



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE NIAGARA CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 1, 2018

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, held on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Father Kenneth Burns csc Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland, ON.

Chair Daly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells led opening prayer with the Reflection from Pope Francis- All Souls Day.

Welcome

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells welcomed returning members and introduced the new members of the 2018-2019 Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, and thanked all the members for their dedication and support of Catholic education, and student achievement and well-being of all students in the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

2. Roll Call

Parent Members	Affiliations	Present	Excused	Absent
Shonna Daly	Fort Erie/Port Colborne/Wainfleet	√		
Andrea MacKay	Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln/Pelham		√	
Rebecca Williams	Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln/Pelham	√		
Kim Hedden	Merritton/Thorold	√	Excused at 8:30 p.m.	
Heather McCluckie	Merritton/Thorold	√		
Chris Kouroushis	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	√		
Rita Colling	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	√		
Marilyn Fabiano	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	√		
Josephine Muraca-Lettieri	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	√		
Marion Battersby	St. Catharines	√		
Kate Hingston	St. Catharines	√		
Angela Lorenzo	St. Catharines	√		
Carrie Vernelli	Welland		√	
AJ McLaughlin	Welland	√		
Leone Strilec	Development and Peace	√		
Shelley Gilbert	Society of St. Vincent de Paul		√	
Anna Racine	SEAC Representative		√	
Fr. Peter Rowe	Bishop/Diocesan Representative	√		
Camille Peddle	Secondary Student Senate Representative	√		
Trustees				
Kathy Burtnik	Trustee	√		
Dino Sicoli	Trustee	√		

The following staff was in attendance:

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells, Kim Kuchar, Elementary Principal, Josie Rocca, Support Staff Representative and Yvonne Anderson, Recording Secretary.

Regrets sent: Shelley Gilbert, Brad Johnstone, Andrea MacKay, Anna Racine 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 November 1, 2018 as presented.

CARRIED

4. NCPIC Membership 2018-2019 and Terms of Office

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells reviewed the NCPIC parent/guardian membership and the terms of office were determined by consensus.

Terms of Office Parent Members 2018-2019			
Name	Geographical Area	Terms of Office	
		One (1) year term	Two (2) year term
Shonna Daly	Fort Erie/Port Colborne/Wainfleet	√	
Andrea MacKay	Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln/Pelham		√
Rebecca Williams	Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln/Pelham	√	
Kim Hedden	Merritton/Thorold		√
Heather McCluckie	Merritton/Thorold	√	
Chris Kouroushis	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	√	
Rita Colling	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	√	
Marilyn Fabiano	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake		√
Josephine Muraca-Lettieri	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake		√
Marion Battersby	St. Catharines	√	
Kate Hingston	St. Catharines		√
Angela Lorenzo	St. Catharines	√	
Carrie Vernelli	Welland		√
AJ McLaughlin	Welland	√	

5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Rita Colling and Josie Rocca informed the NCPIC members that they are employees of the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

6. Commissioning of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

Fr. Peter Rowe presided over the commissioning ceremony of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee as they publicly proclaimed their commitment to promote the Mission of Catholic education and the Mission, Vision and Values of the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

7. Approval of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2018

Moved by: Rita Colling

Seconded by: Chris Kouroushis

THAT the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of September 6, 2018 as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

C. 2018-2019 NCPIC GOALS

- Deferred

D. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **FAITH FORMATION**-*Josie Rocca*

An update will be provided at the NCPIC meeting of January 10, 2019.

2. **PRO Grant 2018-2019**

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells reported that the Ministry of Education has not notified school boards on the status of 2018-2019 PRO Grant applications.

E. POLICY

1. Catholic School Councils Policy No. 800.1

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells reported that at the Policy Review Committee Meeting of October 23, 2018 the Catholic School Council Policy No. 800.1 was deferred. The Policy Review Committee requested that the feedback received from the vetting process be shared with the members of the NCPIC. Further discussion occurred, and a recommendation was made to accept the changes made to the Statement of Policy, remove the statement under mandate, and include a commissioning for all Catholic School Council members at the school level.

2. Policies for Vetting

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells reported that Policies for Vetting will be added as a standing agenda item for meetings of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee and Catholic School Councils to promote the submission of parent/guardian feedback.

F. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Chair Daly welcomed and thanked the new and returning members of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee.

G. DIRECTOR'S DESIGNATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

1. *Annual Report for Catholic School Councils and the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee 2017-2018*

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells, reported that the Annual Report for Catholic School Councils and the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee 2017-2018 was presented for information at the October 9, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

2. Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE)

As a follow-up to the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting of September 6, 2018 an invitation was sent to OAPCE, inviting them to make a presentation to the members of the NCPIC.

- OAPCE confirmed today, November 1, 2018 that they would be happy to make presentation at the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting of January 10, 2019.
- When Faith Meets Pedagogy 2018
Superintendent Forsyth-Sells reported that John Crocco, Director of Education, and Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education and herself attended the When Faith Meets Pedagogy 2018 with the theme of “*One Faith, One Body, One Promise*” on October 25, 2018. Cardinal Thomas Collins celebrated the Holy Eucharist, Sr. Nuala Kenny S.C.H, Bio-ethicist M.D. and Bishop Bergie were the keynote speakers.

3. Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board Parents’ Conference 2018 “Weaving the Catholic Partnership”: Saturday, November 3, 2018

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells provided information and encouraged NCPIC members to attend the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board Parents’ Conference 2018 “Weaving the Catholic Partnership” held on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School from 7:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

4. Consultation: Education in Ontario

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells reported that the Ontario Ministry of Education is consulting with parents, students, educators and interested individuals or organizations across the province to address concerns and get feedback in several areas of the education system. A consultation meeting will be scheduled to gather feedback from the NCPIC members and the feedback will be submitted no later than December 15, 2018.

