



**DURHAM CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**
Learning and Living in Faith

Memorandum

To: Board of Trustees

From: Tracy Barill, Director of Education

Date: January 23, 2023

Subject: **Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (DCPIC)
Minutes of January 12, 2023**

Origin: Jim Wilson, Superintendent of Education

Please find attached a copy of the Minutes of the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Meeting held on January 12, 2023.

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Attachment: Minutes of January 12, 2023



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Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Minutes

Durham Catholic District School Board
Jan 12, 2023 at 7:30 PM North Boardroom
650 Rossland Road West, Oshawa, ON L1J 7C4

Committee Members Present:

Rose Lo Presti (Chair), Vanessa Asgarali (Secretary/Treasurer), Josie Mullin (Vice-Chair), Morgan Ste. Marie (Trustee), Jihan Ferguson, Pius Francis, Andrea Gagliardi, Michelle Gillis, Marjorie Poliquin, John Rinella, Christine Santos, Michelina Dos Santos, Lara Spiers, Chris Szent-Ivany, Leny Valiyathuparam

Staff Present:

Jim Wilson, Amanda Roffery, Lori Jones

1. Call to Order

Chair Lo Presti called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. and welcomed all committee members to the January 12, 2023 meeting. Chair Lo Presti acknowledged Traditional Lands and Territory.

- 1.1. Opening Prayer - Christopher Szent-Ivany
Christ Szent-Ivany recited the opening prayer.
- 1.2. Welcome and Courtesies

2. Approval of Agenda

Amendment to Presentations - 5.2 Marie Hammond, DCPIC Budget Review
This presentation was deferred and will take place at another meeting date TBD.

Amendment to Presentations - Rose Lo Presti added as the new Presentation - 5.3 - Discussion on DCPIC Sub-Committees sign up.

Motion:

DCPIC2023 - 01-12-01 - Approval of Amended Agenda
"THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the Agenda of Thursday, January 12, 2023 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting as amended above".

Motion moved by Michelle Gillis and motion seconded by Josie Mullin.
CARRIED

3. Announcements

- 3.1. Next Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting: Thursday, February 16, 2023

4. Actions To Be Taken

- 4.1. Approval and Signing of the Minutes of the Open Session of the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of November 10, 2022.
DCPIC2023-01-12-02 - Approval of Minutes

"THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the Minutes of November 10, 2022 meeting."

Motion Moved by Andrea Gagliardi and seconded by Michelle Gillis
CARRIED

5. Presentations

- 5.1. Trustee Kim Beatty - CWL Contest - Grades 7-12

Trustee Beatty gave a presentation on The Toronto Diocesan CWL Youth Program. The Toronto Diocesan CWL Youth Awards Program is a combination of contests which are intended to support Catholic youth to hone their skills in becoming people of faith dedicated to following in the footsteps of Christ to serve God and Canada. The program reflects the Objects of the Catholic Women's League of Canada. Trustee Beatty confirmed to the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee that this contest has not taken place since COVID. Trustee Beatty is very pleased that this year it is back in place and encourages all Principals to participate. Trustee Beatty reviewed the contests that are occurring and confirmed that Amanda Roffey will send the presentation out to all Principals. This will also be on the DCDSB website.

- 5.2. Marie Hammond, Chief Financial Officer - DCPIC Budget Review
Deferred

- 5.3. Chair Lo Presti addressed the Committee to sign up for one of the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee sub-committees.

6. Reports/Information/Items

- 6.1. Chair's Report

Chair Lo Presti greeted everyone and wished them a Happy New Year and hoped they all had a good Christmas.

Chair Lo Presti thanked everyone for their attendance at the Christmas Social. She acknowledged how it was a busy time of the year, but was good to meet, share and celebrate.

Chair Lo Presti thanked Trustee Damianopoulos for his service on DCPIC. Trustee Damianopoulos's contributions and insights were appreciated. Chair Lo Presti wished him all the best with his continued service at DCDSB. Chair Lo Presti welcomed Trustee Ste. Marie as the new trustee designate on DCPIC. Chair Lo Presti also welcomed back Lori Jones. Lori's support of DCPIC is much appreciated.

