

**YORK CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (YCPIC)**



**York Catholic Parent Involvement Committee  
Monday, June 10, 2024, CEC Board Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

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**PRESENT:**

<b>Committee Member(s):</b>	<b>In Person:</b>	Olufisayo Bolarinwa, Robyn De Cicco, Jan De Souza, Samantha Ferazzoli, Christina Gillison, Tony Lorini, Maria Praveen, Martina Saverino, Jaclyn Toma
	<b>Virtual:</b>	Josie Belluomini, Eby Ijeh, Sahir Jamal, Singai Rani Wilson, Maurizio Ruberto, Sarah Tjin-a-joe, Florence Wang,

<b>Administration:</b>	<b>In Person:</b>	John De Faveri, Jennifer Sarna Helena DiPanfilo
	<b>Virtual:</b>	N/A

<b>Trustee(s):</b>	<b>In Person:</b>	Frank Alexander
	<b>Virtual:</b>	N/A

<b>Other Trustee(s):</b>	N/A
<b>Guest(s):</b>	N/A

<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	Jan De Souza
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**REGRETS:**

<b>Committee Member(s):</b>	Janice Au, Olga Bondar, Melena Carrassi, Kristina Costabile, Peter De Quintal, Sara Angela Figliomeni, Emanuela Polin-De Luca, Andrea Telfer, Nicole Young
<b>Administration(s):</b>	Dishni Kiriella
<b>Trustee(s):</b>	N/A

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Ms. M. Saverino called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Welcomed Interim Director J De Faveri and Trustees present Frank Alexander & J. Sarna.

### **1.0 WELCOME / PRAYER / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

### **2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: Vice Chair Ms. M. Saverino put forward the motion to approve the agenda.

First: Maria Praveen

Seconded: Tony Lorini

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **3.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – APRIL 22, 2024**

Motion: Vice Chair Ms. M. Saverino put forward the motion to approve the previous meeting minutes from April 22, 2024.

First: Samantha Ferazzoli

Seconded: Robyn De Cicco

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

a) Use of Chromebook Report – April 20, 2024, provided by Director J. De Faveri

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

Interim Director John De Faveri, reported as follows:

#### **Distinguished Alumni Award**

*At the April 30, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, we met our 2024 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients. It was inspiring to see how many incredible people were nominated for this award. This is the 20<sup>th</sup> time that the YCDSB has recognized our Distinguished Alumni, and this year's group showcases the incredible, diverse contributions that our graduates make to the world.*

#### **YCPIC Conference**

*On Saturday, April 20, YCPIC hosted their annual conference, which was a great success. This year's theme was "Preparing Our Children for Their Future, Not Our Past," and it featured a keynote speech from Jeff A.D. Martin, author of the Amazon best-selling book, *Knew Me: 10 Men, 10 Stories of Perseverance*. Thank you to YCPIC.*

#### **Terry Fox Fundraising Results**

*Thank you to everyone who walked, ran or rolled to support the Terry Fox Foundation last year. Two YCDSB schools finished in the top 50 fundraisers in Ontario. St. Robert Catholic High School in Thornhill was the 16th highest fundraiser in the province and St. Augustine Catholic High School in Markham the 17th. Together, the YCDSB raised almost \$200,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation in 2023! This is a continuation of the YCDSB's generous support of the Terry Fox Foundation. Last school year, the YCDSB received a milestone plaque to mark \$4.5 million donated to the Terry Fox Foundation over the years.*

### ***"We Are Diverse. We Are One in Christ" Banners***

*I am happy to report that staff have ordered the "We Are Diverse. We Are One in Christ" school banners. Administrators chose banner sizes that best suited their school building's physical space. There is much excitement for this artwork inside and outside the YCDSB, as seen in the recent Catholic Register article about this campaign.*

