



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

Memorandum

To: Board of Trustees

From: Tracy Barill, Director of Education

Date: April 24, 2023

Subject: **Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (DCPIC)
Minutes of April 13, 2023**

Origin: Jim Wilson, Superintendent of Education

Please find attached a copy of the Minutes of the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Meeting held on April 13, 2023.

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Attachment: Minutes of April 13, 2023



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Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Minutes

Durham Catholic District School Board
April 13, 2023 at 7:30 PM North Boardroom
650 Rossland Road West, Oshawa, ON L1J 7C4

Committee Members Present:

Rose Lo Presti (Chair), Morgan Ste. Marie (Trustee), Josie Mullin (Vice-Chair)(Virtual),
Melissa Bevan, Andrea Gagliardi, Michelle Gillis, John Rinella, Christine Santos,
Michelina Dos Santos, Marjorie Poliquin, Chris Szent-Ivany

Staff Present:

Jim Wilson, Lori Jones, Faeron Pilleggi

1. Call to Order

Chair Lo Presti called the meeting to order at 7:51 p.m. and welcomed all committee members to the April 13, 2023, 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:

DCPIC2023-04-13-01 - Approval of Agenda

"THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the Agenda of Thursday, April 13, 2023, Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting as provided".

Motion moved by Marjorie Poliquin and motion seconded by Melissa Bevan.

CARRIED

3. Announcements

- 3.1. Next Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting: Thursday, May 18, 2023

Motion:

DCPIC2023-04-13-02 – Approval Date Change

"THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the changing of the May meeting date from May 11, 2023 to May 18, 2023".

Motion moved by Michelle Gillis and motion seconded by Andrea Gagliardi.

CARRIED

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 March 9, 2023.

DCPIC2023-03-09-03 - Approval of Minutes

"THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the Minutes of March 9, 2023, meeting."

Motion Moved by Michelle Gillis and seconded by Andrea Gagliardi.

CARRIED

5. Presentations

- 5.1 Scott Grieve, Superintendent of Education, Security in Elementary Schools

Superintendent Grieve answered questions the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee had regarding security in Elementary schools. Marjorie Poliquin asked Superintendent Grieve why there are no cameras on the perimeter of elementary schools facing the portables. Superintendent Grieve explained the use of cameras throughout our system and further discussed our security measures.

- 5.2 Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee – Catholic Volunteer

Andrea Gagliardi and Lori Jones gave an update on everything that has been organized to the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee regarding the annual Catholic Volunteer Awards Ceremony taking place on Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

6. Reports/Information/Items

6.1. Chair's Report

Chair Lo Presti hoped everyone had a great Easter Weekend as we enter a busy time of year for the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee. Plans are well underway for the 10th Annual Distinguished Catholic Volunteer Award Ceremony and Reception. Outstanding parent volunteers from each of our schools will be honoured at the Pope Francis Centre on April 18th. Chair Lo Presti thanked the committee for all their hard work on this event so far. As always, the support for this event from Lori Jones is much appreciated.

Chair Lo Presti informed the Committee that April 16th to April 22nd is National Volunteer Week. During that week, please recognize all volunteers in our schools. Their actions create a strong, interconnected, and vibrant Catholic learning community.

6.2 Trustee's Report

Trustee Ste. Marie informed the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee of the Board Meeting on March 27th that involved a presentation about the Information and Communications Technology Strategic Goals. It was apparent that the Information and Communications Department employ various strategies to provide technology throughout the board, especially in the area of cybersecurity. There was also a presentation concerning Durham Student Transportation Services (DSTS). The presentation indicated that DSTS is a complex multi-faceted operation. Trustees asked that the DSTS Governance Committee further explore strategies to communicate DSTS's policies and procedures to stakeholders.

Director Barill provided an overview of the Trustee Code of Conduct. In the fall of 2022, the Board of Trustees approved the new Board Mission Statement. The Trustee Code of Conduct has been revised to reflect the updated Mission Statement. Trustees are always supportive of the code of conduct and endeavor, to conduct themselves accordingly.

Trustee Ste. Marie shared that the Durham Catholic District School Board will be co-hosting the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Annual General Meeting in Toronto from April 27-29. The theme for this year is "Journeying Together in Faith". Chair Forster and the DCDSB trustees are looking forward to welcoming trustees from other Boards from across the province, as they network and share in the ongoing efforts to support and strengthen Catholic Education.

Trustee Ste. Marie informed the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee that the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation, in partnership with the Durham Catholic District School Board, is pleased to announce the "in-person" return of its

signature gala event on May 11th. The 9th Annual Catholic Children's Foundation Gala is wonderful opportunity for the Catholic community and its partners to come together in the spirit of faith, joy and unity. Since its launch in 2014 the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation has raised over \$300,000 through the support of donors to bring hope to students and families in need. Tickets are available on the board's website.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on April 24th at 7:30. Parents are welcome to attend in-person and can also view the meeting by the live stream.

6.3 Resource Report

Superintendent Wilson updated the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee on some exciting items happening.

- Registration is now open for Continuing Education's Elementary and Secondary Summer School Programs.
- The Build a Dream's Durham Career Discovery Expo is on Thursday, April 27th, at Deer Creek Golf and Banquet Facility.
- Oshawa Boundary Review Update – Parents will be receiving a letter shortly that has links to a video and presentation concerning an update for each school community. There will also be a link for an additional virtual public meeting which will be held on May 4th at 7 p.m.
- The Mental Health and Well-Being Series has a couple of presentations during the month of April. 1) Tuesday, April 18th: Youth and Substance Abuse, which is presented by Pinewood Centre. 2) Tuesday, April 25: Life Promotion/Suicide Prevention, which is presented by DCDSB Student Services. Both presentations are from 6 – 7 p.m.

Superintendent Wilson thanked all for their collective efforts that make Durham Catholic a better place for each and every one of our students.

6.4 PRO Grant Subcommittee Report

The Pro Grant subcommittee reported that things have not progressed as planned for the Parent Engagement Wellness Day that was planned for May 6, 2023. A decision was made to cancel the permit at Archbishop Denis O'Connor C.H.S. and revisit having this event sometime in September 2023.

6.5 Communications Subcommittee Report

Christine Santos informed DCPIC that the Communications Subcommittee will be focusing on identifying the immediate priorities within communications. The main engagement platform will be Facebook and building the DCPIC brand. The committee is hoping to make it a one-stop-shop for parent to go to.

6.6 School Council Outreach Subcommittee Report

Deferred

6.7 Faith Formation Subcommittee Report

Deferred

6.8 Policy & By-Law Subcommittee Report

Deferred

6.9 Budget Subcommittee Report

Deferred

7. Adjournment

Motion:

DCPIC2023-04-13-04 - Adjournment

"THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting on Thursday, April 13, 2023, adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Motion moved by Michelle Gillis and seconded by Melissa Bevan.

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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