



York Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
Monday, January 22, 2024
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Committee Member(s):	In Person:	Olufisayo Bolarinwa, Robyn De Cicco, Jan De Souza, Samantha Ferazzoli, Christina Gillison, Sahir Jamal, Maria Praveen, Martina Saverino, Andrea Telfer, Sarah Tjin-a-joe
	Virtual:	Janice Au, Josie Belluomini, Melena Carrassi, Peter De Quintal, Sara Angela Figliomeni, Eby Ijeh, Emanuela Polin-De Luca, Singai Rani Wilson, Maurizio Ruberto, Jaclyn Toma, Florence Wang, Nicole Young
Administration:	In Person:	Domenic Scuglia, Jennifer Sarna Mike Totten, OECTA Rep
	Virtual:	Helena Di Panfilo, Dishni Kiriella
Trustee(s):	In Person:	Maria Iafrate
	Virtual:	Angela Saggese
Other Trustee(s):		N/A
Guest(s):		Annalisa Crudo-Perri, Joe Perri: Co-Executive Directors, OAPCE Jenny D'Alessandro Padula, York OAPCE Rep Michael Brancatella, York OAPCE Rep
Recording Secretary:		Jan De Souza

REGRETS:

Committee Member(s):	Olga Bondar, Kristina Costabile, Tony Lorini
Administration(s):	N/A
Trustee(s):	F. Alexander

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Martina Saverino called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2.0 WELCOME / PRAYER / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Vice Chair Martina Saverino welcomed everyone and led the opening prayer followed by the Land Acknowledgement.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Maria Praveen
Seconded: Sarah Tjin-a-joe
MOTION CARRIED

4.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – NOVEMBER 27, 2023

Motion: Olufisayo Bolarinwa
Seconded: Sarah Tjin-a-joe
MOTION CARRIED

5.0 DIRECTOR’S REPORT/UPDATE

“Thank you, Madam Chair, and Happy New Year to everyone. It's lovely to see you all again and looking forward to a great 2024. I also hope that you've all had a great Christmas.

Advent Season

I want to begin by thanking our schools, our staff, our students and their families who made the Advent season so special. They did a marvelous job. During my school visits, I was able to be a witness to some of the Advent celebrations that were happening in our schools. Each school did a wonderful job of delivering the gospel messages that Christ has left with us. I also had the privilege, just before Christmas, to visit Rose of Sharon - a specialized school where we have our young, unwed students who have given the birth of life and the gift of life. We support those young unwed mothers at Rose of Sharon. We decided that we were going to help them in their fundraising venture. They're always looking for ways to raise money, collect clothes, and collect food. I did a Twitter Break with them. If you haven't seen it, it's on our website.

Snow Plowing

This has been a big concern for us since we made the recommendation to the Board of Trustees to change and alter our practices around snow plowing. It was a great concern at our elementary schools when the snow started arriving. Where snow was not being removed in the secondary areas, snow was being removed from the access to the school, but not the secondary area. You had areas of the school where ice was developing and there were a number of indoor recesses. You solve a problem to save some money and you create a different problem. I do want to say that there was significant effort on the part of staff to recommend to the Trustees before it went for approval at budget time that this, besides being a cost savings, was a practice that York Region DSB had already implemented years ago. We made a decision and are grateful to our Trustees who brought a motion forward last week as we had a Special Board Meeting and we restored the snow plowing and snow plowing is no longer an issue.

YCDSB Indigenous Winter Games

On January 17th, we celebrated at St. Joan of Arc CHS, the first ever Inaugural Indigenous Winter Games. The model for this was phenomenal in the experience that it provided for our students and our staff. The teachers at St. Joan of Arc CHS organized their student leaders and they invited grade five students from their elementary feeder schools. Together with our indigenous partners there were a number of activities that our students were introduced to. They just had an absolute blast and I wasn't sure who was having more fun, whether it was the teachers or the kids. As it turned out, last Wednesday happened to also be the coldest day of the year for the Winter Games. They had to pivot their winter games indoors. I thank the staff and the students who organized those activities, and I'm hopeful that other schools will also want to do the same thing. It's a great way for the high school to build community with their elementary feeder schools. We were also featured on CBC Toronto during the dinner hour and it was a really popular story with Dwight Drummond.

