

# Minutes of the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils Meeting Thursday, March 11, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. Zoom Meeting

Chair: Genevieve Rodney

Vice Chair: Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon

Trustee: Bruno Iannicca
Superintendent: Wayne Brunton

Members

Present: Bruno Iannicca Trustee

Wayne Brunton Superintendent Silvana Gos Board Representative

Brian Diogo Principal / Vice Principal Elementary Association
Alexis Galvao Principal / Vice Principal Secondary Association
Mary Licata Brampton East Caledon Dufferin Malton - Secondary

Paula Lima Brampton North-East - Elementary
Karen Dancy Brampton North-East - Secondary
Trecy Manuela Brampton West - Elementary, Alternate

Genevieve Rodney Brampton West - Secondary

Alexandra Sikorski Mississauga Brampton Central - Elementary, Alternate

Jennifer Cazabon Mississauga Brampton Central - Secondary

Donna Lomba Mississauga East - Elementary

Maria Scupham Mississauga East - Secondary, Alternate

Leanne DeSouza Kenney Mississauga North - Elementary Dinah Langley Mississauga North - Secondary

Gail Briand-Santo Mississauga South - Elementary, Alternate

Roxanne Smith Mississauga South - Secondary

Jennifer Millson OAPCE Representative

Recorder: Caroline McFarland

Regrets: Melina Melo Karina Luna Laurie-Anne Grace Siracusa

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Absent: Brenda Golden Ingrid Kupec Gabriel

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#### A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order

Superintendent Wayne Brunton called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Regrets were noted, guests welcomed and attendance taken.

2. Acknowledgement of First Nations Sacred Territory – Wayne Brunton

- 3. Opening Prayer Wayne Brunton
- 4. Welcome and Introduction
  - a. Welcome and Declaration of CCCSC Representatives
    - i. Declaration of Conflict of Interest NIL
  - b. Declaration of Alternates by Family of Schools

Trecy Manuela, Brampton West - Elementary Alternate

Alexandra Sikorski, Mississauga Brampton Central - Elementary Alternate

Maria Scupham, Mississauga East - Secondary Alternate

Gail Briand-Santo, Mississauga South - Elementary Alternate

c. Identification of Observers and Guests

Daniel Del Bianco, Associate Director of Corporate Services

Mathew Thomas, Superintendent of Planning and Operations

Max Vecchiarino, Superintendent of Policy, Strategy and Global Learning

Brad Kipfer, Researcher

Kesh Sharma, ICT Support Raquel Enes

Daniela Cordi Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon

Approval of the Minutes of February 11, 2021 Meeting

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2021 MEETING BE APPROVED.

Moved by Jennifer Cazabon Seconded by Karen Dancy

CARRIED

- 6. Business Arising from the Minutes NIL
- 7. Approval of the Agenda

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

Moved by Mary Licata

**Seconded by** Dinah Langley

**CARRIED** 

#### B. Business Matters - NIL

### C. Presentations

- 1. Update on Air Scrubbers and HEPA Filters Daniel Del Bianco and Mathew Thomas A PowerPoint on the Update on Air Quality and Ventilation in DPCDSB Schools was presented. Improving general air quality is one strategy in reducing the transmission of COVID-19. This strategy, in conjunction with masking, physical distancing and hand hygiene, will mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The Ministry provided school boards with funding to improve air quality and ventilation in schools. Dufferin-Peel is using the funding to upgrade air filters, perform recommissioning of current HVAC systems and purchase portable air filtration systems with HEPA filters for classrooms. The HVAC systems in buildings are the most significant way of air filtration.
  - i) Responding to Dinah Langley, Superintendent Mathew Thomas clarified that the majority of the second allocation of Ministry funding of \$1.7 million will go towards air scrubbers. Some of the funds will be spent on filter upgrades to improve the ventilation in all schools.
  - ii) Responding to Dinah Langley, Superintendent Mathew Thomas clarified that pictures of the air scrubber units will be forwarded to the committee.
  - iii) Responding to Dinah Langley, Superintendent Mathew Thomas clarified that, regarding air conditioning, Peel Public Health recommends against any mechanical systems where there is a cross-current of airflow as they carry a higher risk of the spread of the virus. Whatever units the Board runs must provide a vertical airflow.
  - iv) Responding to Paula Lima, Superintendent Mathew Thomas clarified that in Phase 1 the 15 schools provided with air scrubbers either had no air filtration or limited air filtration. In Phase 2, air scrubbers will be allocated in a graduated approach based on the amounts of air

- filtration in the schools. Some of the units will be placed in portables as they can be a challenge when it comes to proper ventilation.
- v) Responding to Paula Lima, Superintendent Mathew Thomas clarified that, regarding air conditioning, a feasibility study was done a few years ago and the cost to bring air conditioning to schools that do not currently have it would be over \$300 million. The Board receives about \$25 million in funding every year to address critical repair needs. Associate Director Daniel Del Bianco added that air scrubbers do not offer any form of air conditioning and that they only filter the air in the room. If the Ministry funding of \$1.7 million were to be used for air conditioning, it may only just take care of two schools.
- vi) Responding to Paula Lima, Superintendent Mathew Thomas clarified that, for schools without HVAC systems, opening windows is something that would be promoted but in a manner that is safe. Associate Director Daniel Del Bianco added that a reminder would be sent to schools to take advantage of the warmer weather by opening windows.
- 2. Update on ThoughtExchange Max Vecchiarino and Brad Kipfer
  The parent involvement groups of SEAC and CCCSC along with Student Senate were surveyed on
  three questions. The survey results showed that most people felt the need to continue online
  classrooms to post lessons, assignments and supports when returning to in-person learning at
  schools. The majority surveyed wanted more school and school board supports especially for
  mental health as well as more teaching and classroom supports in the future. The final question
  on graduations showed that most people wanted photos taken and an opportunity for
  recognition and closure included with graduation ceremonies. As well, the majority of people
  wanted in-person graduation ceremonies but Peel Public Heath advised school boards that inperson graduations would not be possible at this time. Most people also wanted a ceremony
  during the day with scheduled times to pick-up items and consistency across all schools.

