



YORK CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE



Supporting Parent Engagement for Student Achievement

**Monday, September 21, 2026
6:30 p.m.
Catholic Education Centre
Board Room (1st Floor)**

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| 1. WELCOME / PRAYER / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT | M. Saverino | |
| 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA | M. Saverino | |
| 3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – May 25, 2026 | M. Saverino | 3 |
| 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES | | |
| 5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT / UPDATE | J. Sarna | |
| 6. CHAIR'S REPORT / UPDATE | M. Saverino | |
| 7. TREASURER'S REPORT | C. Gillison | |
| 8. PRESENTATION: | | |
| 9. ACTION ITEM(S): NIL | | |
| 10. DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEM(S): | | |
| a) 2025-2026 YCPIC Annual Report | M. Saverino | 7 |
| b) 2026-27 Parent Engagement Funding (Incl PRO Grant Funding) | J. Sarna | |
| c) Catholic School Council Orientation - Date TBD | | |
| 11. ADJOURNMENT | | |

NEXT MEETING: November 23, 2026 at 6:30 pm

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Father in Heaven,

You fill heaven and earth with Your Spirit
and allow us to share in Your gifts.

We thank You for all You have given us.

Although our lives often seem hopeless and full of sorrow,
Your powers are still living among men, working for their
good and waking them to new life.

The time will surely come when our hearts will be released
from their hunger and we can be filled with the life from
above, which You give us in Jesus Christ.

Amen

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*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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York Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
Monday, May 25, 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 6:34 p.m. on Monday, May 25, 2026.

PRESENT:

Committee Member(s):

In Person:	Olufisayo Bolarinwa, Christina Gillison, Rhonda Ince, Sahir Jamal, Martina Saverino
Virtual:	Jennifer Barci, Kim Fernandez-Grisales, Karen Galeano, Binu George, Carman Loong, Azita Moradian Bashgaleh, Marcos Paulino, Maria Praveen, Christina Romanzas, Paola Tarco-Trave, Jaclyn Toma, Nicole Young, Yan Zhou

Administration:

In Person:	Jennifer Sarna, Dario De Angelis
Virtual:	R. Russo (OECTA)

Trustee(s):

In Person:	N/A
Virtual:	N/A

Guest(s):

Staff:	N/A
Trustee:	N/A

Recording Secretary: Silvana Greco

REGRETS:

Committee Member(s): Leilani Cabral, Peter Cortese, Robyn De Cicco, Giulia Elia, Rina George-Alexander, Magda Mariano, Sabrina Masih, Rachel Sun

Administration(s): K. MacDougall
Trustee(s): N/A

CALL TO ORDER

Chair – Martina Saverino called the meeting to order at 6:34pm

1.0 OPENING PRAYER – Martina Saverino

2.0 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Martina Saverino

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Martina Saverino

Motion: Marcos Paulino

Second: Sahir Jamal

MOTION CARRIED

4.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – Martina Saverino

April 27, 2026 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Binu George

SECOND: Rhonda Ince

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:

Student and Family Support Office

YCDSB has launched the Student and Family Support Office as required by the Ministry of Education. This office will help parents/guardians who are seeking support or guidance related to a student's education, particularly when a concern is complex, unresolved or cannot be addressed at the school level. The best place to begin is always at the school level before contacting the Student and Family Support Office, as most concerns can be resolved directly through the school first. All School Boards will have a Student and Family Support Office in place by September 2026.

Catholic Education Week

All our schools held many activities during Catholic Education Week which took place from May 3 to 8 with the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path to Holiness". Throughout the week, students, staff and families came together to celebrate and reflect on the values of faith, community, compassion and service that are at the heart of Catholic education. Milestone Anniversaries were also celebrated. Thank you to the staff, students, Administrators and school communities for working together.

Secondary Graduation

Congratulations are extended to our secondary students who are graduating and moving on to university, college, an apprenticeship, workforce or service to their community. This important milestone reflects their years of hard work, perseverance, faith and dedication and we are proud of all their accomplishments.

Elementary Promotions

Congratulations are also extended to our elementary students who have completed elementary school and are preparing to begin secondary school. This transition marks an exciting new stage filled with opportunity, growth, learning, leadership and new experiences. We wish them continued success as they embrace the challenges and opportunities ahead.

We thank all our parents and guardians for their ongoing support, encouragement, guidance and partnership in nurturing our students throughout their educational journey. Completing any grade or course brings a sense of accomplishment and our students should all be very proud of their achievements.

Safe Summer

As summer begins, I would like to thank the YCPIC Committee for your commitment, ongoing partnership and continued support and involvement. Your contributions help strengthen our school community and make a positive difference for our students, staff and families. On behalf of the Senior Team, we hope all families have an opportunity to relax, recharge and enjoy quality time together with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another wonderful school year ahead.

7.0 CHAIRS REMARKS – Martina Saverino

YCPIC Chair Martina Saverino advised that this was the final YCPIC meeting for the current school year. She extended best wishes for a wonderful summer and thanked the YCPIC Committee for their support and dedication.

YCPIC Chair Saverino also noted that the final meeting for 2025-2026 YCPIC year will be held on September 21, 2026, at which time the current YCPIC Committee will be dissolved.

8.0 TREASURER'S REPORT – Christina Gillison

YCPIC Chair Martina Saverino reported that the balance remained unchanged since the last meeting, at \$5,735.00.

