

YORK CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, September 22, 2014

7 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

PRESENT:

Committee Members:

Januario de Souza, Diana Corsi, Danny Scenna, Agatha Fallone Cretaro, Mary Giardina, Meeta Kirkham, Rosa Micieli, Emanuela Polin-De Luca, Veronica Reis, Maurizio Ruberto, Diane Scaini, Maria Siciliano, Rosanna Soda

Trustees:

Carol Cotton

Administration:

Patricia Preston, Director of Education, Nancy Di Nardo, Superintendent of Education, Olga Ferro, Principal

Parent Guest:

Paula Bandi YCPIC Past-Chair

REGRETS:

Committee Members:

Gary Chan, Gail Cheung, Ida Di Tacchio, Paula Irwin, Maria Le, Yolanda Lobo, Christina Melick, Donna Pasaila, Diane Robert, Rose Scaccia, Marisa Snider

Recording Secretary:

Januario de Souza

1. WELCOME/PRAYER

Januario de Souza, Chair of YCPIC, welcomed and thanked everyone for being there. Also reminded all present about the contents of the package i.e. Agenda, Prayer, Unapproved Minutes of Meeting and 2014 Ontario Municipal and School Board Elections Flyer. The prayer was said by all.

2. PRESENTATION – OAPCE PARTNERSHIP

Renata Quattrociocchi, Treasurer of the OAPCE Board, gave a presentation on OAPCE, which was followed by a Q&A session.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Veronica Reis and seconded by Danny Scenna

THAT the minutes of the YCPIC Meeting held on June 16, 2014, be approved with the following minor edits:

Page 2: Delete “During the Annual Catholic School Conference, YCPIC hosted a networking session for Secondary Chairs and it was a huge success.

All in favor & agenda approved.

-MOTION CARRIED-

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Meeta Kirkham and seconded by Rosanna Soda

THAT the agenda of the YCPIC Meeting held on September 22, 2014 be approved with the following minor edits:

For Treasurers update Danny Scaccia wants to add Knights of Columbus update.

All in favor & agenda approved.

-MOTION CARRIED-

5. CHAIR'S REPORT/UPDATES

Januario de Souza, Chair of YCPIC provided updates on the following:

(1) Sister Angela Ann Zukowski's special presentation held on the evening of September 17, 2014, at Maximilian Kolbe CHS at 7 p.m.:

- Topic: Catholic Identity in a Digital World.
- Seven Habits for Navigating through Cyber Sea

(2) Letter received from The Honourable Liz Sandals, Minister of Education on September 10, 2014, addressed to PIC Chairs/Co-Chairs. This letter will be forwarded to all after the meeting. The letter provides information on:

- Update on the Ministry's recent work
- Pro-Grants
- Tools & Resources

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/UPDATES

Director Patricia Preston welcomed everyone. Introductions were conducted.

Director Patricia Preston provided updates on:

- 4 weeks into school year, things are going very well, smooth start.
- PA Day today. Lots of work done on school improvement plans, learning disabilities, curriculum, special education etc. Principals did an excellent job of leading the sessions.
- EQAO Results are out and posted on our board website. Our students in Grade 3 and 6 are doing very well. Improvement in Reading, Writing and Math.
- Secondary results come out this week. Our students are doing well. Applied Math program improved by 6% points and Academic Math is at 86% where we want to be, but we are developing strategies to improve results for the 14% that did not reach the Provincial standard.
- Sister Angela Ann Zukowski presented to our Principals in the afternoon, talked about our students leaving a digital footprint.
- Full Day Kindergarten update. All schools have it now in our Board. Summer registrations at the CEC lead to 161 registrations.
- Enrolment up a little bit this year.

7. TREASURER's UPDATE

Danny Scenna provided the following updates

- As of this meeting, we have \$1,112 remaining in our budget. Have received \$10,000 and spent \$8,888.
- Knights of Columbus are inviting 9 schools to participate in a basketball competition. Once dates are set, Danny will let us know.

8. OAPCE UPDATE

Provided by Maurizio Ruberto

- OAPCE rebate for YCDSB received and cheque given to Director Patricia Preston today.
- Electing 2nd director's position deferred to next meeting as interested candidate in the position Christina Melick was not in attendance.

9. CONFERENCE PLANNING

Discussion held on the need to have our next Annual Catholic School Conference and various main themes discussed.

- Targeted date Saturday November 8, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Targeted topic around supporting Parent Engagement in this fast paced digital age.

Next Steps:

- Form Sub-Committee to organize event
- Finding keynote speaker
- Suggestions for break-out sessions
- Chair to send email to all requesting volunteers
- YCPIC will host a New Chairs and Vice-Chairs workshop in October. Targeted date Wednesday October 22. This will be in the evening for a couple of hours similar to the one we had last year at St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS. Olga Ferro is helping us with organizing this event, and once we have more information we will share it with all.

10. FUTURE MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 29, 2014.

11. ADJORNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.