



Central Committee for Catholic School Councils Meeting
Thursday, May 12, 2016
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre

Chair: G. Rodney
Vice Chair: L. Davoli
Trustees:: S. Xavier
Superintendent: S. Steer

Members Present:

M. O'Mahony	Principal/VP Elementary Association
S. Gos	Principal/VP Secondary Association
G. Rodney	Brampton West – Elementary
L. Davoli	Mississauga North East – Elementary
S. Xavier	Trustee, Wards 7, 8, 9 and 10
S. Harry-Paul	Mississauga East - Secondary
K. Magdangal	OAPCE Representative
P. Meehan	Mississauga East - Elementary
V. Mordido	Mississauga Brampton Central - Elementary
G. Ogundele	Diocesan Representative
P. Olivieri	SEAC Representative
S. Steer	Superintendent

Regrets:

P. MacDonald	E. Pegas-Ferreira
L. Tedesco	K. Cespite
K. Dancy	F. Di Cosola

Recorder: C. Child

A Routine Matters

1. Call to Order
G. Rodney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer
Lead by L. Davoli
Prayer to keep the fire fighters and families of Fort McMurray in our hearts and minds as they overcome the fire and evacuation and begin to rebuild their community.
3. Attendance
 - i Welcome and Declaration of CCCSC representatives
 - ii Declaration - NIL
 - iii Declaration of Alternates by Family of Schools

iv Identification of Observers and Guests

D. Langley, Divine Mercy
M. Martinovic, Our Lady of Mercy
J. Rodrigo, Our Lady of Mercy
P. Gaspari, St. Bernadette

4. Approval of Minutes of April 7, 2016

Moved by M. O'Mahony and L. Davoli

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7, 2016 MEETING BE APPROVED
CARRIED**

5. Business arising from the Minutes - NIL

6. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by K. Magdangal and P. Olivieri

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED

CARRIED

B Presentation: Online Payment System

Vipa Srinalta, Financial Systems Administrator, Finance Department

Introduced her team: Roland D'Costa, Mona Kapila and Victoria Stoncius

1. Online payment system for School Generated Plan / SGF.

Proud of our parents and their generous support of our school events and activities.

The system of online payments is being implemented as the trend is that we are getting away from cash and cheque purchases.

Last school year 2014 2015 \$23.4 million was manually handled with risk of safety to student and manual handling of funds.

The system should improve communication between parents and schools

Present handling of funds is a 7 steps process: 1) Teacher creates Fieldtrip flyer and gives it to the students to take home; 2) Student brings home the flyer; 3) Parent submits payment to school via student; 4) Teacher then receives and counts funds received; 5) Secretary recounts and records in school.cashnet; 6) Print out deposit form; 7) Takes it to the bank. This is a very time-consuming and manual process.

Online process will cut from 7 to 3 steps: 1) staff creates items for purchase in school.cashnet catalogue; 2) Parents receive email notification for specific student amount and details; 3) Parent pays via charge card.

Improve safety of students, environmental reduces paper, increases direct communication from school via email to parents.

Parents register for online payment in 3 easy steps.

Families can have 2 accounts if they wish (separated / divorce)

Very similar to online shopping which many of us do routinely.

Marketing Plan to have parents adopt this system – Parent Council and School Staff are the best advocates for sharing this new process.

We encourage parents to spread the word through their school councils and networks.

Tiered roll out beginning in September 2016. During 2016-2017 all schools will be implemented. First phase is September and 4th phase is April 2017.

Schools will still accept cash and cheques for those families wishing to do so.

The board is ensuring safety of the system and will communicate this to encourage trust of the online payment system.

Principals have been in-serviced and will be sharing the plan with School Councils.
Onsite training sessions and webinars for staff.
Newsletters will inform parents of the payment system, websites will have information posted.

Question raised:

In the future will we attach the field trip permission form to the deposit? Response: perhaps in the future but not at this time.

Parent Engagement May 17 and May 25 addressed by S. Steer

The process of ARC was set up for 1 night of delegations and due to demand there were 3 nights of delegations.

There are many conflicts around the revised Mississauga date of May 25; Confirmation, Welcome to Kindergarten night and planned school trips that we are having to postpone both evenings. It would be biased to hold Brampton at this time and not Mississauga so we apologize for any inconvenience.

We have shut down the website and registration and will be in touch with the 40 or 50 parents what have already signed up for May 17 and May 25th.

Communication of the cancellation have gone out to Trustees, School Administration, Presenters and attendees.

We will plan to hold both the Brampton and Mississauga Events in the coming school year.

C Reports

1. Trustee Report – S. Xavier for Wards 7 8 9 10

Trustee Xavier apologies for being late was at the Board retirement celebration for J Kostoff. Catholic Education Week - Opening the Doors of Mercy was very successful.

With Wi-Fi and the online payment system coming to schools we are pleased to be moving into the 21 Century.

Trustee assured he would take back the CCCSC's discussion for Marketing the new payment system.

MyBlueprint was such a success that he felt the online payment process will be well received.

Principal promotion and transfers has just occurred and at the end of month Vice Principal appointments will be announced.

ARC process final decisions will be at the May 24 Board meeting. This has been a very tough and comprehensive process and will be a decision based on a lot of input that they have been reviewing with the ARC Committee since January. Trustees have meet weekly. Under 80% capacity is not being fully funded by the Ministry and the Board does not have additional funds to cover this therefore we must follow the PAR process.

Catholic presence in neighborhoods is one factor being considered.

Trustee Xavier excused himself to attend a Parent Council meeting.

