



YORK CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE



Supporting Parent Engagement for Student Achievement

Monday, May 25, 2026

6:30 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre

320 Bloomington Rd. West, Aurora, ON. L4G 0M1

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1. **OPENING PRAYER (Martina Saverino)**
Father in Heaven, we thank You for all Your goodness and for the peace You give us. Unite us as Your people, we pray. Unite us as one people with all who want to serve You. Lead us in such a way that others may be helped. Protect us today and every day. Amen.
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Martina Saverino)**
We are gathered on the ancestral lands and waters of all Indigenous Peoples, who have left their footprints on Mother Earth before us. We respectfully acknowledge, those who have walked on it, those who walk on it now, and future generations who have yet to walk upon it. We pray to the Creator for strength and wisdom that all may continue to serve as stewards of the earth.
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 - 11.c 2025-2026 Mileage Reimbursement Jennifer Sarna
 - 11.d Next Meeting: Monday, September 21, 2026 at 6:30 pm
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

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

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York Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
Monday, April 27, 2026 - CEC Board Room (1st Floor)
6:30 pm
MINUTES

A meeting of the York Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (YCPIC) was held at the Catholic Education Centre commencing at 6:32 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2026.

PRESENT:

Committee Member(s):

In Person: Olufisayo Bolarinwa, Christina Gillison, Sahir Jamal, Marcos Paulino, Maria Praveen, Martina Saverino, Jaclyn Toma

Virtual: Leilani Cabral, Giulia Elia, Kim Fernandez-Grisales, Karen Galeano, Binu George, Rhonda Ince, Carman Loong, Magda Mariano, Azita Moradian Bashgaleh, Christina Romanzas, Rachel Sun, Paola Tarco-Trave, Nicole Young, Yan Zhou

Administration:

In Person: Jennifer Sarna, Dario De Angelis
J. Warda (OECTA)

Virtual: N/A

Trustee(s):

In Person: N/A

Virtual: N/A

Guest(s):

Staff: Anthony Arcadi

Trustee: N/A

Recording Secretary: Silvana Greco

REGRETS:

Committee Member(s): Jennifer Barci, Peter Cortese, Robyn De Cicco, Rina George-Alexander, Sabrina Masih

Administration(s): K. MacDougall

Trustee(s): N/A

CALL TO ORDER

Chair – Martina Saverino called the meeting to order at 6:32pm

1.0 OPENING PRAYER – Martina Saverino

2.0 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Martina Saverino

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Martina Saverino

Motion: Marcos Paulino

Second: Giulia Elia

MOTION CARRIED

4.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – Martina Saverino

January 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Rachel Sun

SECOND: Binu George

MOTION CARRIED

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES- Martina Saverino

NIL

6.0 INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REPORT/UPDATE – Jennifer Sarna

Interim Director Sarna reported as follows:

“Since our last YCPIC meeting on January 19 , we’ve had some significant changes to how governance decisions are made at the York Catholic District School Board. On March 5, 2026, the Minister of Education placed our Board under Ministry supervision and Carrie Kormos was appointed as Supervisor.

What does that mean? From a governance perspective, all decisions previously made by the Board of Trustees, except those related to denominational matters, are now made by the appointed Supervisor. From the perspective of what happens in your child’s classroom: Well, I hope you will agree that nothing much has changed. We still have talented and dedicated staff who are working with your children to ensure they receive the best education possible.

I look forward to continuing my partnership with you because I know that we all want the same things: academic success for our students; ensuring that their well-being is being supported; and that they are growing in their faith.

YCPIC Conference

Congratulations to the YCPIC Committee for organizing a well-attended and engaging evening for parents featuring keynote speaker, Curtis Carmichael. We also look forward to hearing from our Superintendent of Curriculum, Anthony Arcadi this evening who will highlight our Board’s curriculum connections with artificial intelligence.

Sacramental Celebrations

Our elementary students are also celebrating important milestones in their faith journey, receiving the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. These are meaningful moments for our students and their families, and we wish them continued blessings as they grow in their faith.