Chair Lo Presti encouraged members to share their talents and volunteer for one of the DCPIC Sub-Committees. Thank you to those that have already volunteered to share your talents. Efforts of these committees are very important to the success of DCPIC.

Chair Lo Presti stated as the new chair, she is very excited thinking about the various things we can do together to promote parent engagement throughout our board.

The next DCPIC meeting will be in person on February 9th at 7:30 p.m.

6.2. Trustee's Report

Trustee Ste. Marie gave a Happy New Year to everyone and their families.

Trustee Ste. Marie introduced himself to the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee. Trustee Ste. Marie stated how excited he is to be the trustee designate on DCPIC and looks forward to supporting the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee as they enhance parent engagement throughout the DCDSB.

Trustee Ste. Marie updated the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee on the Board Meeting that took place on December 19th, 2022 and how that included three presentations that would be of interest to the DCPIC committee.

- The first presentation was a financial overview. Marie Hammond, Chief Financial Officer, highlighted that over the past two years, operating reserves were utilized to promote student and staff safety, hire additional support staff, address remote learning options and to purchase additional technology. Moving forward Ms. Hammond indicated that the board would continue to use the Board's priorities, such as the new Multi-Year Strategic Plan, when determining the budget.
- The second presentation was by Superintendent Grieve and Superintendent O'Neill. They presented on the Brooklin Regular (English) Track Study and the feedback obtained during the community consultation and engagement sessions held in October and November 2022. All information regarding community input and recommendations which emerged from the study can be viewed on the board's website.
- The third presentation was by Tracy Barill, Director of Education. She shared an overview of the 2021-2022 Director's Annual Report: Community of Faith. This report is available on the board's

website and contains lots of information concerning board priorities and successes. Director Barill noted that in January 2023 the Durham Catholic District School Board will be transitioning to its Inspire 2026 Multi-Year Strategic Plan.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on January 23, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. Please refer to our website for more information concerning attending the Board Meeting in person or virtually.

6.3. Resource Report

Superintendent Wilson wished everyone a Happy New Year and hoped everyone had a great Christmas with family and friends. Superintendent Wilson gave a friendly reminder concerning Kindergarten Registration. Online registration on the DCDSB website will open on January 12th for the 2023-2024 school year. For any additional information, please contact any one of our schools or the board office. As Director Barill noted at the last board meeting, we are pleased to share our Inspire 2026 Strategic Plan. This plan will guide our board for the next three years and contains new mission, vision, and values. The strategic priorities are: 1) Supporting Faith and Well-Being 2) Advancing Human Rights and Equity 3) Improving Student Learning. Feel free to explore this new strategic plan as it will be a good document to use to assist DCPIC as we set priorities moving forward. May God's blessings be with us as we promote student engagement while we journey into a New Year.

6.4. PRO Grant Subcommittee Report

Deferred

6.5. Communications Subcommittee Report

Deferred

6.6. School Council Outreach Subcommittee Report

Deferred

6.7. Faith Formation Subcommittee Report

Deferred

6.8. Policy & By-Law Subcommittee Report

Michelle Gillis expressed her concern that the DCDSB's Policy cutoff for changes was January 2, 2023. Michelle thought this would be later in January and would have the opportunity to submit any changes regarding certain policies. Michelle confirmed she will submit these changes at the next opportunity.

6.9. Budget Subcommittee Report

Deferred

7. Adjournment

Motion:

DCPIC2023-01-12-03 - Adjournment

"THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2023 adjourn at 8:36 p.m.

Motion moved by Michelle Gillis and seconded by Josie Mullin CARRIED

8. Closing Prayer - Christopher Szent-Ivany

Chris Szent-Ivany

Rose Lo Presti
Chair, Durham Catholic Parent
Involvement Committee

Jim Wilson
Superintendent of Education

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