Episcopal Board Meeting

On January 11, 2024, Vice Chair Iafrate and I attended the annual Archdiocese of Toronto Episcopal Board Chairs & Directors meeting with Archbishop Leo. We met over a number of items and there were several important messages that were shared with us about ways that we can keep our schools Catholic while celebrating the uniqueness and the beauty and the excellence of Catholic education.

Report Cards

Elementary school children will be receiving their report cards soon. Our teachers have been busy writing those report cards.

End of Semester One

Semester one classes are coming to an end and all of our secondary students will be into their final assessments. Final assessments will look differently depending on the courses of study that students are engaged in. Some will be writing final exams, some will be doing final culminating performance tasks and others will be doing other tasks that will demonstrate their learning. They will start a new semester with new classes and we want to wish our students and all of our staff best of luck as they engage in those end of mid-year activities.”

6.0 CHAIR’S REPORT/UPDATE

Chair S. Figliomeni provided update on

- o YCPIC Conference. Thanked Members for the effort to get the conference organized.

7.0 TREASURER’S REPORT

Andrea Telfer provided an update on YCPIC finances.

8.0 OAPCE’S REPORT/UPDATE

Vice Chair Martina Saverino mentioned that there are no new updates.

9.0 PRESENTATION

a) Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE)

- a. Analisa, Joe, Michael, Jenny presenters
- b. Topics covered: Mission, Vision, Regulated by Ministry of Education, How do we do it (Engage-Advocate-Enhance), Faith is infused in all that we do in Catholic Education, OAPCE Ambassador program, How does the information flow provincially to you, What do OAPCE Liaison representatives do, How do these groups (PIC, Parent Council, OAPCE) work together, website www.oapce.org, OAPCE Parents4Parents Newsletter, OAPCE is turning 85 in 2024, AGM Conference on Saturday April 13, 2024 at Monsignor Percy Johnson SS in Etobicoke and the Gala dinner awards at the Sandman Signature Toronto Airport Hotel.
- c. Followed by Q&A
 - i. <Ms. Saverino> How funds paid by YCPIC for membership are used. Boards pay for membership fees (Fees: each school is \$75 x number of schools in the Board). Subscribe for emails via web site. School OAPCE reps get these emails.
 - ii. <Ms. Iafrate> Understanding how support is provided to schools, parishes etc.
 - iii. Followed by discussion and sharing of information. Director Domenic Scuglia provided further information on OAPCE and so did parents on YCPIC who were OAPCE representatives.

b) Multi-Year Strategic Plan

- a. Jennifer Sarna presenter
- b. In place for the next five years, 2023 to 2028
- c. Mission, Vision, Values
- d. Catholic Board Improvement Plan
- e. SMART Goals and measurements reported 3 times a year
 - i. Strategic Commitment #1 Catholic Faith
 - ii. Strategic Commitment #2 Equity and Inclusion
 - iii. Strategic Commitment #3 Student Achievement
 - iv. Strategic Commitment #4 Well-Being

10.0 ACTION ITEM(S): N/A

11.0 DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS(S):

- a) YCPIC Conference – Speaker Selection - Silvana Greco will be sending a google form to all YCPIC Members and ask that a reply be given by 12 noon EST tomorrow.
- b) Morning of Saturday (9 a.m. to 12 noon) April 20th, 2024, is the targeted date/time for the conference, location is YCDSB CEC.
- c) YCPIC Member present Ms. Toma & Ms. Tjin-a-Joe inquired why chrome books & BYOD need to be refreshed/updated. Director Scuglia explained why (security) and will provide more information in the next meeting.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Martina Saverino adjourned the meeting at 8:28 PM.

Motion: Martina Saverino

Seconded: Christina Gillison

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING: April 22, 2024, June 10, 2024