



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

Memorandum

To: Board of Trustees

From: Gerard Winn, Director of Education

Date: September 23, 2024

Subject: **Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (DCPIC)
Minutes of September 12, 2024**

Origin: Jim Wilson, Superintendent of Education

Please find attached a copy of the Minutes of the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Meeting held on September 12, 2024.

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Attachment: Minutes of September 12, 2024



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Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Minutes

Durham Catholic District School Board
September 12, 2024, at 7:30 PM North Boardroom
650 Rossland Road West, Oshawa, ON L1J 7C4

Committee Members Present:

Rose Lo Presti (Chair), Josie Mullen (Vice-Chair), Kim Beatty (Trustee), Melissa Bevan, Michelle Gillis, Michelina Dos Santos, Chris Szent-Ivany, Lucia Lacorte, Oliver McLaren

Staff Present:

Jim Wilson, Lori Jones, Emily McCall

Guest Present:

Director Winn and Superintendent Stevenson

Call to Order

Chair Lo Presti called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. and welcomed all committee members to the September 12, 2024, meeting. Chair Lo Presti acknowledged Traditional Lands and Territory.

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion:

DCPIC2024-09-12-01 - Approval of Agenda
"THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the Agenda of Thursday, September 12, 2024, Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting as provided".

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

CARRIED

3. Announcements

- 3.1. Next Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting: Thursday, October 10, 2024.

4. Actions To Be Taken

No actions to be taken.

5. Presentations

5.1 Director Winn

Director Winn introduced himself to the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee and thanked everyone for their time and commitment to the Board and this committee. He shared stories about some of his visits to schools. Director Winn acknowledged Superintendent Wilson for all his work on the DCPIC.

5.2 Superintendent Stevenson, Living in Hope

Superintendent Stevenson shared a powerpoint on the spiritual theme this year. Next year will be a Jubilee year for the church that occurs every 25 years. Living in Hope will be the theme this year. Superintendent Stevenson explained what the meaning of Hope represents. Faith, Hope and Love are the virtues of the church.

Superintendent Stevenson handed out Living In Hope stickers and asked them to try and see what symbols they can see in the picture and explained the meaning. This information is all found on the DCDSB website.

5.3 Chair LoPresti – Upcoming Election

Chair LoPresti addressed the DCPIC on the upcoming elections that will take place on the October 10, 2024 meeting. Chair LoPresti reviewed with the committee the people that are up for re-election. Emily McCall confirmed the Nomination process has been posted on all social media platforms.

Commissioning Mass

On October 17th the DCPIC Commissioning Mass will be held.

Parent Symposium

Chair Lo Presti shared that we are hoping to have the Parent Symposium sometime in the Fall.

6. Reports/Information/Items

6.1. Chair's Report

Chair Lo Presti welcomed everyone back to school and DCPIC!

The DCPIC is looking forward to this school year so we can engage more parents/guardians in their children's education and school. Together we will support, encourage, and enhance meaningful parent engagement at the board level. I am always proud of how DCPIC helps to improve student achievement and well-being.

Chair Lo Presti reminded everyone that September 30th marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day honors the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. As a community, please remember to wear an orange shirt to raise awareness and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters".

Our online self-nomination form is open until Monday, September 30th at 4 pm. Each eligible applicant who completes the self-nomination form will be invited to speak at the in-person DCPIC meeting on Thursday, October 10th at 7:30 pm. Further details will be sent by email after the deadline.

6.2 Trustee's Report

Kim Beatty, Trustee for the City of Oshawa introduced herself and shared how in addition to being a trustee representative on DCPIC, she is a long-time resident of Oshawa and parishioner of Holy Cross Church, where she currently serves as CWL past President. Trustee Beatty also serves as Regional CWL Education Chair.

Trustee Beatty spoke on behalf of the Chair and the Board of Trustees, welcoming everyone back to a new school year. She hoped all our families had a smooth transition and are looking forward to a great school year. As far as DCPIC is concerned, the Board of Trustees commends the important work you do in support of parent engagement.

The Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association (OCSTA) has announced that Catholic Education Week will take place during the week of May 4 to May 9. The theme is Catholic Education: Pilgrims of Hope. You can explore more on this theme at ocsta.on.ca. This theme works well with the DCDSB spiritual theme of Living in Hope.

The Durham Catholic District School Board is holding an Audit Committee Meeting on Monday, September 16, 2024. The meeting will commence at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Catholic Education Centre and the agenda will be posted on the Board's website on Friday, September 13, 2024.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on September 23rd at 7:30 in the Catholic Education Centre at 650 Rossland Road West in the City of Oshawa.

Thank you for your efforts to enhance Catholic Education!

6.3 Resource Report

Superintendent Wilson welcomed everyone back. Superintendent Wilson shared how exciting it is to be the Director's Designate as resource to DCPIC for the 2024-2025 school year. This is one of the most important committees at Durham Catholic. Your mandate of enhancing parent engagement is very important as we begin the school year. Your efforts help every student mentally, academically, and spiritually.

As Superintendent Stevenson's presentation indicated, it is also exciting to begin this school year with the spiritual theme, "Living in Hope". Hopefully as a committee we can support this theme that was inspired by Pope Francis' motto of the Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope.

Superintendent Wilson reminded everyone of the DCPIC elections taking place on October 10th. We must commend our members that are finishing their terms. During the past two years they have made various contributions to DCPIC for the betterment of families throughout our Catholic learning community. On behalf of the Director and the Senior Administrative Team, thank you!

Looking forward to a great year in partnership with DCPIC!

6.4 PRO Grant Subcommittee Report

Deferred

6.5 Communications Subcommittee Report

Christine had nothing to report at this time. Christine expressed how she is looking forward to the Fall newsletter.

6.6 School Council Outreach Subcommittee Report

Deferred

6.7 Faith Formation Subcommittee Report

Deferred

6.8 Policy & By-Law Subcommittee Report

Michelle advised the Committee that the first Policy review date is September 16, 2024. She asked the Committee to let her know of any policies they would like to provide input on.

6.9 Budget Subcommittee Report

Deferred

7. Adjournment

Motion:

DCPIC2024-09-12-02 - Adjournment

"THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting on Thursday, September 12, 2024, adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Motion moved by Melissa Bevan and seconded by Michelle Gillis.

CARRIED

8. Closing Prayer

Christ Szent-Ivany

Rose Lo Presti
Chair, Durham Catholic Parent
Involvement Committee

Jim Wilson
Superintendent of Education

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