Superintendent Wayne Brunton advised that next steps include communicating to our school communities that Grade 8 and Grade 12 students will be having virtual graduation ceremonies and getting feedback on what virtual graduations should look like. Proms are cancelled for this year and this was shared with Student Senate. Diplomas, awards, certificates and yearbooks will be provided for graduates and they will be given an opportunity to attend school to pick up these items. Peel Public Health has advised that photographers would not be permitted to enter schools to take photos. Some schools offered to have photos taken at the photographer's site but, as this is not suitable for all, there needs to be other opportunities for photos. All schools need to be consistent in what graduations will look like. Another survey has been generated for feedback from all Catholic School Councils and their members. Administrators will work with Catholic School Councils to reach out to graduating students and their parents for input. The results of the survey will be shared with Student Senate, administrators and this committee.

- Responding to Alexandra Sikorski, Superintendent Wayne Brunton clarified that he would speak to the graduation committees about involving graduating students and their parents in the survey process.
- ii) Responding to Dinah Langley, Superintendent Wayne Brunton clarified that schools will be providing yearbooks this year and the timeline to organize virtual graduations is feasible. He added that, before the survey is sent out, they would review and edit it.
- iii) Responding to Maria Scupham, Superintendent Max Vecchiarino clarified that they would see if it would be possible to forward the survey to Grade 8 and Grade 12 parents. Brian Diogo and Alexis Galvao clarified that it is possible for both elementary and secondary schools to forward the survey to Grade 8 and Grade 12 parents and students.
- iv) Responding to Roxanne Smith, Superintendent Wayne Brunton clarified that they would look at the logistics and challenges of having graduations in cohorts.

v) Responding to Paula Lima, Superintendent Wayne Brunton clarified that administrators could share their graduation plan ideas and resources with other school administrators.

## D. Reports

- 1. Trustee Report Bruno Iannicca
  - Last month, Bishop Ivan Camilleri was welcomed. He will be replacing Bishop Boissonneau.
     Bishop Camilleri is a former Dufferin-Peel student who graduated from Philip Pocock Catholic
     S. S.
  - This school year, STOPR advised that there were sufficient drivers for all routes.
  - There are three asymptomatic test sites open. Two of the locations are St. Martin S.S. and St. Michael Catholic S.S.
  - March break has moved to April break.
    - i) Responding to Dinah Langley, Trustee Bruno lannicca clarified that regarding Ministry announcements, our school board only finds out once the announcement is made. As a result, the turnaround time to offer an American sign language course in the fall would take some time. Regarding the two mandatory online course requirements for this year's Grade 9s, there was no information provided.
- 2. Superintendent Report Wayne Brunton
  - The Public Budget Consultation meeting will be taking place on Thursday, April 8 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. prior to our next CCCSC meeting. As a result, our CCCSC meeting will begin following the Public Budget Consultation.
  - Our next parent engagement event is on Thursday, March 25 with Father Tony Ricard who will be presenting on equity and parenting.
  - The April Conference and Marketplace has been cancelled. Instead, there will be seven Family
    of Schools parent engagement evenings with keynote speaker Mante Molepo on equity and
    inclusivity.
  - The June Volunteer of the Year Award has also been cancelled.
- 3. OAPCE Report Jennifer Millson
  - Registration is still open for the webinar series "Parent Engagement and Education" at www.oapce.org.
  - A detailed OAPCE report will be emailed to the committee.
- 4. SEAC Report NIL
- 5. Parish Representative Report NIL
- 6. ACCESS DP NIL
- 7. Monthly Member Update Report Caroline McFarland

Please note attached March submission by Mary Licata for St. Michael Catholic Secondary and St. Marguerite d'Youville Secondary Schools, submission by Laurie-Anne Clark for St. Gregory School, submission by Grace Siracusa for St. Paul Secondary School, and submission by Roxanne Smith for St. Martin Secondary School.

## E. Information / Committee Updates

- Correspondence NIL
- 2. CCCSC In-Service Committee Update NIL
- F. Other NIL

#### G. Questions Asked by Public

- 1. Anna-Marie Reilly requested an update on how many staffing positions are unfilled.
- 2. Dinah Langley requested an updated on the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) Funding from

Executive Superintendent Julie Cherepacha.

# H. Closing Prayer – Wayne Brunton

# I. Adjournment

Moved by Genevieve Rodney
THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED at 9:20 p.m.

**CARRIED** 

# J. Future Meetings

Thursday, April 8, 2021 Thursday, May 6, 2021 Thursday, June 10, 2021