



## MINUTES

### Central Committee for Catholic School Councils Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Boardroom, Catholic Education Centre

Members	Natasha Kovar-Euler	Chair and Mississauga South Elementary
	Drago Radic	Superintendent
	Herman Vioria	Trustee Representative
	Peter Cusumano	Board Representative
	Karen Barnett	Mississauga South Secondary
	Paul Basran	Principal/Vice-Principal Association Elementary
	Michael Brunetto	Brampton North/Caledon/Dufferin Secondary Alternate
	Jennifer Cazabon	Vice Chair and Mississauga West Secondary
	Juanita Celenza	Brampton West Secondary
	Maria Commisso	OECTA Elementary Rep
	Karen Dancy	Brampton South Malton Secondary Alternate
	Sunny Kanabe	Brampton North/Caledon/Dufferin Secondary
	Amanda LeBlanc	Mississauga West Elementary
	Gabriel Ogundele	Diocesan Representative
	RoseMarie Pazzelli	Principal/Vice-Principal Association Elementary
	Caroline Roach	Mississauga East Secondary
	Diana Speranza	Principal/Vice-Principal Association Secondary
	Ramez Takawy	Ontario Associations for Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE)
	Sheena Tennessee	Brampton South Malton Elementary
Recorder:	Dianne Cassar	Executive Assistant

#### A. Routine Matters

1. Chair N. Kovar-Euler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Chair N. Kovar-Euler led the Opening Prayer
3. Land Acknowledgment – Superintendent Radic
4. Welcome and Introduction
  - i. Declaration of Conflict of Interest – Nil
  - ii. Declaration of Alternates by Family of Schools – Michael Brunetto, Karen Dancy
  - iii. Identification of Observers and Guests – Sharon Fernandes
5. Approval of Minutes, March 6, 2025

Superintendent Radic amended minutes. S. Maloney, Principal/Vice-Principal Association Secondary attended the March 6<sup>th</sup> CCCSC meeting.

**Moved by** – S. Kanabe

**Seconded by** – J. Cazabon

**THAT THE MINUTES BE APPROVED.**

**CARRIED**

6. Approval of Agenda, April 10, 2025

**Moved by** – J. Celenza

**Seconded by** – C. Roach

**THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.**

**CARRIED**

**B. Information / Committee Updates**

Eric Zhao, Active Transportation Coordinator, City of Mississauga, Sara Cullen, Transportation Planner, City of Brampton, Matthew Sweet, City of Mississauga and Fernanda Duarte Peixoto, City of Brampton.

- When riding an e-scooter you must follow the rules:
  - 16+ in Ontario or older.
  - Always wear a helmet (mandatory if you are under 18).
  - Follow all road rules, traffic signals and signs.
  - Share the road, bike lanes, and trails with others.
  - Check for traffic before entering intersections.
  - Use a horn or bell to give others a heads up before passing.
  - Park responsibly to keep pathways clear for others.
- Where you are allowed to ride an e-scooter:
  - Any infrastructure designed for a bike, i.e. bike lane, multi-use trail, cycle track or path.
  - Paved park trail or recreational trail unless there is signage prohibiting that.
  - Public roadways if the speed limit is less than 50km/hour.
  - When travelling on a road where no bike lane exists e-scooters should be travelling the same way as the bikes on the right side of the lane closest to the curb.
- Where you are NOT allowed to ride an e-scooter:
  - On the sidewalk.
  - On highways.
  - On high volume pedestrian areas, i.e. plazas, parks.
- Tips before you head out on your e-scooter:
  - Walk around e-scooter and check for any loose or dangling parts.
  - Inspect the tires are properly inflated.
  - Inspect the battery area to make sure it is free from any visible damage. Hazardous signs may include unusual smells, such as burning plastic or hissing sounds.
  - Once the e-scooter is unlocked test the handbrakes.
  - Check the throttle, bell, lights, and signals are functional.
- Riding rules:
  - Do not ride on sidewalks.
  - Do not access highways.
  - Do not carry passengers or heavy load.
  - Do not tow, push or pull another object.
  - Do not text.
  - Do not ride faster than 24km/hour.
  - Obey traffic signs and signals including stop signs and yield signs.
  - Dismount when using crosswalks to cross intersections.

