

YORK CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE
Minutes of AGM Meeting
Monday, September 25, 2017
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Committee Members: Jimmy Au-Yeung, Christina Corsetti, Sonja Da Silva, Januario de Souza, Patil Demerji, John Gallo, Meghan Jackson, Tony Lorini, Marion Menezes, Julie Merianos, Emanuela Polin-De Luca, Donna Psaila, Maurizio Ruberto, Deven Sandhu, Martina Saverino

Trustees: Teresa Ciaravella, Carol Cotton

Administration: Patricia Preston, Director of Education, Frances Bagley, Associate Director: Strategic Leadership and Olga Ferro, Principal

Parent Guest: None

Other Guests: None

REGRETS:

Committee Members: Mary Giardina, Johnson Irimpan, Maria Komljanec, Menaka Kulendran, Brenda Psihalos, Rosanna Soda, Karen Sortino, Enza Torchia

Recording Secretary: Januario de Souza

1.0 WELCOME/PRAYER

Chair Ms. Psaila welcomed and thanked everyone for being present. Introduction followed. Chair then requested those present for intentions. All said the prayer included in our handouts.

2.0 CALL TO ORDER

Lead by Director Ms. Preston.

3.0 DIRECTOR'S REMARKS

Good evening everyone. Welcome to our first meeting of the 2017/2018 school year. I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer with family and friends. The month of September has flown by, and we are off to a great school start. In addition to the

traditional school events that reflect a new school year, our schools have also begun some excellent work in the area of charity -- many schools have hosted their annual Terry Fox Runs, and as Thanksgiving season draws near, our schools are participating in a special Thanksgiving Food Drive called "One for Haiti" where all students and staff will be asked to donate one food item for the people of Haiti. In July, we had an opportunity to meet with Father Brian Kerr, who is the Director for an organization called *Missionaries of the Poor*. We have partnered with Fr. Brian and we will be inviting all schools to participate in a food drive for this worthy initiative.

Share Life

This summer, we also got some great news from ShareLife --York Catholic schools raised \$133,446.14, which is an increase over the previous year by 13.44%. This is wonderful news and I thank our parents and schools communities for supporting ShareLife year after year.

Safety Awareness Week

Schools across the system will participate in Safety Awareness Week this week. All schools are practicing various drills and procedures for emergency preparedness and safety awareness. The safety of our students and staff safe is a top priority, and we are dedicated to creating a safe learning environment for all students and staff.

EQAO Results

EQAO has released the results of the Grade 3, 6 and 9 assessments and according to the results from EQAO and the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, York Catholic students continue to outpace their provincial peers in most areas of testing.

Reading and writing continue to be our strongest areas. The EQAO results by school are listed on our website. Please visit our website for additional details by school.

There is always more work to be done as we strive to improve our students' outcomes; and this year, as with the rest of the province, we will make math the priority. Our curriculum team is working with the Ministry's Renewed Math Strategy so that all students are provided with 60 minutes of math instruction per day.

Ministry Of Education – Announcement of Key Initiatives

Each year, the Ministry of Education announces its Key Initiatives for the school year. The Minister of Education and the Premier announced the government's next steps in the areas of well-being and equity to meet the objectives of its "Achieving Excellence" strategy for education in Ontario.

The focus areas include:

Well-Being Strategy – will include the effects that bullying and mental health have on student success in and out of the classroom.

Updated Curriculum and New Report Cards – which will include a comprehensive review, as well as a public consultation on the province's Kindergarten to grade 12 Curriculum. The goal is to improve student achievement in core skills such as math and increase the emphasis on transferrable life skills such as Communication, Problem

Solving, Critical Thinking and Global Citizenship. Beginning next school year, a **new Report Card** will be introduced to better track a student's development in these skills.

Ontario's Education Equity Action Plan – This plan will serve as the province's blueprint for identifying and eliminating discriminatory practices, systemic barriers and biases from schools and classrooms.

Land Acknowledgment

School Boards across Ontario are demonstrating their commitment to Truth and Reconciliation by providing Land Acknowledgements that honour Indigenous Peoples and traditional lands. At YCDSB, we echo the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) and the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO) in their response to the Calls to Action through the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

YCDSB's First Nations, Métis and Inuit Steering Committee (Indigenous Elders and YCDSB Board and school staff) in consultation with Trustees and Senior Administration developed a Land Acknowledgement Statement. This statement is inclusive of all Indigenous Peoples and it will be embedded as a distinct school practice and will be recited at all large school community of gatherings.

It reads:

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.

Closing

In closing, I would like to extend my very best wishes to you and your families for a very successful school year and for a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

4.0 DIRECTOR DECLARES THE YCPIC 2016-2017 DISSOLVED

Director Preston declared the YCPIC 2016-2017 dissolved.

5.0 ELECTIONS OF 2017-2018 OFFICERS

Director Preston led the proceedings and explanation of procedures of elections, requested nominations, appointed scrutineers and if election by ballot, requested motion to destroy ballots.

a) Election of Vice-Chair

The Director called for nominations of Vice-Chair.

Nominations:

- a. Nominees were Meghan Jackson and Maurizio Ruberto

- b. Nominees accepted the nominations and spoke to those present.
- c. Motion put forward to allow Meghan Jackson to contest by making an exception to the YCPIC By-Law 5.5 (2) requiring a minimum of 2 years experience as a member of YCPIC by Director Preston.

