



**York Catholic Parent Involvement Committee**  
**Monday, November 27, 2023**  
**7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

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**PRESENT:**

<b>Committee Member(s):</b>	<b>In Person:</b> Peter De Quintal, Jan De Souza, Sara Angela Figliomeni, Christina Gillison, Sahir Jamal, Maria Praveen, Singai Rani Wilson, Martina Saverino, Andrea Telfer, Sarah Tjin-a-Joe
	<b>Virtual:</b> Janice Au, Josie Belluomini, Olufisayo Bolarinwa, Olga Bondar, Melena Carrassi, Kristina Costabile, Eby Ijeh, Maurizio Ruberto, Jaclyn Toma, Florence Wang, Nicole Young
<b>Administration:</b>	<b>In Person:</b> Domenic Scuglia, Jennifer Sarna, Helena DiPanfilo Loredana Foti, OECTA Rep Tom Pechkovsky, Joachim Tsui (7:00 pm to 7:45 pm) Khaled Elgharbawy (7:09 pm to 8:24 pm)
<b>Trustee(s):</b>	<b>In Person:</b> Maria Iafrate
<b>Other Trustee(s):</b>	<b>Virtual:</b> Frank Alexander, Angela Saggese
<b>Guest(s):</b>	N/A Warren Lobo, Great Food – Healthy Food Choices
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	Jan De Souza

**REGRETS:**

**Committee Member(s):** Robyn De Cicco, Samantha Ferrazzoli

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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Chair S. Figliomeni called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**2.0 WELCOME / PRAYER / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Chair S. Figliomeni welcomed everyone and led the opening prayer followed by the Land Acknowledgement.

**3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: Christina Gillison  
Seconded: Sarah Tjin-a-joe

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **4.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 25, 2023**

Motion: Sarah Tjin-a-joe

Seconded: Andrea Telfer

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **5.0 CHAIR'S REPORT/UPDATE**

Chair S. Figliomeni provided update on activities below:

- YCPIC Orientation Session held on November 9, 2023
- YCPIC Open House for CSC members held on Saturday, November 4, 2023

### **6.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORT/UPDATE**

Domenic Scuglia, Director of Education welcomed the new YCPIC members and advised that we now have all areas of the Board represented. Director Scuglia's remarked as follows:

#### November 2024

We commemorated Remembrance Day on November 11th, which fell on a Saturday. All our schools held memorial celebrations on the Thursday or Friday before. On November 8, 2023, we also recognized Indigenous Veterans Day, and we had a beautiful commemorative ceremony.

#### Secondary Open Houses

The end of November brings a lot of conflicts for parents especially if you have a child leaving grade eight and going into grade nine, you are being invited to an Open House. Many of our high schools and some even tonight, are running their open houses. These open houses allows parents to make informed decisions about the secondary school they would like their child to attend the following year.

#### Blanket Exercise

The Senior Team and some Trustees participated in a blanket exercise last month that was led by Todd Jamieson, Mim Harder and Laura Lee Campbell. It was a powerful and moving experience.

#### St. Brendan CES Students Meet the Lieutenant Governor

Congratulations to the St. Brendan CES students who have been invited to meet Lieutenant Governor Edith Dumont at her office in the Ontario Legislature to recognize their excellent work in the Tree Bee Competition. Thank you to teacher Brennan Rudderham for his commitment to teaching students the need to understand and protect nature.

#### International Extended Day Language Program

At the November 28<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting, we will share a video showcasing the good work and the additional funding that has been extended for us to continue this program at YCDSB.

#### Christmas Card Contest

Congratulations to Aselin V., a grade 7 student at St. Cecilia CES and Valerie N.L., a grade 7 student at St. Charles Garnier, whose artwork will be featured on either the outside or the inside of our Christmas card for this year.

#### In Closing

Director Scuglia noted that this weekend marks the beginning of the season of Advent, and we look forward with great anticipation and joy, the arrival of the birth child of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

## **7.0 TREASURER'S REPORT**

Andrea Telfer provided update on YCPIC finances.

## **8.0 OAPCE'S REPORT/UPDATE**

Chair S. Figliomeni provided update on activities from the report received from OAPCE.

- April 12 and 13, 2024 Annual Conference in Toronto.
- Dec 7, 2023, next OAPCE meeting date, and it will be virtual.

## **9.0 PRESENTATION**

9.01 Active School Travel (Tom & Joachim Tsui) 7:12 p.m. to 7:48 p.m.

- Presentation Focus on Elementary Schools
- Followed by Feedback and Q & A.

9.02 Great Food – Healthy Food Choices (Warren Lobo) 7:49 p.m. to 8: 15 p.m.

- Classroom/Lunch Time/Extracurricular Program Focus.
- Three asks: Make all schools aware of our programs/Start up a pilot with 3 or 4 schools from now to Spring/Integrate healthy eating back into the curriculum.
- Followed by Feedback and Q &A.

## **10.0 ACTION ITEM(S): N/A**

## **11.0 DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS(S):**

11.01 Snow Removal (P De Quintal)

- Q. \$1M taken away from Snow Removal, impact to schools.
- A. Director D. Scuglia provided what other school boards are doing i.e., snow plowing only primary areas and not secondary areas. We will be observing & evaluating and find out what we will need to do.

11.02 Changing the Name of YCPIC By-Laws to YCPIC Constitution (M Saverino)

- Title change from By-Laws to Constitution

Motion: Maria Praveen

Seconded: Andrea Telfer

**MOTION CARRIED**

11.03 General Review of the By-Laws/Constitution (M Saverino)

- Approve By-Laws as Constitution as is with no other changes.

Motion: Filomena Carrassi

Seconded: Kristina Costabile

**MOTION CARRIED**

11.04 YCPIC Code of Ethics (M Saverino)

- Code of Ethics read by M Saverino and we will abide by them.

11.05 YCPIC Conference (M Saverino)

- Target for Spring in this school year.
- Trustee Maria Iafrate recommended speaker David Wells
- YCPIC Member Peter De Quintal recommended a speaker addressing online safety
- Director Scuglia recommended Dr. Debbie Pushor
- YCPIC Member Filomena Carrassi suggested a food program at the event.
- YCPIC Member Nicole Young suggested speaker Dr. Elena Merenda

- Director D. Scuglia recommends - One of the 4 pillars of our YCDSB needs to be an anchor.
- YCPIC Member Sarah Tjin-a-joe suggested Miguel Martinez.
- Come to the January meeting with suggestion and topic
- 27<sup>th</sup> April/In-Person/Saturday/STL – Silvana Greco to confirm date/school.

11.06 Spring Catholic School Council Social (M Saverino)

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## **12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Figliomeni adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Motion: Sarah Figliomeni

Seconded: Martina Saverino

**MOTION CARRIED**