1. Superintendent Radic – Is there a rough number of e-scooters available out there?

S. Cullen – Brampton permits allow operators a maximum of 300 vehicles. Not all these vehicles are out at one time, it is based on demand.

E. Zhao – Mississauga permits allow operators a maximum of 450 vehicles.

2. J. Celenza: Do you offer student pricing or is it all one set price?

S. Cullen: In Brampton it is operator-dependent and many of them do offer some type of promotion, it is often seasonal.

3. S. Kanabe: What is the rationale for making helmets mandatory for ages 16-18 and not for all ages?

S. Cullen: That is a provincial regulation. We are encouraging the use of helmets for everyone.

4. R. Takawy: Besides awareness campaigns and presentations how much are e-scooters policed?

M. Sweet: If the e-scooter is in motion then it is the responsibility of Peel Regional police. If it is not moving, then it is the by-law officers.

5. R. Takawy: How do the ride share providers restrict underage riders?

E. Zhao: It must be run through the app, and you need to provide a credit card.

6. C. Roach: What is the age group you have seen so far using the program?

S. Cullen: We cannot proactively collect demographic information like that. Due to privacy reasons, we are not allowed to collect that information. We do have our operators run surveys every year. The predominant users are 16 to middle-aged adults.

7. Chair N. Kovar-Euler: I am a 17-year-old who is using an e-scooter to ride to school. Where am I allowed to ride this scooter.

F. Duarte Peixoto: You are allowed to ride on the road if the speed limit is 50km/hour or less, so you can ride on local residential roads. They can basically go wherever a bike can go.

8. R. Takawy: How is this going to be shared with our communities?

Superintendent Radic: Once we get everything this will be brought to our Executive Council.

### **C. Standing Items**

1. Trustee Report – Trustee H. Vilorio

- i. Chaplains provide pastoral leadership. Pastoral means they provide spiritual direction. They do this through planning liturgies, leading prayer, proclaiming sacred scripture and helping to organize masses and other sacraments our parish priests can offer in our schools. They take care of the school chapel. They facilitate retreats and faith formation activities for parents. In the reorganization of the chaplains, they will be able to support our elementary schools in retreats and other faith activities and be more present in the

faith formation opportunities for our staff and communities. Moving forward, chaplains will help in planning retreats and faith formation activities that network beyond just one school community and be more inclusive of our elementary students in grade 7 and 8. Their expertise will be called upon to lead faith formation activities for staff and parents of our school communities.

Superintendent Radic: There is more information to be finalized with the Board and shared with the community.

ii. Supervision of Washrooms

This was discussed amongst Trustees at the last Admin & Finance meeting as to what the solution would be to answer all these concerns. Still, we do not have an answer as it is very difficult to address these concerns. The lack of supervision would mean we need more supervision, which would mean more staff, which means more funding. The lack of funding is where the problem is. If there was limited funding, there would be a monitor in each of the washrooms while students are in the building, but this is not feasible.

Superintendent Radic: This was brought forward at the last Admin & Finance meeting by Trustees. Trustees have asked the Board to present to them what the cost of supervision would look like.

i. J. Cazabon: What has changed that now the Board is looking at it? Why is it on their radar?

Chair N. Kovar-Euler: It is getting increasingly bad at both elementary and secondary. Parents are just speaking up because there are more issues.

ii. J. Celenza: Last year the Ministry said it was giving all the schools two vaping monitors.

Superintendent Radic: I have an update when I present my superintendent report.

iii. J. Celenza: Can the resource officers go in to the schools to cover the washrooms?

Superintendent Radic: We do not have those officers available anymore.

iv. R. Takawy: Have we considered starting at the bottom and educating our young ones to grow into a more respectful, more mature reliable adult and have we considered this part of the curriculum?

P. Basran: At the elementary level we highlight the importance of being a good citizen. We talk about the graduation expectations and the virtues program. You acknowledge a student when you see them doing a good deed. We try and put things into perspective, like having respect for our building which is much like your home and would you vandalize the washroom at your home. Also, what would be the consequences if you chose to vandalize.

