



# YORK CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE



*Supporting Parent Engagement for Student Achievement*

Monday, April 27, 2026

6:30 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre

320 Bloomington Rd. West, Aurora, ON. L4G 0M1

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1. **OPENING PRAYER (Martina Saverino)**  
Jesus, You desire eternal happiness and goodness for us. Help us to remember that You work all things for our good, even when we don't see it. Help us to remember the gift that is Your passion, death, and resurrection so that we may embrace our crosses for the building of Your Kingdom. Amen
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Martina Saverino)**  
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.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Martina Saverino)**
4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (Martina Saverino)**
  - 4.a January 19, 2026 YCPIC 2
5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**
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  - 9.a Artificial Intelligence - Curriculum Connections Jennifer Sarna, Anthony Arcadi
10. **ACTION ITEM(S): NIL**
11. **DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEM(S):**
  - 11.a Summary of YCPIC's Spring Conference (J. Toma)
12. **ADJOURNMENT (Martina Saverino)**

## EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Martina Saverino, Chair  
Jaclyn Toma, Vice-Chair  
Christina Gillison, Treasurer  
Robyn De Cicco, Secretary

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#### **4.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – Martina Saverino**

November 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Olufisayo Bolarinwa

**SECOND:** Binu George

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES- Martina Saverino**

5.1 NIL

#### **6.0 INTERIM DIRECTOR’S REPORT/UPDATE – Jennifer Sarna**

**6.1** Jennifer Sarna, Interim Director welcomed the YCPIC Committee and provided a summary of events leading up to the school closure on January 15, 2026. She noted that an apology letter was sent to all parents addressing the delay in communication and technical difficulties through our third-party email service, School Messenger. In closing, Ms. Sarna stated that the decision to close the schools was made in the best interest of the safety and well-being of students and staff.

#### **7.0 CHAIRS REMARKS – Martina Saverino**

7.1 No report provided.

#### **8.0 TREASURER’S REPORT – Jaclyn Toma**

**8.1** Included in agenda page 8 for 1/19/2026 meeting.

**8.2** No changes since previous meeting: \$321 Expenditure from Fall Social

#### **9.0 PRESENTATIONS**

##### **9.1 2024 Student Census – Marcelle McShine-Quao, YCDSB Educational Researcher**

Marcelle advises that the work goes beyond gathering demographic data – includes their identities and their outcomes academically and experiences.

##### **Q&A:**

Q: When is the survey done

A: *Every three years*

Q: From the previous survey do you see a positive movement in the results, what’s the change/shift in positive way?

A: *That is a challenging question, we are seeing patterns in the data – financial, housing and food insecurities are more challenging than previous census in 2021.*

Q: Is there any way to encourage families to complete the survey?

A: *We are looking at ways to improve responses, but it is voluntary*

Q: How to make it more desirable to participate in the survey?

A: *The big component is around trust and that causes lower results, and we are working with consulting groups on this.*

Q: Can this survey be translated if required?

A: *The survey is currently offered in 10 different languages, and there is an option to advise if additional languages are required.*

Q: Are parents for students in Grades 6-12 notified when the survey will be taken place in the schools and are they provided a copy of the questions that are on the survey in advance and can they opt their kids grades 6-12 out of doing the survey.?

A: *They are notified (unknown if questions are shared) and it is noted that it is voluntary for the student to complete.*

Q: Stewardship of gifts/human dignity what do the tasks associated to those look like in the school, what are they planning to do?

A: *We have been sharing results with key stake holders since the beginning of the school year and with consultation they are getting advice on what those look like moving forward.*

Q: Can parents join census focus group?

A: *No*

## 10.0 ACTION ITEMS

### 10.1 NIL

## 11.0. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEM(S):

### 11.1 YCPIC Spring 2026 conference – Martina Saverino

- Curtis Carmichael –author, professional speaker, certified STEM elementary teacher, self-taught computer engineer
- Cost for presenter is \$7k, which provide a 1\$19k value (however not all offerings for this value may be able to be used due to board policy and restrictions).
- Conference date: April 25, 2026 (*Post Meeting – date changed to April 8, 2026 at 7:00 pm*)
- 100% of funds goes toward purchasing tech for under deserved schools and provides free tech support on year-round programs
- Martina asked is there was a more central location to increase engagement, and the feedback was that the Board Office is still the best location
- Martina is going to go back to Curtis and see if we omit some of the items that were part of his offering and perhaps negotiate a different fee.

### **Q&A**

Q: Have we considered alternative speakers, considering previous attendance versus the cost of the proposed speaker, otherwise do we have a better understanding of how to increase commitment?

A: *Working on mandate of trying to engage parents, unfortunately we cannot control the outcome of attendance however we feel a better speaker of this caliber may result in better attendance.*

Q: More a comment than a questions, I do highly support this speaker and have heard amazing things from other boards about him

Q: Comment We need a new strategy of sharing information and speaker; we need to start promoting the speaker now and need to start getting the message out.

A: *That's a great idea just need to figure out how to increase attendance.*

Q: Have we thought about putting together a committee to help with communication, marketing, and organizing?

A: *That would be great (proceed to generate a group to work on a committee for this conference).*

**Vote to approve speaker for conference:** Votes in favour of proposed speaker 10. Votes against 9. Those in favour win the vote therefore the speaker proposed is approved.

## 12.0 ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Nicole Young

**SECOND:** Maria Praveen

**MOTION CARRIED (8:41 pm)**

**NEXT MEETING:** March 23, 2026 @ 6:30pm

## YCPIC YTD Report

As at March 31, 2026

2025-26	Amount \$
<b>Budget:</b>	
Parent Engagement Board Amount	5,000
Parent Engagement Per Pupil Amount:	8,359
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>13,359</b>
<b>Spend:</b>	
YCPIC Fall Social	321
24/25 workshop Invoice adjustment	51
APR8/26 Spring conference	7,251
<b>Total Spend:</b>	<b>7,624</b>
<b>Budget less Spend:</b>	<b>5,735</b>