

YORK CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, September 26, 2016
7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Committee Members: Jimmy Au-Yeung, Sonja Da Silva, Januario de Souza, Johnson Irimpan, Meghan Jackson, Meeta Kirkham, Menaka Kulendran, Tony Lorini, Sabrina Onorati, Marion Menezes, Donna Psaila, Brenda Psihalos, Nancy Rigato, Maurizio Ruberto, Martina Saverino

Trustees: Theresa McNicol, Maria Marchese

Administration: Frances Bagley, Associate Director, Strategic Leadership, Nancy Di Nardo, Superintendent of Education, Olga Ferro, Principal

Parent Guest: None

REGRETS:

Committee Members: Patrizia Faraone, Mary Giardina, Maria Komljanec, Emanuela Polin-De Luca, Deven Sandhu, Andrew Santos, Rosanna Soda, Karen Sortino

Administration: Patricia Preston, Director of Education

Trustees: Teresa Ciaravella, Carol Cotton, Dino Giuliani

Recording Secretary: Januario de Souza

1.0 WELCOME/PRAYER

Associate Director: Strategic Leadership, Frances Bagley, welcomed and thanked everyone for being present. The prayer with personal intentions was said by all.

2.0 CALL TO ORDER

Associate Director: Strategic Leadership, Frances Bagley, called the meeting to order, and reminded everyone about the contents of the package (i.e. agenda, unapproved meeting minutes, etc.).

3.0 INTRODUCTION OF 2016-2017 YCPIC MEMBERS

Associate Director: Strategic Leadership, Frances Bagley, introduced the 2016-17 YCPIC members.

4.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORT/UPDATE

Associate Director: Strategic Leadership, Frances Bagley, provided the Director's report.

Good evening everyone.

Welcome to our first meeting of the 2016/2017 school year. Our Director of Education, Patricia Preston sends her sincere regrets as she had a previously scheduled commitment, so I am happy to share the Director's Report on her behalf. My name is Frances Bagley and I am the Associate Director for York Catholic District School Board.

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, our schools are participating in the Italy Earthquake Fundraising Campaign with the Archdiocese. As the Thanksgiving season draws near, we will see many of our schools preparing for food drives and other charitable activities to demonstrate gratitude. I thank all of our school communities: the staff, students and especially our parents for supporting these worthy initiatives.

Multi Year Strategic Plan

As you know, in 2014, the Board unveiled a Multi-Year Strategic Plan. Last February, we shared a survey with all of stakeholders, including all parents, to assess your awareness of the Strategic Plan. Parents were our largest respondent group and I thank the many parents who took part in our Awareness Survey last February. Your feedback helps to shape the Board's yearly goals of the plan. This year we are implementing the *Year 2* goals of the Strategic Plan and I encourage you to visit our website at the end of this month where we will share an Annual Report on our work to date to achieve our goals.

Safety Awareness Week

Schools across the system are currently participating in Safety Awareness Week. All schools are practicing various drills and procedures for emergency preparedness and safety awareness. The safety of our students and staff 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. We also achieved great results in the Grade 9 Academic Math Assessment with 86%.

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.

Summer Highlights from across the YCDSB

It was a very busy summer for YCDSB staff and I would like to share with you just a couple of highlights:

Construction over the Summer

I wanted to share with you some of our summer highlights as well. This summer, our facilities and construction staff worked very hard to complete our newest school, Pope Francis Catholic Elementary School in Kleinburg. We had a great school opening on the first day of school.

Also this summer, over 75 construction and facility renewal projects took place in our schools to get classrooms and school yards ready for back to school. At the elementary level, we continued with classroom retrofits for the implementation of Full-Day Kindergarten. New FDK classrooms will open at St. Mark, St. Thomas Aquinas and Our Lady of Fatima. Other work included: roof, fire alarm and stair replacements, painting, school yard ground repairs and more.

Admissions

Once again, our Board accepted new student registrations for the elementary panel over the summer. Our admissions department indicated that 149 new registrations were received this summer. This is terrific news, and we will continue the practice of accepting new student registrations next summer. We also saw an increase in the number of VISA students joining York Catholic and this too, is wonderful news.

