

YORK CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (YCPIC)



York Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
Monday, September 23, 2024, CEC Board Room (1st Floor)
6:30 pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Committee Member(s): **In Person:** Olufisayo Bolarinwa, Robyn De Cicco,
Christina Gillison, Sahir Jamal, Martina Saverino,
Andrea Telfer, Sarah Tjin-a-joe, Jaclyn Toma
Virtual: Josie Belluomini, Tony Lorini, Emanuela Polin-De
Luca, Maria Praveen, Singai Rani Wilson,
Florence Wang, Nicole Young

Administration: **In Person:** John De Faveri, Jennifer Sarna
Robert Russo, OECTA Rep
Virtual: Helena DiPanfilo, Dishni Kiriella

Trustee(s): **In Person:** Frank Alexander
Virtual: N/A

Other Trustee(s): **In Person:** J. Wigston

Guest(s): Alex Battick, HREA

Recording Secretary: Silvana Greco

REGRETS:

Committee Member(s): Janice Au, Olga Bondar, Melena Carrassi, Kristina Costabile,
Peter De Quintal, Jan De Souza, Samantha Ferazzoli, Sara Angela
Figliomeni, Eby Ijeh, Maurizio Ruberto

Administration(s):

Trustee(s): N/A

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Ms. M. Saverino called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

1.0 WELCOME / PRAYER / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Vice Chair Ms. M. Saverino welcomed everyone and led the opening prayer followed by the Land Acknowledgement.

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Vice Chair Ms. M. Saverino put forward the motion to approve the agenda.

First: Christina Gillison

Seconded: Tony Lorini

MOTION CARRIED

3.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – JUNE 10, 2024

Motion: Vice Chair Ms. M. Saverino put forward the motion to approve the previous meeting minutes from June 10, 2024.

First: Sarah Tjin-a-joe

Seconded: Robyn De Cicco

MOTION CARRIED

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: N/A

5.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORT/UPDATE

Interim Director John De Faveri welcomed everyone to the YCPIC meeting and reported as follows:

Vape and Cell Phone Bans

At the end of the last school year, there was the new requirement regulation with respect to both cell phones and vaping bans in our schools. Information was sent out to all parents and our school communities. We are certainly working hard to try to achieve compliance as it's a little challenging, but we are moving towards the goal.

We are One in Christ Banners

"We Are Diverse. We Are One in Christ" banners were sent out to all schools. As I visited a couple of schools these past few weeks, I was glad to see them displayed.

Artwork in the Boardroom

We have new artwork around our boardroom. This artwork will be here for many years to come. All our high schools were all engaged, and this is just a great testament to the great things that they are doing and the talent that they have.

September 27, 2024 – Board Faith Day

All staff will be celebrating Faith Day on Friday, September 27th.

Top Scholars

At the August Board Meeting, we acknowledged graduating students who achieved near perfect grades. We're really happy as a school system to be in service to them.

6.0 CHAIR’S REPORT/UPDATE

No report was provided.

7.0 TREASURER’S REPORT

YCPIC Andrea Telfer provided the Treasurer’s Report update as of August 31, 2024.

8.0 OAPCE’S REPORT/UPDATE

No report was provided.

9.0 PRESENTATION:

a) Human Rights & Equity Office

Alex Battick, YCDSB Human Rights & Equity Advisor provided a high-level overview of the role of the HREA and the role of the principal assigned to the Office of the HREA. It was noted that anyone who is part of the YCDSB education community (including students, parents / guardians, staff) or community member at large is able to fill in an official HREA complaint form and submit for review through the Board’s website. HREA complaints must identify Discrimination, Harassment or reprisal according to the definitions and indicate which “Protected Grounds” under the OHRC has been violated. Once determined that a violation has occurred, the HREA will seek ways to remedy or correct the situation. If the complaint does not meet the threshold, it may be dismissed or referred to another department for consideration.

10.0 ACTION ITEM(S): NIL

11.0 DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS(S):

a) Update on School Supplies for Refugee Students

Interim Director De Faveri shared an update on the status of the 2023-2024 YCPIC funds used to purchase school supplies for refugee students, as per the YCPIC meeting that occurred in June 10, 2024. The Board purchased supplies for fifty-three refugee families.

b) DRAFT YCPIC By-Laws (Formerly Constitution)

Associate Director Jennifer Sarna stated that it was necessary to update the YCPIC By-laws as some of the timelines were not accurate and, in an effort, to be in compliance with the Education Act, the Board’s legal firm reviewed the YCPIC By-Laws. YCPIC members were sent a copy of the draft By-Laws for their review and input. Minor revisions were suggested for clarification, Eg “definition of majority”. YCPIC endorsed the YCPIC By-Laws with the suggested revisions.

First: Andrea Telfer

Seconded: Tony Lorini

MOTION CARRIED

Vice-Chair Martina Saverino asked that we offer the new YCPIC members and Executive the opportunity to review and endorse the newly revised YCPIC By-Laws at the next meeting.

c) Creation of a Digital Repository for Council Documents

YCPIC Member, Jaclyn Toma, stated that it was mentioned that a digital repository would be provided to store key documents such as spreadsheets, hot lunch forms, and other CSC related materials. This would prevent the need for storing files on personal google drives.

In response, Interim Director advised that users are no longer able to create shared drives for storage purposes, but Information Systems can create all the shared drives on their behalf.

d) Update on Hybrid Meeting Capability for CSC

YCPIC Member, Jaclyn Toma, requested enabling hybrid meeting capabilities for schools in the CSC Constitution By-Law review meetings. Interim Director advised that this is already available and that Principals would need to create the google meet.

e) School Messenger Student Absence Choices

Vice-Chair Martina Saverino brought forward suggested changes to the list of student absence codes in School Messenger. After much discussion, it was agreed that no changes would occur.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Martina Saverino adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Motion: Robyn De Cicco

Seconded: Jaclyn Toma

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING: November 25, 2024