9.0 PRESENTATIONS

NIL

10.0 ACTION ITEMS

NIL

11.0. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEM(S):

a) Dedicated CSC Email Accounts & Google Workspace (Y. Zhou)

YCPIC Member Y. Zhou presented a proposal requesting the School Board (YCDSB) to create a dedicated Catholic School Council email account for each school, along with access to Google Workspace tools (Google Docs, Sheets, Forms, Drive, etc).

Interim Director Sarna advised that the proposal was shared with our Board's Chief Information Officer and stated that after careful review, we are unable to support this initiative at this time due to funding, resource, cybersecurity, privacy and compliance concerns associated with managing non-board user accounts. Interim Director Sarna stated that every school board has different internal platforms, fire walls, etc to manage their own data and network. The proposed approach presents risks and operational requirements that cannot be currently supported or sustained. As such, we are unable to proceed with dedicated CSC email accounts or expanded collaboration platform access for non-board users at this time.

Interim Director Sarna thanked Mr. Zhou for his proposal and stated the Board will continue to explore ideas that may work to continue to engage parents. An update will be provided at the September meeting.

b) Catholic School Council (CSC)(Voting Procedures (R. Ince)

YCPIC Member R. Ince shared sample documents related to Catholic School Council voting procedures to help promote consistency, fairness and effective participation at the school level. The documents were developed to support the recruitment of new members and parents during the establishment of CSC's and included templates aligned with Board terminology.

Interim Director Sarna thanked Ms. Ince for her excellent work and requested permission to adapt the samples using Board branding. The materials will be incorporated into principal training planned for the start of the next school year.

c) 2025-2026 Mileage Reimbursement

Mileage reimbursement (\$0.73 per km) will be provided to YCPIC members who attended YCPIC meetings in person, as per *Policy 808 Travel, Meals and Expense Reimbursement*. Reimbursement cheques will be mailed out during the month of July 2026. S. Greco will send YCPIC members an email with details.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Christina Gillison

SECOND: Rhonda Ince

MOTION CARRIED (7:00 pm)

NEXT MEETING: September 21, 2026 @ 6:30pm

DRAFT



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SUMMARY OF YCPIC EVENTS 2025-2026



Supporting Parent Engagement for Student Achievement

The York Catholic Parent Involvement Committee for **2025-2026** consisted of the following Executive Members:

- Martina Saverino, Chair
- Jaclyn Toma, Vice-Chair
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A LETTER FROM YCPIC CHAIR, MARTINA SAVERINO

June 2026

My name is Martina, and I am honoured to have served as Chair of the York Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (YCPIC) for the 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 terms. As a parent advisory body to the Director of Education, YCPIC's primary role is to promote meaningful parent involvement and support student achievement. The Director and the Board review the recommendations brought forward by our Committee and provide updates on actions taken in response. Agendas, meeting minutes, and financial records are available on the YCDSB website under the YCPIC page.

The 2025–2026 year has been both busy and rewarding. The Committee held meetings on November 24, 2025, January 19, 2026, April 27, 2026, and May 25, 2026. Our final meeting of this term will take place in September. Our November meeting will dissolve the current Committee and a new Committee will be formed.

Throughout the year, YCPIC continued to focus on strengthening parent engagement by hosting workshops and events designed to support our school communities. These included:

- 2025/26 New CSC Treasurers Workshop (October 2025)
- 2025/26 Orientation Workshop for New Catholic School Council Executive Members (October 2025)
- Fall Social (October 2025)
- Parent Engagement Event (April 2026) – The Future of Education with AI: Preparing Parents for a Changing World, with Curtis Carmichael

The Treasurer and Orientation Workshops are held annually to help new Council members better understand their roles, connect with experienced members, and ask questions in a supportive environment.

The Fall Social provided an opportunity for parents and guardians to connect, share fundraising ideas, discuss challenges, and exchange strategies to better engage their school communities. The event was well attended and led to many valuable and productive conversations.

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This year's conference focused on a topic of growing interest for many parents—Artificial Intelligence. The session was led by Curtis Carmichael (CC the Futurist), a highly respected speaker on the future of education, Responsible AI, and STEM/STEAM learning. He is also the bestselling author and inventor of the world's first augmented reality memoir, *Butterflies in the Trenches*. His presentation was engaging, informative, and sparked thoughtful discussion, with strong participation from attendees.

From a financial perspective, all activities were carried out responsibly and remained within budget. Financial details are available through our meeting minutes on the YCPIC webpage.

As this term ends, I would like to sincerely thank all YCPIC members for their ongoing commitment, participation, and support throughout the year. Your time and contributions have not gone unnoticed.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to our Executive team—Jaclyn Toma (Vice-Chair), Christina Gillison (Treasurer), and Robyn De Cicco (Secretary)—for your dedication, insight, and collaboration over this two-year term. As our 2-year term comes to an end I want to let you know that your support has been truly appreciated.

We also extend our gratitude to Jennifer Sarna, Interim Director of Education, and Board staff for their continued support and for fostering an environment where parent voices are welcomed and valued.

As the school year comes to an end, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer. I look forward to reconnecting in September with renewed energy as we continue building on the success of this past year.

Warm regards,

Martina
Chair, YCPIC, 2024-2026

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