### ***Special Olympics***

*May 31, 2024 was a memorable day for the YCDSB as the Special Olympics Track and Field event was held at St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS in Richmond Hill. Co-chaired with Special Olympics Ontario, this competition had 170 student-athletes with special needs give everything they had to further develop their skills and make new friends.*

### ***Social Media Lawsuit***

*York Catholic joined eight other school boards and two private schools in suing Meta, TikTok and Snapchat for the harm that their products cause to children. We are arguing that these social media companies have intentionally created products that rewire children's brains and reward compulsive behavior. More than anything, we want the social media companies to change their products to keep our kids safe. We hope that this lawsuit will make this change happen. At the same time, we are working to implement the provincial government's new regulation that limits the use of cellphones in schools. We are still working through the details of the regulation for a September implementation in our schools.*

### ***In closing,***

*As we get closer to the end of the year, it brings special emotions along with it. Some students have celebrated their sacraments and some are getting ready to graduate, while others are working towards completing their school year with their York Catholic family. Best of luck to all secondary students who will write their exams. Thank you to the staff, parents and students for making York Catholic a special place. Thank you to YCPIC for your commitment to Catholic Education - wishing you all a wonderful, healthy and safe summer.*

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

Vice Chair Ms. M. Saverino mentioned YCPIC conference and no other updates to provide.

## **7.0 TREASURER'S REPORT**

Vice Chair Saverino provided an update. Account update as of 5/29/2024.

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

Vice Chair Saverino mentioned that OAPCE's Overview and Benefits document was provided to all in attendance.

## **9.0 PRESENTATION:**

a) Student Achievement Plan Input (15 minutes – A. Arcadi, M. McShine-Quao)

✓ Complete Survey by end of next week 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024.

✓ Followed by Q & A

- Can we send Survey link | How to track individual student performance progress, performance appraisals | Parent Engagement | Trustee F. Alexander.
- Student Wellbeing | Vice Chair M. Saverino

b) Continuing Education 2024 Summer Program (10 minutes – A. Arcadi, A. Pasquini)

✓ Followed by Q & A

- Would like to see African Language | Olufisayo Bolarinwa

- c) Ministry of Education: Policy & Program Memo PPM 128 Provincial Code of Conduct (15 minutes – J. Sarna)

✓ Followed by Q & A

- Blocking Social Media applications on School Wi-Fi Network | Where do smart watches included into this | Are there any rules for Teachers using cell phones in classrooms. Educators are not allowed to use cell phones in classrooms as per PPM 128 | Jaclyn Toma
- Subject of students watching videos during lunch breaks | Nicole Young
- When it comes to children posting during class hours, how will we deal with it | Christina Gillison
- Before implementing can we share this information with parents before next school year | Olufisayo Bolarinwa
- Other suggestions/comments from Tony Lorini and Martina Saverino
- Visiting Parent Jenni provided an example of what was done in her school.
- Comment from Sarah Tjin-a-joe recommended we discuss this with our schools as a YCPIC message in the fall.

**10.0 ACTION ITEM(S): NIL**

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

- a) Use of Remaining 2023-2024 YCPIC Funds (M. Saverino)
- a. Option1: 5 votes – All YCDSB Schools – for year end events.
  - b. Option 2: 7 votes – School supplies for refugees.
  - c. Option3: 2 votes – Canadian Martyrs

Option2 was selected after a show of hand votes.

- b) 2023-2024 Mileage Reimbursement (Under Separate Cover) (J. De Faveri)
- a. Along with mileage form, we will send membership renewal form – Silvana Greco
- c) YCPIC Meeting Dates for 2024-2025 – Meeting start time 6:30 p.m. EST.
- 1. September 23, 2024
  - 2. November 25, 2024
  - 3. January 20, 2025
  - 4. March 31, 2025
  - 5. May 26, 2025

**12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Martina Saverino adjourned the meeting at 8:24 PM.

Motion: Christina Gillison

Seconded: Jaclyn Toma

**MOTION CARRIED**

NEXT MEETING: September 23, 2024