



York Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
June 13, 2023
Catholic Education Centre
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

PRESENT:

Committee Member(s): **In Person:** Olufisayo Bolarinwa, Peter De Quintal, Jan De Souza, Sara Angela Figliomeni, Gabriella Marchione, Emanuela Polin-De Luca, Maria Praveen, Singai Rani Wilson, Maurizio Ruberto, Martina Saverino, Sarah Tjin-a-joe, Jaclyn Toma
Virtual: N/A

Administration: **In Person:** Domenic Scuglia, Jennifer Sarna
In Person: Michael Oyston, OECTA Rep

Trustee(s): **Virtual:** Elizabeth Crowe, Theresa McNicol

Other Trustee(s): **In Person:** Angela Grella, Maria Iafrate, Jennifer Wigston

Guest(s): Calum McNeil, Jesua Tsai, Anthony Arcadi

Recording Secretary: Maurizio Ruberto

REGRETS:

Committee Member(s): Teresa Abbruscato, Melena Carrassi, Kristina Costabile, Sahir Jamal, Tony Lorini, Rosanna Soda, Andrea Telfer, Florence Wang

Administration(s): Andre Belille, Evonne Carafa

Trustee(s): N/A

1.0 WELCOME / PRAYER / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

YCPIC Chair Sara Figliomeni welcomed everyone and led the opening prayer followed by the Land Acknowledgement.

2.0 CALL TO ORDER

The YCPIC meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Martina Saverino

Seconded: Maurizio Ruberto

MOTION CARRIED

4.0 ROLL CALL

Absent: Teresa Abbruscato, Kristina Costabile, Tony Lorini, Maria Praveen, Rosanna Soda

5.0 APPROVAL OF UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING – April 24, 2023

Motion: Maurizio Ruberto

Seconded: Martina Saverino

MOTION CARRIED

6.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

School Messenger – Drop Down Menu – A sub-committee was created and three recommendations were implemented. A message to parents announcing these changes and describing the menu was suggested.

OAPCE Regional Council Conference – YCPIC shall consider subsidizing a portion of the conference for OAPCE reps.

Equitable Distribution of Resources – M. Saverino, YCPIC Vice-Chair advised that she met with the Board's Chief Financial Officer to discuss fundraising ideas/options in an effort to make it equitable for all YCDSB students. One idea that was feasible was district-wide fundraising that would get distributed to all schools. If the Board proceeds in this direction, an update will be provided. YCPIC to provide feedback.

7.0 PRESENTATION

a) 2023 Cashless School System Implementation Update

C. McNeil, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Board and J. Tsai, Manager Accounting and Financial Services presented an update on the Cashless School System. There were three phases done in 2022-2023 school year. Phase 3 in October 2022, Phase 4 in January 2023 and Phase 5 in May 2023. School Day was rolled out to all high schools and there will be a focus on secondary teacher training in the spring 2023 to ensure the adoption rate is increased. An overview of the adoption rate was shared, with 37 elementary and 16 high schools – average adoption rate is 74% which is on target. We currently have over 20 schools with an adoption rate of 90%. We have 24K students enrolled in the system and processed more than \$4M on this platform. There remain 49 elementary schools remaining to be implemented in 2023-2024 school year with three phases. Schools will be able to choose the phase they would like to start School Day. It was noted that the Board is not eliminating cash and cheques, but School Day remains the form of payment preferred. Staff is working with each high school independently to ensure their needs are met. E-transfer will be removed and all high schools will be using School Day. Testimonials were shared. Subledger reports can be generated and used by the Catholic School Council for reporting purposes.

8.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Scuglia remarked as follows:

“As we enter into the final month of another school year we have a number of closing celebrations that we are attending not the least of which are our Graduation ceremonies for our grade 8 students and also our Secondary School students who will be moving on to post-secondary the month kicked off.

York Secondary Catholic Presidents Council (YSCPC)

On June 5th we held our in-person event, the YSCPC and Board Recognition evening hosted at St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS. This event is really a significant event for us at York Catholic as it celebrates the many accomplishments of both our high school students and our staff, both teaching and non-teaching, in a very celebratory way. Each School brings forward a nomination and those people are recognized that evening. It was really a highlight for us to kick off the month of June with that event and we look forward to many more.

City of Vaughan Council

We had an opportunity to attend City of Vaughan Council Meeting last week where we had a number of our students who were recognized by the City of Vaughan for their artwork. The City of Vaughan had a project where they asked schools within the City to submit artwork that would eventually decorate their electrical boxes in the community. They selected 12 pieces of art, six from our students and six from the Public Board. Those pieces of art will adorn the electrical boxes in the community with a plan to expand to future boxes.