5. NCPIC By-Laws

The NCPIC By-laws were emailed to all members for review. No changes were recommended to the By-laws.

6. NCPIC Financial Report

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells reported on the NCPIC finances for information.

H. COMMUNITY REPORTS

1. Development and Peace-Leone Strilec

- The Development and Peace September retreat in Woodstock was well received. It focused on the importance of Laudato Sí and climate change. A guest speaker who had been a volunteer with Doctors Without Borders shared her stories about how climate change is affecting the most vulnerable in the world.
- Parishes will be gearing up for the education campaign - “Share the Journey”. As well as giving us a better understanding of forced migration, the campaign reminds us to be open to new Canadians who we might encounter.
- The Development and Peace School Workshop, for Niagara Catholic secondary students will be held on November 20 with the theme of Share the Journey.
- This year the Diocese of St. Catharines will be hosting the Ontario Regional Assembly for Development and Peace at Niagara College from May 3-5, 2019. It is open to anyone who would like to see how Development and Peace work together to support our brothers and sisters in the Global South.

2. Society of St. Vincent de Paul-Josie Rocca on behalf of Shelley Gilbert

- November 18 is World Day of the Poor. Some of the St. Vincent de Paul will be using this opportunity in promoting St. Vincent de Paul in their church.
- A prayer created by the Society of Vincent de Paul and promotional flyer for *World Day of the Poor* was provided to all members.
- St. Vincent de Paul will start assembling Christmas Hampers in December.

I. SEAC REPORT-Anna Racine

- Regrets sent.

J. BISHOP/DIOCESAN REPORT-Fr. Peter Rowe

Fr. Peter Rowe reported that:

1. The worldwide Synod of Bishops on Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment has concluded its work and a *Letter of the Synod Fathers to Young People* will be available on the Vatican website at w2.vatican.va.
2. The annual Clergy Study Days took place at the end of October 2018. Fr. Graham Keep spoke about the New Evangelization and the formation of “intentional disciples and disciple-makers.” He also reiterated how the parish, school, and home work in tandem to make this happen.
3. November 9, 2018, will mark the ninth anniversary of Bishop Gerard Bergie’s installation as shepherd of this diocese.
4. The 60th anniversary of the Diocese of St. Catharines will be commemorated at Holy Mass at the Cathedral of St. Catherine on Monday, November 26, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. A dinner for parish and school representatives will take place at Club Roma following the mass. As one of his first pontifical acts, the newly elected Pope St. John XXIII founded our diocese.
5. At the heart of the Church’s mission is “infectious love!”

K. STUDENT SENATE REPORT-Camille Peddle

- This year, the Niagara Catholic Student Senate hosted the bi-annual Ontario Catholic Student Leadership Conference on October 17th - 19th, 2018 in Niagara Falls, ON. It was three-day Catholic conference for Catholic students across Ontario. Niagara Catholic Student Senators led other students in prayer, dance, and workshops designed to adhere to this year’s theme; *Limitless in Christ*. Additional workshops were led by Senators to introduce the newest pastoral letter for Catholic Education “*Renewing the Promise*”. Both this workshop, and a separate workshop, also led by Senators at the Lead-Out-Loud conference for Elementary Student Senates the following day, initiated conversations amongst students regarding how these messages from the letter relate to them as students, and how they could apply these messages in their schools. This conference overall was very successful, and Student Senate appreciated the opportunity to help lead.
- Student Trustees, along with Student Senators are currently recommending changes to the Student Senate Secondary Policy, specifically policy numbers 1, 8, and 10. Student Trustees have proposed an additional position of a Community Representative on Student Senate consisting of a student who attends one of the Board’s Catholic Secondary Schools. The Student Senate through an application process will select the Community representative prior to the annual Niagara Catholic Student Leadership Symposium. Additionally, each Secondary Student Council will elect one member of the newly elected Student Council to serve as both Vice-President of Student Council and Student Senate Representative. This dual role ensures a more efficient communication between Student Senate and Student Councils.

L. STAFF REPORTS-*Kim Kuchar*

Elementary and secondary school updates were provided for information.

M. TRUSTEE REPORTS- *Kathy Burtnik and Dino Sicoli*

- The Board of Trustees welcome new Trustees, as some Trustees are not returning.

MOTION

Motion by Chair Daly

Seconded by Marilyn Fabiano

THAT a letter of appreciation on behalf of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee be sent to the outgoing Trustees to thank them for their support and dedication to Catholic education, student achievement and well-being and the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee.

CARRIED

- The Board Inaugural Meeting will take place December 4, 2018 at Denis Morris Catholic High School.
- The Board budget will be revised as Niagara Catholic had an increase in enrollment for 2018-2019 school year.
- The Niagara Catholic student led conference for Catholic students across Ontario was a huge success. Enthusiasm and energy surrounding the Catholic faith was fully alive in all those who participated.
- Due to the increase of enrolment in French immersion classes, Niagara Catholic is currently in the process of relocating the French Immersion program from Holy Name to Alexander Kuska Catholic Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year.

N. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- OAPCE Presentation

O. NEXT MEETING: January 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. A potluck dinner will be available at 6:30 p.m.

P. CLOSING PRAYER: Fr. Peter Rowe led the closing prayer.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Chris Kouroushis

Seconded by: AJ McLaughlin

THAT the November 1, 2018 meeting of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.
