

**Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils Meeting
Thursday, September 24, 2015 – 7.00 p.m.
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre**

Chair: G. Rodney
Vice-Chair: L. Davoli (Regrets)

Trustees: S. Xaviour

Superintendent: M. Mazzorato

Members Present: C. DiCarlo - OECTA Elementary Representative
P. MacDonald – DPSU OECTA Secondary Representative
J. Coughlin – Principals/Vice-Principals Assoc. – Elementary Alternate
G. Ogundele –Diocesan Representative
R. Quattro – OAPCE Representative
K. Magdangal – OAPCE Alternate
G. Rodney – Brampton West – Elementary Representative
V. Kameka – Brampton West - Secondary Representative
K. Cespite – Brampton East, Caledon, Dufferin, Malton – Secondary Rep.
M. Emery – Mississauga Brampton Central – Secondary Representative
L. Kostick – Mississauga East – Elementary Representative

Regrets: T. Thomas, M. Beaton, T. Cruz, L. Davoli, K. Foschia, P. Giansante, M. O’Mahony,
P. Olivieri, L. Tedesco

Recorder: C. Fernandes

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order
 - G. Rodney called the meeting to order at 7.00 p.m.
2. Liturgy – Opening Doors of Mercy
3. Attendance
 - i. Welcome and Declaration by CCCSC Representatives
 - ii. Declaration of Conflict of Interest – Nil
 - iii. Declaration of Alternatives by Family of Schools
 - iv. Identification of Observers and Guests
 - J. Creighton, Chair – St. Thomas Aquinas S.S.
 - K. Dancy – Co-Chair – Holy Spirit Elementary School
 - I. Della Rossa – Parish Representative Alternate
 - M. Licata – Co-Chair – Ven. Father Michael J. MacGivney C.E.S.

- D. Mohandoss – Parent – Notre Dame Catholic S.S.
- E. Pagas-Ferreira – Chair – Iona Catholic S.S.
- T. Szytko – Parent – Father Daniel Zanon

4. Approval of Minutes of June 11, 2015 Meeting

- **Moved by K. Cespite and R. Quattro**

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 2015 MEETING BE APPROVED

CARRIED

5. Business arising from the Minutes - Nil

6. Approval to amend the Agenda to defer the Trustee's Report to later in the meeting. Trustee Xaviour informed that he would be late due to another board commitment.

- **Moved by G. Ogundele**

THAT THE AMENDED AGENDA BE APPROVED

CARRIED

B. Presentation - Nil

C. Reports

1. Trustee Report – S. Xaviour

- Trustee Xaviour thanked G. Rodney and L. Davoli for their continued leadership to CCCSC and to committee members who regularly attend the meetings;
- Father Francis McSpirtt Catholic School received 80% approval from the parent community to introduce a school uniform;
- Trustee Xaviour congratulated Christ the King Catholic school community on their 25th anniversary.

2. Superintendent's Report – M. Mazzorato

- Dufferin-Peel had a very successful start-up of the 2015 – 2016 school year with increased enrolment across the board. Enrolment in Full Day Kindergarten exceeded projections;
- The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board acknowledges the value of the use of technology to support learning. Students will be permitted to register and use personal electronic devices (PEDs) on board premises and/or at sanctioned events for educational purposes, under the direction of staff. Over the course of the 2015-2016 school year, all schools will be provided with an opportunity for students to bring their Personal Electronic Devices onto school premises for educational purposes. P. MacDonald inquired if there were plans for a coordinated systemic message from the board to the whole community on the updated policies and responsibilities regarding the use of PEDs. M. Mazzorato to follow up on query;

- A TEDx Talk entitled “Accountability and Responsibility in a Digital World” by Paul Davis was played for the CCCSC;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zaEn0BQS0vY>

- Dufferin-Peel was featured in the in the GTA section of the September 21st, 2015 Toronto Star on the Full Day Kindergarten outdoor learning environments. A multi-year initiative has been undertaken to enhance outdoor learning areas based on the latest pedagogy and the areas were transformed over the summer at 44 of Dufferin-Peel schools. Three schools were visited by a Toronto Star reporter and Early Years’ educators who were interviewed provided information on the ways they look for opportunities in these outdoor areas to enhance children’s learning and nurture their curiosity;
- Last year’s Parent Reaching Out (PRO) grant was used to develop the first video in the How We Learn series, “Future Ready Learning” and guidebook, that was viewed at the June 11, 2015 CCCSC meeting. Work has already started this year to produce a video on “How We Learn Math” that will be released early next year. There are plans to develop videos on literacy, resilience (grit) and self-regulation. The topics for the digital resources were informed by a parent survey conducted two years ago. It is the intent of the CCCSC to offer different ways to communicate with the parent community. Webinars and meetings will be held, and the sharing of web based resources to help parents engage in their children’s learning will continue;
- CCCSC’s 2015 -2016 PRO grant application is to develop a “Digital Learning Community” that will allow parents to connect to on-line learning modules on various subjects and to interact with other parents to share learning strategies. The first audiences of the Digital Learning Community will be members of the CCCSC and of Catholic school councils. The CCCSC was approved for a grant of \$14,000. The Ministry continues to receive more and more application for PRO grants, resulting in successful applicants being approved for smaller amounts in order to accommodate the growing demand.

