

MINUTES

Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC)

Thursday, December 7, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

CEC – Board Room

Members Present:	Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon	Chair and Brampton West Secondary Representative
	Adrian Scigliano	Superintendent
	Laurie-Anne Clark	Mississauga Bampton Central Elementary Rep, SEAC rep
	Thomas Thomas	Trustee
	Herman Vioria	Alternate Trustee
	Paul Basran	Principal/Vice-Principal Elementary Association
	Diana Speranza	Principal/Vice-Principal Secondary Association
	Brian Diogo	Superintendent
	Natasha Kovar	Mississauga East Elementary
	Catherine Rivera	Mississauga East Secondary
	Amanada Le Blanc	Mississauga North Elementary
	George Ling	Mississauga North Secondary
	Yvette Lemonius	Mississauga South Secondary
	Diana Carlesimo	Mississauga South Elementary
	Maria Commisso	Chair, OAPCE Rep Dufferin-Peel Elementary Unit OECTA
	Thomas Murphy	Dufferin-Peel Elementary Unit OECTA
	Sheena Tennesse	Brampton North East Elementary
	Karen Dancy	Vice Chair, Brampton North East Secondary Rep
	Alexandra Sikorski	Mississauga Brampton Central Elementary
	Sunny Kanabe	Brampton East Caledon Dufferin Malton Secondary
Recorder:	Angela Charette	Executive Administrative Assistant

A. Routine Matters

1. Chair Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
3. Land Acknowledgement - Superintendent Vecchiarino
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
 Rim Boulos Mary Boulos Mike Brunetto
 Kyla Lepore
 - c. Identification of Observers and Guests- Nil
5. Approval of Minutes, November 9, 2023
Moved by Sunny Kanabe
Seconded by Natasha Kovar

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING, NOVEMBER 9, 2023, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

5. Approval of Agenda, December 7, 2023
Moved by Yvette Lemonius
Seconded by Karen Dancy

THAT THE AGENDA OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING, DECEMBER 7, 2023, BE APPROVED.

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- a. Business Matters- Nil

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B. Presentation – MYSP Discussion – Superintendent Vecchiarino & Mehek Arif

- i. Stakeholders build review and implement the Multi Year Strategic Plan
- ii. 2019-2023 MYSP ended last week with new plan brought forward- plan will come back in spring- approved to move forward

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- iii. Ministry of Education criteria to do formal consultation twice a year and informally throughout the year- stakeholders consulted in May and June
- iv. School board sent out survey- in depth consultation with stakeholders- CCCSC, Indigenous Education, Black Community Advisory Council, to assist with the plan- follow up regarding implementation of plan
- v. Qualitative and quantitative information through student and council-based surveys and focus groups- council focus groups thinking of council members- two participants per group to collect feedback- CBILC cycles-action steps and direction- strategies can be implemented
- vi. Student focus groups include Black and Indigenous students, students who identify LGBTQ, students with diverse learning needs, as well as open focus groups to navigate survey
- vii. Large school boards provided with funding- focus groups provide detailed conversations- allow parent voice- better communication, through email blasts, social media, and through schools- input welcomed from how to communicate better to parents
- viii. Data analyzed – responses helpful, and some responses able to be incorporated

Paul Basran: Research department invaluable- combines voices to students and parents- info is broken down and provides next steps, researchers assigned to schools

Superintendent Vecchiarino: Responding to Diana Carlesimo, focus groups flexible, perspectives and thoughts come out, researcher data will be shared, and results of conversations, results will assist in questions for the following September- capture various data points- 45 to 60 minutes required for a participant and date to be shared

Superintendent Scigliano: Collection of names of volunteers- Natasha Kovar, Catherine Rivera, Yvette Lemonius

B. Standing Items

1. Trustee Report – Thomas Thomas

Superintendent Scigliano: Thomas Thomas and Herman Vilorio both elected as trustees to support CCCSC this year

- i. Inaugural meeting- elected Chair for board of trustees- Luz del Rosario- Vice Chair- Thomas Thomas
- ii. Student Trustee vacancy- Christopher Joseph from St. Martin CSS elected
- iii. Archdiocese of Toronto ShareLife confirmed employee campaign raised \$36,236. School campaign raised \$149, 230 in contributions- largest contribution for Dufferin Peel- board wide participation from every school- schools encouraged to find new ways to contribute
- iv. School renewal fund- infrastructure funding from Federal and Provincial government- upgrades to schools across the system- no school is completely without air-conditioning- some schools fully air conditioned that were not previously- to air condition all schools would cost upwards of \$350, 000,000- finance and funding not favorable but gradual work in schools continues
- v. Toronto Regional Conservation Authority-providing experiences for families to celebrate holidays– Black Creek Pioneer Village, Albion Hills, Clearmont nature center, December programming with the TRCA, last board meeting update provided

- vi. Ministry of Education curriculum grade 10 history update- famine and war and impacts on Ukrainian community and Canada- elevate Canadian value and focus on freedom, human rights and rule of law- Sept 2025 – totalitarian policies of government, soviet union, death of millions of Ukrainians between 1932-1933

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2. Superintendent Report- Superintendent Scigliano & Superintendent Diogo

