



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE
NIAGARA CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

MAY 11, 2017

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, held on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Father Kenneth Burns csc Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland, ON.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Daly.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by Superintendent Forsyth-Sells.

2. Roll Call

Guest: John Crocco, Director of Education joined the NCPIC meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Parent Members	Affiliations	Present	Excused	Absent
Chris Kouroushis	Fort Erie/Port Colborne/Wainfleet	√		
Kym Raso	Fort Erie/Port Colborne/Wainfleet			√
Shonna Daly	Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln/Pelham	√		
Rebecca Monte	Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln/Pelham	√		
Kim Hedden	Merritton/Thorold	√		
Heather McCluckie	Merritton/Thorold	√		
Alexandria Attree	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake			√
Rita Colling	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake			√
Mary Mannella-Byers	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	√		
Josephine Muraca-Lettieri	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake		√	
Marion Battersby	St. Catharines	√		
Lisa Finley	St. Catharines		√	
Kate Hingston	St. Catharines	√		
Julie Wiley-Pol	St. Catharines			Letter of Resignation Received March 20, 2017
Anne Watt	Welland	√		
Carrie Vernelli	Welland		√	
Community Representatives				
Leone Strilec	Development and Peace		√	
Shelley Gilbert	Society of Saint Vincent de Paul	√		
Other Representatives				
Anna Racine	SEAC Representative	√		
Fr. Peter Rowe	Bishop/Diocesan Representative	Arrived at 8:00 p.m.		
Hannah Tummillo	Secondary Student Senate Representative	√		

Trustees				
Kathy Burtnik	Vice-Chair of the Board	√		
Dino Sicoli	Trustee		√	

The following staff was in attendance:

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells and Yvonne Anderson, Recording Secretary.

Regrets sent: Theo Dagenais, Lisa Finley, Glenn Gifford, Josephine Muraca-Lettieri, Josie Rocca
Dino Sicoli, Leone Strilec and Carrie Vernelli

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Marion Battersby

Seconded by: Kim Hedden

THAT the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the agenda of the
Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of May 11, 2017 as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No declaration of conflict of interest was declared with any item on the agenda.

5. Approval of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2016

Moved by: Chris Kouroushis

Seconded by: Mary Mannella-Byers

THAT the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the minutes of the
Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of November 17, 2016 as
presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

London Regional PIC Symposium

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells reported that Carrie Vernelli, Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, Daniella Stukel, Notre Dame College and Shelly McClemon, St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School represented the Niagara Catholic District School Board at the London Regional PIC Symposium on Saturday, April 1, 2017 in London Ontario. Carrie Vernelli will be invited to make a brief report at the next NCPIC meeting.

C. 2017-2018 NCPIC GOALS

- Continue to communicate with Catholic School Councils.
- Continue to issue a NCPIC Newsletter.
- Invite Family of Schools Catholic School Councils to attend a NCPIC meeting.
- Create a NCPIC brochure to include with the registration packages.

D. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. FAITH FORMATION

Nil Report

2. POLICY- Shonna Daly

The following Policies and Administrative Procedures are currently being reviewed as part of the cyclical Policy and Administrative Procedures Review process.

- Complaint Resolution Policy No. 800.3
- Education-Based Research Policy No. 800.5
- Student Fees Policy No. 301.11

Feedback is to be submitted to jennifer.pellegrini@ncdsb.com by September 16, 2017.

3. PRO GRANT-Shonna Daly

Chair Daly reported that the applications for the 2017-2018 Parents Reaching Out Grants are now being accepted. Applications must be completed and submitted online no later than Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells provided a 2017-2018 PRO Grant proposal to host a Well-Being Interactive Speaking Presentation with Dr. Greg Wells for all parents/guardians and school communities. The theme would be focused on faith and the changes individuals can make to be healthy and to function at full potential.

MOTION

Moved by: Rebecca Monte

Seconded by: Anne Watt

THAT Superintendent Forsyth-Sells would further investigate the proposal and that Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee would apply for a 2017-2018 Parents Reaching Out Grant.