Motion by Sandhu/Polin De Luca and CARRIED.

The Director thrice repeated the call for nominations for Vice-Chair of the YCPIC. Nominations for Vice-Chair were closed on **Motion by Corsetti/Menezes and CARRIED.**

The Director declared Meghan Jackson, Vice-Chair of the YCPIC for the year 2017-2018.

b) Election of Treasurer

The Director called for nominations of Treasurer.

Nominations:

- a. Nominees were Maurizio Ruberto and Marion Menezes
- b. Nominees accepted the nominations and spoke to those present.

The Director thrice repeated the call for nominations for Treasurer of the YCPIC. Nominations for Treasurer were closed on **Motion by Da Silva/Gallo and CARRIED.**

The Director declared Marion Menezes, Treasurer of the YCPIC for the year 2017-2018.

c) Election of Secretary

The Director called for nominations of Secretary.

Nominations:

- a. Nominee was Martina Saverino.
- b. Nominee accepted the nomination and spoke to those present.

The Director declared Martina Saverino, Secretary of YCPIC for the year 2017-2018.

Director Preston congratulated all the officers of YCPIC school year 2017-2018.

6.0 CHAIR OF YCDSB REMARKS

CHAIR of YCDSB Carol Cotton reminded all present about the Faith Campaign. Requested we all help spread the message to lobby provincial members. Information is at www.togetherinfaith.ca or at OCSTA web site.

This was followed by introductions by Trustee Teresa Ciaravella.

7.0 REVIEW OF CONSTITUTION

CHAIR of YCPIC Donna Psaila reviewed the YCPIC By-Laws. Explained the Vision and Strategies.

8.0 YCPIC CHAIR'S REPORT/UPDATE

Chair Donna Psaila provided following updates:

1. Updates on activities in school year 2016-2017.
 - Conferences held, Workshops held, Annual CSC Conference, Regional PRO Grant and PRO Grants for schools, Newsletters etc.
 - Reminded all that our next event will be the 2017-2018 Orientation Workshop for new Chairs/Co-Chairs/Secretary (On Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 7 p.m. at St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic High School (Library). 230 Shaftsbury Avenue, Richmond Hill, ON, L4C 0E8)
2. Discussed each strategy and requested suggestions to support individual school councils. Followed by discussions by all. Some suggestions
 - Develop checklists for Primary and Secondary CSCs
 - Use of Parish resources
 - Communication on what YCPIC and OAPCE do
 - Communication must be engaging
 - Pamphlets with information
 - Better easy to find information on web site
3. Updates on sub-committees

Communication Committee will have the following responsibilities
Lead: Emanuela Polin-De Luca

 - Produce Newsletters – fall and spring
 - Help in the promotion/marketing of events
 - Help in YCPIC Website management
 - Develop YCPIC resource list and plan annual social inviting alumni

Orientation for CSC Executives & Constitution Committee will have the following responsibilities ***Lead: Sonja DaSilva***

 - Conduct workshop for Chairs/Co-Chairs and on constitution
 - Conduct a Parent Engagement Workshop
 - Support Resource Sharing – Mentor & Support Contact
 - Review if constitution needs to be updated and execute

Pro-grant Committee will have the following responsibilities ***Lead: Januario de Souza***>

 - Update and report on current year's regional grant
 - Administer & apply for next year's regional grant
 - Support schools with pro-grant writing; conduct a workshop
 - Outreach to schools that have not applied for pro-grants so that all YCDSB schools apply

Conference & Budget Committee will have the following responsibilities
Lead: Marion Menezes>

 - Plan and approve annual budget

- Plan the Annual CSC in Spring
- Plan for Regional Forums in Fall and Winter

Before adjournment members would have the opportunity to join any sub-committee's they want to.

9.0 OAPCE'S REPORT

Mr. Ruberto provided update on upcoming Conference planned for St. Joan of Arc CHS in next school year on October 13/14th. Clarified that OAPCE representatives from schools need to let their Principals know if they can attend and then the Principals will let Ms. Bagley at the Board know who in turn will let OAPCE know.

10.0 ACTION ITEM(S)

Approval of Terms of Reference discussed but not approved due to lack of quorum in school year 2016-2017 to be actioned at next scheduled meeting in November 2017.

11.0 APPROVAL OF UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING – JUNE 5, 2017

Unapproved Minutes of Meeting dated June 5, 2017 were approved with following 3 changes.

Add two names in PRESENT under Parent Guest(s): Christina Corsetti and Demerji Patil

Page 2 of 6 - Correct spelling for BUDGET in section 4.0

Page 6 of 6 - Section 7.0

Current: Approval of Terms of Reference will be tabled at next scheduled meeting.

Change to: Approval of Terms of Reference will be tabled at next scheduled meeting after AGM on 27 Nov 2017.

MOTION: GALLO/CORSETTI

THAT the Minutes of Meeting of June 5, 2017, be approved with the above three changes.

MOTION CARRIED

12.0 2017-2018 YCPIC MEETING DATES

Chair Donna Psaila reminded all the dates which all fall on Monday.
11/27/2017; 01/29/2018; 02/05/2018; 04/16/2018 & 06/04/2018

Members present had the opportunity to join the sub-committee's.

Communication: Emanuela, Julie, Meghan, Tony, John

Conference: Marion, Martina, Mary, Devan, Patil

Pro-Grant: Januario, Jimmy, Christina

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: SAVERINO/GALL

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED