

YORK CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, January 18, 2016
7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Committee Members:

Jimmy Au-Yeung, Januario de Souza, Jeremy D'Souza, Agatha Fallone Cretaro, Mary Giardina, Meeta Kirkham, Yolanda Lobo, Marion Menezes, Donna Psaila, Emanuela Polin-De Luca, Maurizio Ruberto, Danny Scenna, Rosanna Soda

Administration:

Frances Bagley, Coordinating Superintendent, Olga Ferro, Principal and Fran Zeppieri, Manager, Child Care Services

Trustee(s):

Carol Cotton, Chair of the Board

Guests:

Veronica Reis and Suzanne Sneek – St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic School Council members

REGRETS:

Committee Members:

Teresa Ambroz, Diana Corsi, Ida Di Tacchio, Rosa Micieli, Diane Scaini, Maria Siciliano, Marisa Snider

Administration:

Patricia Preston, Director of Education and Nancy Di Nardo, Superintendent of Education: School Leadership

Trustees:

Theresa McNicol

Recording Secretary:

Agatha Fallone Cretaro

1.0 WELCOME/PRAYER

Jan de Souza, YCPIC Chair, welcomed everyone present and reminded everyone about the contents of the package, i.e. agenda, prayer and unapproved meeting minutes. A prayer was said by all.

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA - JANUARY 18, 2016

Motion: Scenna/Kirkham

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

3.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

Motion: Ruberto/Menezes

THAT the Minutes of Meeting of November 2, 2015 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

4.0 APPROVAL OF TERMS OF REFERENCE - 2016

Motion: Lobo/Ruberto

THAT the 2016 Terms of Reference be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

5.0 PRESENTATION:

Draft Policy #604 – Child Care: Early Years, Extended Day, Before and After Programs

Presented by: Frances Bagley, Coordinating Superintendent and Fran Zeppieri, Manager, Child Care Services

- Policy Consultation feedback open until February 12, 2016; policy and form available on Board's website
- YCPIC members are asked to identify themselves as such so that individual forms can be collated into one response from YCPIC.
- Highlights pertaining to revisions
- Policy implementation date: February 2017
- Interim procedure is being drafted by Senior Admin directing Child Care Operators to administer a parent satisfaction survey this March
- Results of the survey will be sent to the Manager of Child Care Services and reported to the Board of Trustees
- Trustees may direct the Manager of Child Care Services to initiate a conflict resolution process if concerns are evident
- If the process does not resolve the issues in the specific centre the Board may direct the Manager of Child Care Services to initiate the re-selection process, the steps of which are outlined within the draft policy with dates needing to be realigned for the interim procedure
- The interim procedure will be terminated in January 2017 as the approved policy will then be applied
- Current Policies 604 and Policy 605 are not amalgamated into one policy encompassing all child care services provided on board premises
- What's new (all outlined within the draft policy)
- Operator's Agreement; Licences (for purpose built childcare centres) vs. Leases (replaces permit procedure for B & A programs with the exception of PA days and Board holidays)
- Child Care Parent Engagement Committee; Child Care Operator Network; Right of First Proposal
- Draft Policy outlines the following processes: Operator Pre-Approval Process; Operator Selection Process and Operator Renewal Process
- Next Steps: Development of the Annual Parent Satisfaction Survey and the YCDSB Child Care in Schools: Operator's Handbook
- Thank you

6.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORT/UPDATE

The following Director's Report was delivered by Frances Bagley, Coordinating Superintendent, on behalf of Patricia Preston, Director of Education:

Good evening everyone. Our Director regrets that she is unable to attend this evening's meeting, and has asked me to deliver the Director's Update on her behalf.

Good evening everyone! Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope that you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and time to relax with family and friends. I am looking forward to a successful 2016.

Multi-Year Strategic Plan

As you know, we launched the Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan back in October 2014. Our work on the Multi-Year Strategic Plan continues, and it serves to guide all of our work. This year, we established priorities and goals for our Strategic Plan, and we look to these priorities to help inform our decisions moving forward. Our MYSP is the framework we use to plan, to identify, and to establish the most effective and important aspects of delivering a curriculum which supports 21st century learning in our schools; and for allocating dollars and resources to facilities and projects to meet the needs of all students.

Next month, a short survey will be shared with all stakeholders to assess their **awareness** of the Multi-Year Strategic Plan, specifically their awareness of our new mission, vision, core values and strategic commitments. We ask for your support by encouraging your Catholic School Councils and parents to complete the survey. The survey will be available online and we will be communicating with all parents in early February.