CARRIED

E. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

1. Partners in Catholic Education Dinner

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells extended an invitation to NCPIC members to attend the Partners in Catholic Education Dinner on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at the Americana Event Centre in Niagara Falls beginning at 5:30 p.m. Interested members are to contact Yvonne Anderson no later than Monday, May 15, 2017.

2. Letter of Resignation

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells shared that on Monday, March 20, 2017, Julie Wiley-Pol submitted a letter of resignation as parent member of the NCPIC due to family commitments. A letter of appreciation on behalf of the NCPIC members was sent to Julie Wiley-Pol.

3. 2017-2018 NCPIC Membership

NCPIC community representatives and parent/guardian members coming to the end of their term are welcome and encouraged to complete and submit a nomination form for the 2017-2018 NCPIC membership. Nomination forms will be sent to all elementary and secondary schools and will be posted on the Board website later this month.

4. 2017-2018 NCPIC Meeting Dates

To be consistent on a regular basis, it is suggested that the bi-monthly meetings of the NCPIC fall on the first Thursday of the month as required. The meeting dates were approved by consensus.

The proposed NCPIC Meeting dates for 2017-2018 the dates are as follows:

- September 7, 2017
- November 2, 2017
- January 11, 2018
- March 1, 2018
- May 3, 2018

5. OAPCE Update

1. Superintendent Forsyth-Sells provided a letter that was received from OAPCE introducing the newly elected Executive of the Association:

- President, Maurizio Ruberto (York Region)
- Vice-President, Annalisa Crudo-Perri (Toronto Region)
- Treasurer, Karen Magdangal (Dufferin-Peel)
- Executive Secretary, Chuck Farmer (Dufferin-Peel)

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells stated that OAPCE is currently working on updating their Strategic Plan to support the mandate of promoting and protecting publicly funded Catholic Education in Ontario.

2. Superintendent Forsyth-Sells reported that OAPCE was contacted to clarify the possibility of two (2) Regional Directors. A response was received from OAPCE stating the OAPCE Board of Directors discussed this item at the December OAPCE meeting and decided that Co-Directors are not permitted, according to the present OAPCE By-Laws.

As a result, it was determined that Chair Daly will act as the interim Niagara Catholic OAPCE Regional Director until the November 2017 elections.

6. NCPIC Financial Report

A financial statement was provided for information. Funds will once again be allocated to the Partners in Catholic Education Dinner held on May 18, 2017.

F. COMMUNITY REPORTS

Development and Peace

- Solidarity Sunday was celebrated across the Diocese on Sunday, April 2, 2017.
- Linda Marie O'Hagan, the previous Development and Peace NCPIC Community Representative was presented with the Volunteer of the Year Award by the Mayor of St. Catharines.
- The Diocesan Council will be sending delegates to the Development and Peace Ontario Regional Assembly in Sudbury from May 26 – 28, 2017.
- As Development and Peace continues to celebrate its 50th anniversary, the full Solidarity Quilt will be revealed at the Youth Forum in Ottawa on Saturday, June 10, 2017. A letter of congratulations will be sent to Linda Marie O'Hagan on behalf of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul-*Shelley Gilbert*

- In April, 120 members from across Ontario attended the Spring meeting and Mass was celebrated by Bishop Bergie.
- On May 26, 2017 St. Vincent de Paul with host the second annual trivia night. The proceeds will support the camp program.
- St. Vincent de Paul is moving forward with "The North of 60 Project". Niagara Catholic secondary schools and Adult Continuing Education site have been invited to participate. Terri Pauco, Niagara Catholic Religious and Family Life Consultant has also invited Principals, Faith Ambassadors, and the Chaplaincy Leader of the Saint Paul Family of Schools to support this worthy project.
- St. Vincent de Paul will have a booth set-up for the Festival of Families on May 25, 2017 at Saint Michael Catholic High School.