2. Superintendent Report – Superintendent Steer

Discussion around how School Councils can gather feedback from their school communities. Survey monkey is a possibility see your Admin to help you set it up. There are other digital forum for parent community would be very helpful such as: <http://www.kahootz.com/> (free collaboration tool).

Transfers for principals has occurred. Retirement letters are normally received in March.

This begins the process of principal and vice principal transfers and appointments.

Vice principals will be announced following the May board meeting.

Schools are starting the preliminary class placement meetings. Comprehensive look at placing students in classes by various elements: girl boy ratios, aptitudes, behaviours, learning styles, independent students and levels of learners. Over the summer numbers change as families move. Class placements are tentative. School reorganization occurs in mid or late September.

May is a busy month with: EQAO, Crowning of Mary, Confirmations and end of the year fieldtrips.

3. OAPCE Report – K. Magdangal

DRAPCE's Last meeting spoke to the importance of the history of Catholic Education its importance to fully understand the sacrifices that were made by our ancestors so we can appreciate the precious gift of publically funded Catholic Education. The presentation is posted on www.drapce.com

250 delegates at recent Conference of which 40 were from DPCDSB.

Education Minister, Liz Sandals addressed the parents and spoke of support of parents and Catholic Education.

Dinner Keynote speaker was Marc Kielburger of "Me to We". He presented our newest award "The Face of Mercy" to a deserving student.

Next year's Conference will be hosted by Kingston on May 26 and May 27 and will involve acknowledging the BNA – British North America Act which is celebrating its 150th year in 2017.

Our Executive Team were invited to this year's Trustee Conference and to a press conference in Toronto given by Premier Kathleen Wynn and the Honorable Liz Sandals, there the Secondary graduation rates were announced. This speaks to the respect earned by our OAPCE Executive Team and our membership efforts.

4. SEAC Report – P. Olivieri

Read & Write Gold presented at St. Marcellinus Secondary was well attended 45 and another 45 on waitlist. 90 spots for next May 3, 5, 9 - more nights to do this seminar

Connections 2016 - Flyer hand out - May 4th 2016 - Mississauga Convention Center
Community and Associations: Easter Seals, Community Living Mississauga and Community Living Brampton/Caledon were presented

Safe Schools Presentation shows that exceptional and non-exceptional student data indicates improved engagement. PPC Positive Personal Change program offered in DPCDSB for both Elementary and Secondary students. Case study presented to show how family and student used the experience to change behaviour and achieve success.

5. Diocesan Report – G. Ogundele

Parish Representatives gathered together here at the CEC in February with the focus on the roles our Parish Representatives. They are the communication link in the triad of: home, school and the church. We are constantly trying to improve.

Encourages Parish Reps to speak with Pastors to have school information included in parish bulletins and on Church bulletin boards. Must ask permission to do so.

Superintendent Steer advised Catholic Education Week was in Church Bulletins and some Parishes hosted speakers to address congregation.

Hopefully the Bishop will be meeting with us in the near future. Will advise if a date is established.

6. **School Year Report - NIL**

7. **Access DP Report – NIL**

8. **Family of Schools Monthly Report** – Attachment please review at your leisure
C. Child noted that moving forward all Member Reports received after the due date will not be included in the Agenda Package sent out prior to the meeting. However, the posted Minutes will have the updated version attached, as will the printed copies at the monthly meetings.

D Information / Committee Updates – G. Rodney

April 16 PIC – hosted by TDSB very diverse population and great ideas idea and networking
Approx. 2000 participants – Great opportunity to network with another board.

K. Magdangal attended with Chair Rodney. Great package of documents and resources: math, reading and writing and FI/French Immersion, parent concerns, bullying, common questions on child care. Chair attended session with focus on mental health and an IEP session, very interesting and helped to understand what an IEP is and how teachers and parents work together for our students. There was a child minding area with approximately 75 to 100 kids. It appeared to be run by volunteers (Adults). They must have preregister to estimate the need and number of volunteers needed.

Chair Rodney said her highlight was a chance to sit with Honorable Liz Sandals and have a conversation about our CCCSC. She expressed interest and appreciation to our parent involvement. She asked me to bring back our compliments to your committee

May 7 OAPCE Conference. Fantastic – very organized 250 parents, great sessions. Next year will be hosted in Kingston.

1. Correspondence

2. CCCSC In-Service Committee - M. O'Mahony

Highlighted April 9th Marketplace and Conference – great success.

Great networking opportunity to share ideas and discuss how our respective schools operate.

Online registration was very successful, we should keep in mind for next year separate first and second names at time of registration.

Keynote speaker was excellent parents enjoyed it tremendously. Dr. Susan Williams on anxiety.

Dr. Williams would do a workshop and we could use a ProGrant on anxiety strategies
Excellent feedback.

Ministry Spec Ed break-out was the smallest, however, excellent questions and good conversation in the small group.

Mental health was the largest – well received.

Market place was very successful – good selection of vendors

- We need to market it more as attendance is not as good we would hope. The event is fabulous and we need more new faces to come out.
- Some of the same speakers – we need new speakers and ideas.
- Are there obstacles to having people come out? What are they?
- Rethink perhaps have webinars as a Parent Engagement joint submission with SEAC
- *Question raised: Could we get the presentations posted on to the CCCSC website? We*

would need to ask permission of the presenters. We will ask for the board mental health presentation by Dr. S. Sweet to be posted on the website

PROGRANT in addition to April Conference and Marketplace

E Agenda items for next meeting

F Closing Prayer – Our Father

G Adjournment at 8:56 p.m.

H Future Meetings

Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 6:30 – Volunteer of the Year Award