- i. Virtual Training Evening- thank you to members for attending- significant attendance rate- leadership and support facilitating and supporting the conversations within those groups
- ii. Follow up item- math tutoring discussion with program department- specific grant last year from Ministry of Education no longer available- Board looking into other supports- Ministry funded math supports in form of staffing, re: Assistant Superintendent of Mathematics, 8 Math Leads to support work in schools, Program department still looking at ways to supplement centrally
- iii. MYSP- facilitated discussion to reopen the survey for a period of time-due to work in communication with trustees, commitment to opening survey for longer period - ways to be more efficient and include more voices in MYSP and Board goals
- iv. Mention of possibility of additional members- committee liaisons that support other groups- discussions have taken place
- v. Funding available to support guest speakers- Trustee Bruno Iannicca has worked to solidify speaker on topic of Human Trafficking- January 18, 2024 virtual session by Matt Richardson
- vi. CAS offers Purple Day- guest speaker spoke on role of CAS and supports and duty to report- virtual format- no cost associated- requesting interest amongst members this evening- no concerns noted
- vii. Request for subjects, topics amongst the CCCSC members- survey could be initiated, as well as providing funding to other advisory groups to support their work- Superintendent Scigliano will look into Karen Dancy's suggestion on subject of vaping-parents looking into guest speaker Paul Davis

Superintendent Scigliano: will follow up on Yvette Lemonius suggestion of brochures, resources being available to students through Chief Social Worker

Diana Carlesimo: Thrive Newsletter sent to parents- suggestion on Thrive for Kids, QR Codes, other avenues for students not comfortable in discussions

Superintendent Scigliano confirmed with Natasha Kovar there is a DPCDSB Instagram account- request of a possible elementary platform

Superintendent Scigliano: Clarifying that if someone would like a guest speaker, on the board website click on guest speaker link- periodic times throughout year guest speakers are vetted

Superintendent Scigliano: Responding to question on school funds, in conjunction with council, school level discussions on funds

Superintendent Scigliano: Responding to Karen Dancy's question regarding \$500 Parent Engagement funds- intent of those funds to be spent that year- other school council funds could be earmarked for future expenses

Chair Dominique Darmanin- Sturgeon: Suggestion that events be brought forward earlier in the year for CCCSC, for increased participation rather than later in year- two-year plan

Superintendent Scigliano: Responding to Mike Brunetto's comment on debt crisis and financial literacy, the Ministry of Education has revamped the math curriculum- more financial literacy as a component, imbedded in curriculum

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3. Ontario Association of Parents In Catholic Education (OAPCE) Report- Diana Carlesimo

- i. Monthly newsletter- Parent to Parent Press- links will be shared, subscribe to newsletters
- ii. Parent survey available for all parents- can be shared with schools- focus on OAPCE aligning with school needs and Ministry of Education, hearing from parents
- iii. Blog post on Parent to Parent Press- regional meeting highlights available from last month- training sessions on November 30th reps attended
- iv. December 11th, 2023- registration open- Theresa Hartnick presentation- gift of Christmas- advent retreat- Real Reason for the Season

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4. Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Report- Laurie-Anne Clark

- i. November 15th, 2023- Stopr presentation on courtesy ridership for siblings with differing abilities- trying to make this more accessible- families reaching out to principal to facilitate ride longs
- ii. Pro grant evenings – upcoming entry planning and transitioning meeting for students with differing abilities at St. Marcellinus CSS on January 24th, 2024
- iii. Virtual Presentation- Dana Gaell- See Me for Me- February 22, 2024- flyer to circulate

Mike Brunetto: Request for further conversation regarding students transitioning out of school system to post-secondary – adequate resources not necessarily available- take some stress out of transition for families

Superintendent Scigliano: Post secondary educational institutes do have department- incumbent on adults to advocate for their own needs and understand their needs- student services, special education resources – follow up on different languages, and supports for transitions

Diana Speranza: Transition plans created- parents and students connected- IPRC meetings in secondary are optional but urge parents to attend meetings annually

Superintendent Diogo: Transferrable documents- take it back to Special Education Department- exceptional students with IEPs and 7-year credit- institution- what does it look like when students are transitioning and what is Dufferin Peel providing

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5. Diocesan/Parish Representative Report- Gabriel Ogundele- Nil

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6. ACCESS DP Report- Diana Carlesimo- Nil

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C. Information/Committee Updates

1. Correspondence- Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon

- i. Attended the MYSP meeting in November, and Inaugural Board Meeting
- ii. January PIC meeting- hosted by Suzanne Gordon – Ministry of Education and Board Leads- help with programming
- iii. Thank you to members for attending CSC training, and Vice Chair support
- iv. Attended Anti Black Racism meetings, with Superintendent Brunton and Trustee Luz del Rosario once a month
- v. Next CCCSC meeting is on Monday, February 5th, 2024

Superintendent Scigliano: Responding to Natahsa Kovar, the school year calendar is finalized by Ministry of Education, and that affects timeline for information being shared with parents

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6. CCCSC In Service Committee Report- Nil

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D. Adjournment/ Closing Prayer

The Closing Prayer was led by Chair Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon.

E. Future Meetings

Monday, February 5, 2024

Thursday, March 7, 2024

Thursday, April 11, 2024

Thursday, May 9, 2024

Thursday, June 20, 2024 - Volunteer of the Year Award Presentation & final meeting of the school year

F. Adjournment

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Moved by Natasha Kovar
Seconded by Alexandra Sikorski

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:00 pm

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