2. Chairs Report – Chair N. Kovar-Euler

i. Action Items and Follow Ups

We are still working to confirm dates to bring together all the Parish Representatives. The plan is to also include all the OAPCE Representatives. Working to bring this all together before the end of the year.

The BRAVE Education workshop hosted by CCCSC on March 27<sup>th</sup> at Cardinal Leger was a wonderful success. There were approximately 150 parents who attended. The hospitality students did a wonderful job providing refreshments. Thank you to those members from CCCSC who attended and all the Trustees along

with our Director of Education Marianne Mazzorato for attending. Here is an overview of the survey feedback from the parents who did in fact complete the survey. Overall, 90% of parents who attended and completed found the workshop valuable with great take away. Approximately 70% of parents would like to see more engagement events around our pillar of Trust and cultivating relationships and accountability.

A reminder for those who may have missed it, the nomination forms for Volunteer of the Year Award nominations are out. We will need to select a few volunteers from CCCSC for a sub-committee.

Wonderful news to share, his Excellency, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will be attending our June year end meeting.

ii. Upcoming CCCSC Parent Engagements

- Tuesday, April 15, 2025 – Karl Subban on the topic of How Parents Bring Out the Best in Children. Location is Iona CSS @ 6:30pm to 7:30pm
  - Wednesday, April 30, 2025 – Peel Regional Police on the topic of Building Safe School Communities Location is St. Aloysius Gonzaga C.S.S @ 5:30 pm Community Partner Booth / 6:00-9:00 pm Presentation.
  - Thursday, May 15, 2025 – Chris Bray – Doors Open @ 6:15 pm and workshop to start @ 6:30-7:45 pm. Location is St. Paul C.S.S., and this will be a FAMILY event (students and siblings are welcomed and encouraged to attend).
  - Thursday, May 22, 2025 – Mr. Max Vecchiarino, who was recently promoted to Associate Director, Instructional Services, will be attending our May meeting. Topic: Multi-Year Strategic Plan.
  - Thursday, May 29, 2025 – Peel Regional Police on the topic of Building Safe School Communities Location is St. Marguerite D'Youville C.S.S. @ 5:30 pm Community Partner Booth / 6:00-9:00pm Presentation.
  - June 2025 – Still in the planning stages of an event for our special education students and their families to attend, connect, network and have fun! More details to follow.
1. K. Barnett: Can we ask Mr. Vecchiarino to respond to the Ontario Human Rights Commission Report regarding School Boards titled Dreams Delay.

Superintendent Radic: Please send me an email and I will follow up with that.

- Saturday, May 24, 2025 – Annual OAPCE Conference taking place in Niagara Falls. Email was sent out with the graduation link.
  - Flyer has circulated in all schools about the upcoming Elementary Literacy Numeracy Summer Program in July which is hosted by our Board for students in grade 6-8.
  - Monday, May 5, 2025 – Paul Davis Parent Engagement Location is St. Roch C.S.S. at 5:00 pm.
2. J. Cazabon: Secondary families are feeling like the Board is putting a lot of resources into elementary. They feel this is great but are wondering where the planned engagements and the resources for secondary students are.

Superintendent Radic: I will take that back. We will address secondary literacy and numeracy at our next meeting.

3. M. Brunetto: Is it the responsibility of the parent council to use council raised funds to cover the cost of transportation for students who need specialty ramps and extra assistance.

Superintendent Radic: I will bring that back.

3. Superintendent Report – Superintendent Radic

- i. Our mental health department has been working to arrange more events for parents and some for students. Through the Associated Youth Services of Peel, they are offering an online workshop series for parents and high school kids aged 13 years and up focusing on positive behaviour. The three dates are May 13, May 22 and May 28<sup>th</sup>. Registration will be online and more information to follow.
- ii. Through our clinical services department there will be another webinar series in April and May. They will discuss issues surrounding substance abuse, mental health, and signs of substance addiction. These presentations will be virtual through School Mental Health Ontario.
- iii. The government did provide some money and support for a pilot on vaping and cell phone education. At the end of April or beginning of May there are five schools who will be piloted and have detectors installed. These schools are St. Martin, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Ascension of Our Lord, St. Roch and Robert F. Hall.
- iv. Nominations for the Volunteer of the Year Award have gone out. These are due back to us by the beginning of May. Please email myself or Natasha if you are interested in being on this committee. We will meet a few hours before our next CCCSC on May 22<sup>nd</sup> to review the packages. The following CCCSC members volunteered to join Superintendent Radic and Chair N. Kovar-Euler as part of the subcommittee, S. Kanabe, K. Barnett, J. Cazabon, and J. Celenza.