Additional PA Days

The YCDSB has updated its 2015/16 school year calendar by increasing the number of Professional Activity Days devoted to provincial education priorities. As you may be aware, the Province, together with our Trustee Association, and OECTA -- the union representing our teachers -- recently negotiated a new contract for teachers. A key term of the settlement that was negotiated is the provision of an additional PA Day each school year. Designated PA Days are devoted to provincial education priorities identified by the Minister of Education. We have set dates for an additional PA Day, for this school year at the elementary and secondary level:

The additional PA Day at the elementary level will take place on: May 6th, 2016.

The additional PA Day at the secondary level will take place on: June 3rd, 2016.

****A letter will be shared with all parents in the next couple of weeks.**

Survey: School Year Calendar and Christmas Schedule for 2016/17

We are in the process of establishing the school year calendar for the 2016-2017 school year. There are many factors to consider in this process as The Ministry of Education provides guidelines regarding the overall make-up of the school year calendar including start and end dates, number of professional development days, suggested school breaks, etc. The final calendar is shared with all stakeholders in the spring.

We are reviewing the Christmas Break schedule for next year, in particular. As the Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Sundays next year, we are seeking the feedback of all parents in the Board about the Christmas Break schedule. We are in the process of creating an online survey for all parents with two options:

The choices being considered are:

Option 1:

Last day of school - Friday, December 16, 2016. Christmas vacation beginning on Saturday, December 17, 2016 and ending on Sunday, January 1, 2017. Students return to school on Monday, January 2, 2017.

Option 2:

Last day of school - Friday, December 23, 2016. Christmas vacation beginning on Saturday, December 24, 2016 and ending on Sunday, January 8, 2017. Students return to school on Monday, January 9, 2017.

We will ask all parents in this short survey to select either Option 1 or Option 2. The survey will be ready in a couple of weeks.

Google Expeditions

I wanted to take a moment to tell you about a very exciting pilot project, called Google Expeditions. Currently, we have 50 of our schools participating. Students wear a set of “Google glasses,” and the images portrayed through the lenses, take students on various journeys all over the world, into space and into deep ocean waters.

Earlier this week and I was able to tour the Great Wall of China and explore Singapore! It was the trip of a lifetime! I know that when used in collaboration with existing lessons and curriculum, Google Expeditions will provide our students with wonderful experiences that bring abstract concepts to life and provide a deeper understanding of the world beyond the classroom.

Closing

In closing, I want to wish you all a Happy New Year. A new year brings new hope and new possibilities – and I wish you many blessings for the year ahead, and much joy throughout 2016.

Thank you.

7.0 CHAIR’S UPDATE/REPORT

Workshops

- Good progress with our workshops
- Gathered feedback from the conference

Regional Pro Grant Committee

- Met to discuss how to spend the funds and the following items were discussed
- One regional forum scheduled for February 25, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., with smaller groups; this date is not good since too many local activities happening because of Catholic Education Week
- 50 tickets to each school, large forum like the conference

Annual Conference

- Topics discussed: Coping with transitions, Positive parenting with your child, Teenage Brain, Jennifer Kolari – ***Connecting Parenting***
- Save the date – book date and location (regional sessions), looking at the beginning of April 7 at the John Vanier Catholic High School

Sub-Committees

- Sign-ups took place once responsibilities were reviewed
- Committees and members as follows:
 - Communication Committee - Emanuela, Jeremy, Jimmy
 - Orientation Committee - Meta, Maurizio, Rosanna
 - Pro Grant Committee - Yolanda, Jan, Marion, Danny
 - Conference & Budget Committee - Donna, Agatha, Mary, Marion, Jimmy
- Jan to call the others members not present to ask to join the committee
- Next meeting is a working meeting
- Come prepared to discuss action plan and bring in your resources
- Prior to next meeting come earlier for dinner
- The next meeting will be held around end of Feb at 6:30 p.m.

8.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

An update was provided costs for the conference

9.0 OAPCE'S REPORT

Minister of Education Presentation

- Parent engagement head at Ministry

OAPCE 77th Annual Conference, AGM and Gala Dinner

- May 6 & May 7, 2016
- Theme - "Living Virtual Lives in a Virtual World"
- Need to find another director, to be the second director – Mary Giardina wants to be the 2nd director -- First motion Jimmy Au-Yeung, Second motion Marion Menezes

10.0 NEXT MEETING DATE

No Date was determined.

11.0 ADJORNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.