



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**INFORMATION SESSION
NIAGARA CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

JANUARY 18, 2017

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 Fr. Peter Rowe.

2. Roll Call: Quorum was not in attendance.

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		√	
Anne Watt	Welland		√	
Carrie Vernelli	Welland	√		
Community Representatives				
Leone Strilec	Development and Peace	√		
Shelley Gilbert	Society of Saint Vincent de Paul	√		
SEAC Representative				
Anna Racine	SEAC Representative		√	
Fr. Peter Rowe	Bishop/Diocesan Representative	√		
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, Josie Rocca, Support Staff Representative and Yvonne Anderson, Recording Secretary.

Regrets sent: Alexandria Attree, Rita Colling, Theo Dagenais, Lisa Finley, Glenn Gifford, Kim Hedden, Josephine Muraca-Lettieri, Anna Racine, Kym Raso, Dino Sicoli, Hannah Tummillo, Anne Watt and Julie Wiley-Pol.

3. Approval of the Agenda -Deferred

Moved by:

Seconded by:

THAT the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the agenda of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of January 18, 2017 as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest Deferred

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

B. PRESENTATIONS

John Crocco, Director of Education and Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services will be presenting the 2017-2018 Niagara Catholic System Priorities at the NCPIC meeting of March 23, 2017.

C. 2016-2017 NCPIC GOALS

D. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. FAITH FORMATION-*Josie Rocca*

NCPIC members participated in the faith formation session “Loving Him Through Scripture” with Fr. Peter Rowe on January 18, 2017 at the Catholic Education Centre. Those in attendance found the session to be engaging and informative.

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.

- Accessibility Standards Policy No. 800.8

Feedback is to be submitted to Jennifer.pellegrini@ncdsb.com by January 20, 2017

- Catholic School Councils Policy No. 800.1

Feedback is to be submitted to Jennifer.pellegrini@ncdsb.com by February 15, 2017

3. **PRO GRANT-Mary Mannella-Byers**

Mary Mannella-Byers provided a draft outline of the Festival of Families-Celebrating Community to all NCPIC members which included the various roles and responsibilities of the NCPIC members.

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

1. **Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction Nomination Form 2017-Bishop's Gala Saturday, April 1, 2017**

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells invited members of the NCPIC to nominate a recipient for the Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction 2017. The nomination form and guidelines are available on the Board website and must be submitted to Frank Iannantuono no later than Friday, February 24, 2017. The recipient of the Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction 2017 will be presented at the Bishop's Gala on Saturday, April 1, 2017.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells invited NCPIC members to attend the Bishop's Gala on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at Club Roma. Further information will be forwarded when available.

2. **Draft Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendar 2017-2018**

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells reminded NCPIC members that the Draft Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendar for 2017-2018 was sent on December 19, 2017 for review. The feedback form is to be submitted to the attention of Jennifer Pellegrini jennifer.pellegrini@ncdsb.com no later than Friday, January 27, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

3. **Director's Annual Report**

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells provided a copy of the Director's Annual Report to all NCPIC members for their review.

4. **NCPIC Financial Report**

A financial statement was provided for information.

F. COMMUNITY REPORTS

1. **Development and Peace-Leone Strilec**

- Materials for the Education Campaign "At the Heart of the Action" were ordered by several schools.
- Share Lent theme - Women at the Heart of Change
 - "that in all countries of the world, women may be honoured, respected and valued for their essential contribution to society." (Pope Francis)
 - "it is to act in solidarity with and walk alongside those women and men who advocate for an equal and inclusive society, one in which women can participate hand-in-hand with men in building the world of tomorrow." (Development and Peace)

- The Catholic Women's League has published a pamphlet - "The 1% Program", outlining the longtime partnership between the Catholic Women's League and Development and Peace.
- Development and Peace will be celebrating their 50th anniversary at the Cathedral in St. Catharines on March 12, 2017 at the 11:30 a.m. mass. Following mass the quilt pieces from across Canada will be on display in the church hall.

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

- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul had a very successful Christmas food drive. Elementary and secondary schools participated and helped with the assembly and delivery of the Christmas hampers.
- Fr. Daniel from a Rankin Inlet in Nunavut will be visiting with members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society to discuss the North of 60 project. This project is in support of sending a container of non-perishable food and clothing to support approximately 15 communities across Canada.
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be hosting the 2nd annual trivia night with proceeds going to send kids to camp.
- Vincentians from across Ontario will be in attendance at the St. Vincent de Paul Spring meeting.

G. SEAC REPORT-Deferred

H. BISHOP/DIOCESAN REPORT-Fr. Peter Rowe

I. STUDENT SENATE REPORT- Hannah Tummillo

- To start off the New Year, Student Senate reviewed the 28.8 series leadership symposium that took place on November 29, 2016 by completing a feedback document for the Board.
- Student Senate discussed the Festival of Families event which will take place on May 25, 2017 at Saint Michael Catholic High School with Chaplaincy Leader Krista Wood and Religious Education Consultant, Terry Pauco.
- The Student Senate is looking forward to future events including the May Symposium which involves all students councils coming together to learn about students senate.

J. STAFF REPORTS-Deferred

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS-Kathy Burtnik

- The Niagara Falls Accommodation Review Committee has completed the accommodation review and will be making recommendation at the Board Meeting of January 31, 2017 regarding Loretto Catholic, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Cardinal Newman Catholic Elementary Schools.
- The Niagara Catholic System Priorities Mid-Year Achievement Report 2016-2017 will be presented at the Board Meeting of January 31, 2017.

L. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

M. NEXT MEETING: March 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre.

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

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by:

Seconded by:

THAT the January 18, 2017 meeting of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.
