



# YORK CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

## SUMMARY OF YCPIC EVENTS 2025-2026



*Supporting Parent Engagement for Student Achievement*

The York Catholic Parent Involvement Committee for **2025-2026** consisted of the following Executive Members:

- Martina Saverino, Chair
- Jaclyn Toma, Vice-Chair
- Christina Gillison, Treasurer
- Robyn De Cicco, Secretary

### **A LETTER FROM YCPIC CHAIR, MARTINA SAVERINO**

June 2026

My name is Martina, and I am honoured to have served as Chair of the York Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (YCPIC) for the 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 terms. As a parent advisory body to the Director of Education, YCPIC's primary role is to promote meaningful parent involvement and support student achievement. The Director and the Board review the recommendations brought forward by our Committee and provide updates on actions taken in response. Agendas, meeting minutes, and financial records are available on the YCDSB website under the YCPIC page.

The 2025–2026 year has been both busy and rewarding. The Committee held meetings on November 24, 2025, January 19, 2026, April 27, 2026, and May 25, 2026. Our final meeting of this term will take place in September. Our November meeting will dissolve the current Committee and a new Committee will be formed.

Throughout the year, YCPIC continued to focus on strengthening parent engagement by hosting workshops and events designed to support our school communities. These included:

- 2025/26 New CSC Treasurers Workshop (October 2025)
- 2025/26 Orientation Workshop for New Catholic School Council Executive Members (October 2025)
- Fall Social (October 2025)
- Parent Engagement Event (April 2026) – The Future of Education with AI: Preparing Parents for a Changing World, with Curtis Carmichael

The Treasurer and Orientation Workshops are held annually to help new Council members better understand their roles, connect with experienced members, and ask questions in a supportive environment.

The Fall Social provided an opportunity for parents and guardians to connect, share fundraising ideas, discuss challenges, and exchange strategies to better engage their school communities. The event was well attended and led to many valuable and productive conversations.

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This year's conference focused on a topic of growing interest for many parents—Artificial Intelligence. The session was led by Curtis Carmichael (CC the Futurist), a highly respected speaker on the future of education, Responsible AI, and STEM/STEAM learning. He is also the bestselling author and inventor of the world's first augmented reality memoir, *Butterflies in the Trenches*. His presentation was engaging, informative, and sparked thoughtful discussion, with strong participation from attendees.

From a financial perspective, all activities were carried out responsibly and remained within budget. Financial details are available through our meeting minutes on the YCPIC webpage.

As this term ends, I would like to sincerely thank all YCPIC members for their ongoing commitment, participation, and support throughout the year. Your time and contributions have not gone unnoticed.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to our Executive team—Jaclyn Toma (Vice-Chair), Christina Gillison (Treasurer), and Robyn De Cicco (Secretary)—for your dedication, insight, and collaboration over this two-year term. As our 2-year term comes to an end I want to let you know that your support has been truly appreciated.

We also extend our gratitude to Jennifer Sarna, Interim Director of Education, and Board staff for their continued support and for fostering an environment where parent voices are welcomed and valued.

As the school year comes to an end, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer. I look forward to reconnecting in September with renewed energy as we continue building on the success of this past year.

Warm regards,

Martina  
Chair, YCPIC, 2024-2026

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