G. SEAC REPORT-*Anna Racine*

- SEAC is currently reviewing the Special Education Plan.
- Andrew Howcroft, Community Living, Welland Pelham represented SEAC at the Ministry of Education's Provincial Framework for Alternative Programs and Courses K-12 held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017.
- SEAC submitted a measurable action verb for the Design of System Priorities 2017-2018.

H. BISHOP/DIOCESAN REPORT-*Fr. Peter Rowe*

- On Saturday, May 13, 2017 Our Lady of Fatima will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary.
- Congratulation to Deacon Steven Bruzzese who will be ordained on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at the Cathedral of St. Catharines.

I. STUDENT SENATE REPORT- *Hannah Tummillo*

At the past three Senate meetings, members have been working diligently in constructing this year's student senate scholarship. A variety of different questions have been created where Grade 12 Catholic students can reveal their leadership qualities, academic goals, and personality traits that fit the set criteria. An application form is now available for graduating students in the Niagara Catholic District School Board. The Senate was also provided with an update from the Chaplaincy Leader Ms. Woods, about the Board's upcoming "Festival of Families" on May 25, 2017 at Saint Michael Catholic High School. The Senate looks forward to this event as well as future events such as our May Symposium, which involves every students council in the Board coming together to learn about student senate.

J. STAFF REPORTS

Holy Cross

- The Holy Cross Special Education class recently hosted the Beach Volleyball event for all of the secondary school Special Education Classes in NCDSB.
- The Holy Cross choir performed for the Prime Minister at the Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence evening on May 3, 2017.

Blessed Trinity

- Both Junior and Senior School Reach Teams won the NCAA Regional Championships. The Senior Reach team will participate in Provincials at the University of Toronto from Saturday, May 13 to Monday, May 15, 2017.
- Malcomb Van Den Hurk participated in the Skills Canada qualifying Construction Competition held on Saturday, April 1st at Niagara College. He won a bronze medal and will move on to Provincials.
- On Sunday, April 30, 2017 time trials for the Philadelphia Stotesbury Cup entries took place. Three athletes qualified and will be travelling to compete in this prestigious US National Regatta at the end of May. Representing BT Thunder in the Men's Doubles are Andrew Allan and Abram Van Engelen; also Lauren Kelly will be making her debut representing Women's Singles.

Notre Dame College School

- On Sunday, April 9, 2017 students and staff travelled to Vimy Ridge for the 100th Anniversary Ceremony as part of the Niagara Catholic group of staff and students. Students attended this monumental moment in history and commented on the nature of the ceremony; in particular, the boots of the fallen soldiers, the performances by the musical guests, and the speech given by Prime Minister Trudeau.
- On Monday, April 10, 2017 students travelled to Normandy and experienced a very moving visit to Juno Beach. Many students were moved to tears by the emotional exhibits, video presentation and by simply walking on such sacred ground. Students visited Canada House and stopped at a nearby Canadian War Cemetery.

Lakeshore Catholic High School

- Music students travelled to New Orleans and had an incredible time. Matt Mulholland was able to play drums with one of New Orleans finest house bands for over a half an hour.
- This Saturday LCHS hosts its last concert of the year on May 13th with Blake and Brian Nutter performing on Saturday. Brian Nutter is Keith Urban's guitar player. Tickets are available at the door for only \$20. Spencer Burton will be opening up for Blake and Brian.

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS-Vice-Chair Kathy Burtnik

- Vice-Chair Burtnik congratulated the NCPIC members on the successful outcome of the “Festival of Families” PRO Grant initiative in partnership with the Alliance Committee.
- Vice-Chair Burtnik thanked all members of the NCPIC for their continued support of the Board and, of all parents/guardians and students in the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

L. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

M. NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 7, 2017.

N. CLOSING PRAYER: Closing Prayer was led by Fr. Peter Rowe.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Kim Hedden

Seconded by: Shelley Gilbert

THAT the May 11, 2017 meeting of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.