Director's Council

We celebrated our final Directors Council which includes all our Principals and Senior Team last Wednesday as well our Celebrant Father Stefan. This was his first-time celebrating Mass with us. It was a wonderful celebration with a beautiful Homily that was well received by all of the Principals, Senior Team and Trustees who attended. Chair Alexander delivered closing remarks.

May 29, 2023 Board Meeting

We had an adventurous Board Meeting on May the 29th which culminated in a vote on the progress pride flag which for several months has had the attention of the Trustees. The vote was not to fly the pride flag and we continue to mitigate the decisions in that regard. We continue to support our students. It will always be a priority to ensure our students remain safe. I want parents to know that nothing has changed on that front.

Final Exams

Final examinations for our secondary schools begin on the June 20th and will culminate on the 27th. Graduation ceremonies follow thereafter.

Friends and Advocates of Catholic Education (FACE)

We've been working with FACE including Bishop Boissonneau, who sits on the Committee as well as some of our Trustees and members of the Senior Team. Our intent was to invite MPPs, MPs and local Municipal Counsellors to attend our schools to see the incredible positive work that's happening in our Catholic schools. We were successful in having MPP Billy Pang on June 14th and MPP Daisy Wai on June 16th attend our school visits to hear presentations on the outstanding work that's happening in our schools.

Happy Father's Day

This weekend is a very important day for the male role models in our families as we recognize Father's Day on June 18th.

Last Day of School

June 30th is a professional activity day. Elementary schools will be a half day."

9.0 CHAIR'S REPORT, 2022

YCPIC Chair, Sara Figliomeni advised she had no update since the last YCPIC meeting.

10.0 TREASURER'S REPORT, 2022

YCPIC Chair Figliomeni provided the Treasurer's Report as of June 7, 2023 on behalf of YCPIC Treasurer, Andrea Telfer.

11. OAPCE's REPORT/ UPDATE

York OAPCE Rep, Sara Tjin-Joe provided an OAPCE Provincial Updates. Some of the updates included that all year end reports were approved by parents at the April 22, 2023 AGM. A resource, "Engage, Advocate and Enhance" was shared for YCPIC members and parents to access. OAPCE attended the recent Institute for Catholic Education (ICE) Symposium with a focus on adult faith formation. The event is held every five years and open to all Catholic School Boards across Ontario. OAPCE begins its year long celebration of its 85th anniversary and will be taking a more involved role in the advocacy for Catholic Education.

12.0 PRESENTATION - CONTINUED

a) Continuing Education Summer 2023 Update

A. Arcadi, Superintendent of Curriculum & Assessment provided an update on the summer 2023 programs. For the elementary programs a short video with all offerings, created in three parts – remedial programs, international languages, and general interest and fee-paying programs – 2400 elementary students have registered for summer programs. New programs include AKOMA Camp, Summer Learning Camp for Students on Alternative Programs, Expansion of the International Language Program (18 international languages), expansion of the Kick Start Junior Remedial Program and Summer Fun Camp. Information about the Secondary programs was shared noting 2000+ students registered in summer courses. Highlights include, in-person kick-start program for Gr 8 students going into Gr 9 with a credit. Also offered is accelerated learning, eLearning, Remote Credit Recovery, SHSM Co-Op, Remote Accelerated Pathways. There is an opportunity for 40 grade 10 and 11 students to travel to earn a credit. A summary of Adult Programs was also provided. Currently 13K students are registered in Continuing Education Programs. It was noted that the Continuing Education Department is always open to suggestions from parents and students to add different courses and international languages.

13.0 ACTION ITEM(S): N/A

14.0 DISCUSSION ITEM(S):

a) Catholic School Council Constitution Update

J. Sarna, Associate Director advised that the draft Constitution shared took into account all the suggestions brought forward from the Working Group. A guideline for principals will be developed before the start of the new school year. Staff is still working to develop common understanding at each school, whether elementary or secondary as they will use the common template. Extra support will be made available to the school principals that require assistance in developing their Constitution. It was noted that Legislation was used to identify a maximum number of parents that can be voting members. A minimum number was not indicated, as there is flexibility at the school level.

b) Healthy Schools Fundraiser: Fresh From the Farm

A. Arcadi, Superintendent of Curriculum & Assessment shared a copy of the information shared via System Memo to all schools as a potential fundraiser. The Fresh From the Farm program offers another way to support student learning and understanding of food literacy.

c) 2023-2024 YCPIC Meeting Dates

D. Scuglia, Director of Education shared the YCPIC meeting dates for 2023-2024.

d) Track & Field Meet – Special Weather Statement

YCPIC parent brought forward their concern with the track & field meet not being cancelled the previous day due to the special weather statement. J. Sarna, Associate Director advised that when track and field is marketed at schools it occurs rain or shine.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Figliomeni adjourned the meeting at 8:04 PM.

Motion: Peter De Quintal

Seconded: Singai Rani Wilson

MOTION CARRIED