1. C. Roach: How were the schools selected?

Superintendent Radic: They were selected geographically, and by size of schools.

Chair N. Kovar-Euler, put forth the following motion.

Motion to extend our CCCSC meeting by 15 minutes.

**Moved by** – K. Barnett

**Seconded by** – J. Cazabon

**THAT THE MEETING EXTENSION BE APPROVED.**

**CARRIED**

4. OAPCE Report – R. Takawy, OAPCE Director

- OAPCE survey on the website will be active until April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Registration for the annual OAPCE conference on May 24<sup>th</sup> is now open and available on OAPCE.org.
- Guest speakers will include.
  - Teresa Hartnett Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Hamilton.
  - Anthony Perotta, Speaking About AI in Education
- OAPCE welcomes the new Minister of Education the Honourable Paul Calandra and is excited about the opportunity to work alongside the new minister's office in advancing education policies that will have a lasting positive impact.
- OAPCE regional meeting Dufferin Peel that is scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup> and the guest of honour is our very own Superintendent Radic. I will be reporting feedback from our regional representatives at our next CCCSC meeting.

5. SEAC Report – S. Tennessee

- The SEAC meeting took place on March 19<sup>th</sup>, and it was marked as Social Work month.
- The highlighted resources were Circle of Care, Erin Oak, Ontario Autism Program and Peel Crisis.
- Social Work did a presentation focusing on extended support and working on daily attendance presentation to be included in the Journey into Learning for kindergarten. The goal is 5% or less days missed

in a school year. If there are 10% or more days, which is 19 days in a school year you are considered persistent absence. Research coalition between kindergarten attendance and EQAO scores.

- The Ministry of Education has provided a grant for a transition navigator who will work with department head to create an action plan for special needs students, post-secondary pathways through community programs and events.

1. J. Cazabon: The data that was presented on the correlation between attendance and performance do you have a link for that data and a report?

S. Tennessee: I do not but they usually send it in the minutes for the next month. When I receive it, I will send it out to everyone.

6. Diocesan/Parish Representative Report – G. Ogundele

Chair N. Kovar-Euler presented the Parish Report as G. Ogundele had to leave early.

- Bishop Camilleri will be attending in person in June hopefully participating or leading our liturgy.

#### **D. Action Items**

Good News Items – Chair, N. Kovar-Euler

- Karen Barnett's daughter is a weight thrower, hammer thrower and is a national champion.
- St. Martin's won the soccer tournament.
- Parent of a community member reached out to say she was in a car accident and a St. Marcellius student rushed to help her and did all the right things. The police commended them for their actions.
- St. Herbert Parent Council is organizing their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 29<sup>th</sup> and all are invited.
- St. Dominic Elementary completed an annual Rosary bracelet making workshop for First Communion boys and girls. Later this month there will be a bible bookmark making workshop for students receiving Confirmation. Bracelets and bookmarks will be blessed by our Parish. This is hosted and paid for by the School Council.
- St. Martin will be hosting a garage sale type of event on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. You can drop items off at the School on April 9, 15, 17 and 23 from 7:30-8:20 am.
- St. Michael's is having a spring fever market in Bolton in the Royal Courtyard on Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>. They will be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

#### **E. Closing Prayer**

Closing Prayer was led by Superintendent Radic.

#### **F. Future Meetings**

Thursday, May 22, 2025

Thursday, June 19, 2025 - Volunteer of the Year Award Presentation and final meeting of the school year.

#### **G. Adjournment**

**Moved by** – S. Kanabe

**Seconded by** – K. Barnett

**THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:20 P.M.**

**CARRIED**