Semester Two / Term Two

We are in the final stretch of the school year. Students have been actively engaged not only in their academic work, but also in school events and fundraising initiatives. Thank you to all parents and guardians for your continued support of our schools.”

7.0 CHAIRS REMARKS – Martina Saverino

YCPIC Chair Martina Saverino expressed her appreciation for the April 8th YCPIC Conference noting the strong attendance for Curtis Carmichael’s presentation. She highlighted that the event generated meaningful discussion and numerous questions from participants. Overall, the feedback received was very positive.

8.0 TREASURER’S REPORT – Christina Gillison

YCPIC Treasurer Christina Gillison advised that the Treasurer’s Report was included in the agenda on page 5. The remaining balance is 5735.00.

9.0 PRESENTATIONS

Artificial Intelligence - Curriculum Connections, Anthony Arcadi, Superintendent of Curriculum & Assessment

Superintendent Arcadi opened by noting that AI is an evolving topic and that the evening aimed to provide clear, transparent information about how York Catholic DSB is approaching it in a thoughtful, responsible and faith-informed way. The presentation was based on the Board's AI Information Sheet for parents and guardians.

What is AI? AI is already part of students' daily lives - whether through apps, search tools or everyday technology. The Board's role is not to avoid AI, but to guide students in using AI responsibly, thoughtfully and effectively. AI can support learning by helping with brainstorming, explaining concepts, and improving work, but it should not replace the thinking process.

The Board uses approved tools such as NotebooksLM for all students and Gemini for secondary students. These tools meet privacy requirements and they do not use student or staff data to train AI models, allowing students to explore AI in a secure environment. Teachers determine when AI is appropriate using professional judgement to support learning goals. This ensures AI is used intentionally and not automatically.

Academic Integrity remains essential. Students are expected to follow teacher direction, acknowledge AI use, and demonstrate their own thinking. If AI is used without acknowledgement, it may be considered plagiarism. The Board has developed comprehensive AI Guidelines for educators, which addresses key areas such as privacy, classroom use and assessment practices, grounded in our Catholic values. A video was shown on an activity called, Two Truth & AI, developed by Common Sense Media.

Overall, the goal is for AI to support students as learners, thinkers, and problem-solvers. AI should support thinking, not replace it.

10.0 ACTION ITEMS

NIL

11.0. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEM(S):

Summary of YCPIC Spring 2026 Conference (April 8, 2026) – Jaclyn Toma

A survey was distributed to attendees following the event. Of the 300 people who registered, 90 attended, along with 16 additional participants who had not registered, resulting in an approximate attendance rate of 25%. Feedback was collected anonymously.

Overall, feedback was positive, with participants indicating the topic was relevant and appreciated. Areas for improvement included the need for a more structured session, a clearer formal opening and a stronger focus on parent-oriented content, particularly practical tips for families. Participants also expressed interest in future topics such as AI, digital safety, privacy, screen time, parent strategies, educational and career planning, interactive sessions, and supporting families in using AI.

YCPIC Chair Martina Saverino suggested that the remaining YCPIC funds be considered for hosting an event for Catholic School Council members, both to thank school communities and to support parent engagement. Further discussion will take place at the next YCPIC meeting.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Christina Gillison

SECOND: Jaclyn Toma

MOTION CARRIED (7:30 pm)

NEXT MEETING: May 25, 2026 @ 6:30pm

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YCPIC YTD Report

As at May 21, 2026

| 2025-26 | Amount \$ |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Budget: | |
| Parent Engagement Board Amount | 5,000 |
| Parent Engagement Per Pupil Amount: | 8,359 |
| Total Budget: | 13,359 |
| Spend: | |
| YCPIC Fall Social | 321 |
| 24/25 workshop Invoice adjustment | 51 |
| APR8/26 Spring conference | 7,251 |
| Total Spend: | 7,624 |
| Budget less Spend: | 5,735 |