3. OAPCE Report – R. Quattro

- The 77th OAPCE Conference will be held in Toronto on May 16, 2016, at Madonna Catholic High School and the Mass, reception and gala dinner will be held at Monte Cassino Place. His Eminence, Thomas, Cardinal Collins will be the celebrant of the Mass and the keynote speaker at the conference is Michael Redfearn, a former Dufferin-Peel educator and now a consultant working with students and social media;
- Dufferin-Peel has always demonstrated tremendous support for world-wide humanitarian crisis. Since January of 2015, schools and the board office have collected and shipped over 1 million milk bags to Mary Fix and St. Rita schools to be used to weave sleeping mats that are shipped throughout the world by Dr. Simone’s charity. On behalf of MilkBags Unlimited, R. Quattro extended sincere thanks to the schools and board facilities for their commitment and generosity. The collection of milk bags has been suspended because the storage facility has become unstable and can no longer be used for this purpose. There is still a great need for weavers and any schools wishing to undertake this project are asked to contact R. Quattro at <http://milkbagsunlimited.ca/how-to/> and will be provided with instructions to set up their own operation;
- R. Quattro informed the CCCSC that her term as a director of OAPCE has come to an end as directors are only allowed a term of six consecutive years. A new director will be voted for

in November and will join Karen Magdangal as the OAPCE representatives on the CCCSC. She thanked G. Rodney and M. Mazzorato for their support, and J. Kostoff and N. Milanetti for their mentorship during her tenure as OAPCE representative.

4. SEAC Report – P. Olivieri – Nil
5. Diocesan Report – G. Ogundele
 - G. Ogundele asked the CCCSC to pray for guidance and for the safety of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, as he prepares for a trip to Cuba and the United States of America;
 - The Catholic School Council parish representatives will hold their first meeting at the November 7th Training for Catholic School Council Executive Members at St. Joseph S.S.
6. ACCESS DP Report – Nil
7. Family of Schools Reports – Nil

D. Information/Committee Updates – G. Rodney

1. Correspondence - Nil
2. CCCSC In-Service Committee
 - The CCCSC In-Service Committee met on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 to begin planning the 2015-2016 Parent Engagement events:
 - **Family of Schools Chairs Meeting**
 - The first event is the Family of Schools Meeting for Catholic school council chairs and co-chairs, trustees, superintendents and administrators on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at St. Francis Xavier S.S.;
 - The event will begin at 5.30 p.m. with a social gathering and a light supper. A liturgy, followed by the general meeting will begin at 6.30 p.m. in the Cafetorium. In accordance with CCCSC Procedural By-Laws, the CCCSC will recognize the recipients and the nominees of the 2014 – 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award. Immediately following the meeting, the Family of Schools Superintendents will hold their individual meetings to elect their secondary and elementary parent representatives to sit on the 2015 – 2016 CCCSC;
 - Two administrators have volunteered to coordinate this event.
 - **Training for Catholic School Council Executive Members**
 - The annual Training for Catholic School Council Executive Members will take place on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at St. Joseph S.S. at 8.30 a.m., commencing with a liturgy and addresses from the Board, Executive Council and the Chair of CCCSC;
 - The following workshops will be offered:
 - New Chairs
 - Experienced Chairs
 - Treasurers
 - Secretaries
 - Parish Representatives
 - OAPCE Representatives
 - Two administrators have volunteered to coordinate this event.
 - **Winter Parent Engagement Events (January – March 2016)**
 - A committee has been formed by the Family of Schools to organize the winter events.

- Two types of events will be offered:
 - Each Family of Schools will host a meeting between Catholic schools council chairs/co-chairs and trustees;
 - Families of Schools may join to host an evening where a number of sessions on 21st Century learning will be offered to parents;
- A committee will be created, with representation from the CCCSC In-Service Committee, to coordinate the events.
- **Market Place & Conference**
 - This event has been scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 2016, at St. Joseph S.S. and will follow a similar format as in the previous years;
 - Two administrators have volunteered to coordinate this event.
- **Volunteer of the Year Award – 2015 - 2016**
 - Nomination packages will be distributed in May 2016. The nominees and recipient(s) of the award will be honoured at the regular CCCSC meeting on June 9, 2016.

E. Other Business

Update on Health & Physical Education Curriculum (HPEC)

- In response to a question on the status of the HPEC, M. Mazzorato stated that the Board is awaiting final approval from the Bishops on the strand on Human Growth and Sexual Health before it can be taught in Dufferin-Peel schools.
- All HPEC human growth and sexual health expectations will be met through the Fully Alive program. Teachers will use the material that has been provided by the Institute for Catholic Education (ICE) to teach this strand;
- Schools are encouraged to contact Shelagh Peterson, Co-Ordinator, Religious Education & Faith Formation, to help address some of the concerns the community may have regarding this curriculum. S. Peterson will be invited by the CCCSC to do a presentation on this subject during this school year;
- As has always been the practice of this board, letters will be sent to parents around sensitive areas to give them advance notice of what will be taught in the classroom and to give them the opportunity to follow-up with their child at home and answer any questions the child may have;
- Parent information pamphlets on HPEC are been developed;
- Model lessons will also be made available for parental review in advance of being introduced in the classroom;
- Teachers will be provided with their own copy of all resources required to teach the revised HPEC. They also have access to consultants at the Board who can assist them where needed.

F. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

G. Closing Prayer – Hail Mary

H. Meeting Adjourned at 8.30 p.m.

I. Future Meetings

Thursday, October 29, 2015
 Thursday, December 3, 2015
 Thursday, January 7, 2016
 Thursday, February 11, 2016

Thursday, April 7, 2016
 Thursday, May 12, 2016
 Thursday, June 9, 2016