#### **H. Closing Prayer – Hail Mary**

#### **I. Meeting Adjourned at 8.55 p.m.**

**J. Future Meetings**

Thursday, December 3, 2015

Thursday, January 7, 2016

Thursday, February 11, 2016

Thursday, April 7, 2016

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Thursday, June 9, 2016