Closing

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

I would like to leave you with a quote from Pope Francis:

"If we can realize that everything is God's gift, how happy will our hearts be! Everything is his gift. He is our strength! Saying 'thank you' is such an easy thing and yet so hard. How often do we say 'thank you' to one another in our families? How often do we say 'thank you' to those who help us, those close to us, those at our side throughout life? All too often we take everything for granted."

It is my hope that we can all take some time to say thank you, and to reflect on our many blessings. Happy Thanksgiving.

5.0 OUT-GOING CHAIR'S REPORT/UPDATE

Januario de Souza thanked everyone for their support in the two years he was Chair of YCPIC and provided below the following update:

2016-2017 YCPIC Meeting Dates

1. Meeting#1 - YCPIC AGM – Monday, September 26, 2016
2. Meeting#2 – Monday, November 7, 2016
3. Meeting#3 – Monday, January 16, 2017
4. Meeting#4 – Monday, March 27, 2017
5. Meeting#5 – Monday, May 29, 2017

All YCPIC meetings will be held in Meeting Room 102 at 7 p.m.

Connected Parenting Conferences (Keynote Speaker: Jennifer Kolari)

Date: Saturday October 15, 2016

Time: 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Location: Fr. Bressani CHS, 250 Ansley Grove Rd., Woodbridge L4L 3W4

Date: Monday October 24, 2016

Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Location: Sacred Heart CHS, 908 Lemar Rd., Newmarket L3Y 1R9

Encouraged all YCPIC members to register and get other parents to register.

2016 Orientation Workshop for new CSC Chairs/Co-Chairs/Secretary

Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic High School (Library), 230 Shaftsbury Avenue, Richmond Hill, ON, L4C 0E8.

Chair encouraged all YCPIC members to join us as we deliver this workshop.

OAPCE President

Chair congratulated Maurizio Ruberto, for being elected as President of OAPCE.

Pro-Grants 2016-2017 School Year (School Councils & Regional)

Application for Regional PRO Grant has been submitted for school year 2016/17 was accepted by MOE and we are allotted \$10,000.

Applications for School Council PRO Grants were also approved and individual schools were notified directly by the MOE.

6.0 DIRECTOR DECLARES THE YCPIC 2015-2016 DISSOLVED

Associate Director: Strategic Leadership, Frances Bagley, declared that the YCPIC 2015-2016 is dissolved and the committee will elect new executive members.

7.0 ELECTIONS OF 2016-2017 EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Associate Director: Strategic Leadership, Frances Bagley, explained the procedures for the election rules, for Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Candidates were given a chance to explain why they wanted the positions.

ELECTION OF 2016-2017 YCPIC EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

- Chair - 2 year term - Donna Psaila
- Vice-Chair - 1 year term - Agatha-Fallone Cretaro
- Treasurer - 1 year term - Maurizio Ruberto
- Secretary - 1 year term: Januario de Souza

8.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

Newly Elected 2016-2017 YCPIC Chair Donna Psaila presiding. Chair Psaila thanked everyone for their support.

Motion: Menezes/Au-Yeung

THAT the agenda of the YCPIC Meeting held on September 26, 2016 be approved with no changes.

MOTION CARRIED

9.0 APPROVAL OF UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING – JUNE 6, 2016

One change: Delete sentence on Page 6 of 8 under the paragraph Recognition and Thank You's.

“Agatha Fallone-Cretaro – Our Lady of Grace”

Motion: Ruberto/Lorini

THAT the unapproved minutes of meeting with one change above of the YCPIC Meeting held on June 6, 2016 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

10.0 CHAIR'S REPORT/UPDATE

Vice-Chair Agatha explained the strategic plan and distributed copies.

The importance of being part of the Sub committees was explained.
Break-out sessions were held.

Members present were given an opportunity to sign up for sub-committees.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT Motion: Menezes/Ruberto

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED