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### **3.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – January 20, 2025**

YCPIC Chair Martina Saverino put forward to motion the approval of the previous meeting minutes from January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

First: Christina Gillison

Seconded: Sarah Tjin-a-joe

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### **4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES - NIL**

### **5.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORT/UPDATE – John De Faveri**

Director John De Faveri welcomed YCPIC Committee and thanked those in attendance and remarked as follows:

**Reflection:** *The Lenten Season prepares us for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, which is at the cornerstone of our faith. In the Catholic tradition, April is the Month of the Holy Eucharist. This is a special time for Catholics to reflect on the gift of Holy Communion, which is the source and summit of our faith. April is a fitting month to honour the Eucharist because it is when Jesus Christ celebrated the Last Supper, which created the sacrament. One of the many things that make Catholic Education unique is our focus on the Eucharist in our schools and workplaces. I am proud that every York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) school and workplace has regular Eucharistic celebrations.*

#### **Boardwide Lenten Mass - Thursday, March 27, 2025**

*We held our annual board wide Mass of Reconciliation and Renewal, that took place on Thursday, March 27, 2025. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Boissonneau with students participating from Sacred Heart CHS, Blessed Chiara Badano CES, St. Katharine Drexel CHS and Cardinal Carter CHS.*

#### **Black Heritage Month**

*Throughout the month of February, our schools organized an amazing number of events, liturgies, presentations and other learning opportunities for Black Heritage Month. Members of the Senior Team and Board of Trustees also participated in Black History Month events hosted by community partners throughout York Region. We also held the "Beyond the Horizon" as part of the 2025 Black Leadership Conference.*

#### **Budget Consultations**

*The Finance Department welcomes our community's feedback regarding the YCDSB's budget priorities for the 2025-26 fiscal year. Every year, as part of the budget process, we seek the input of our staff, students, families and community members. We encourage everyone to share their perspective, especially as we work toward eliminating our deficit as mandated by the Ministry of Education. More information is available on the YCDSB website. Submission to the [budget survey](#) closes on April 4, 2025.*

#### **ShareLife Week: April 7-11**

*The YCDSB is a proud supporter of ShareLife, which is the main charitable arm of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Last year, the YCDSB donated more money to ShareLife than any other School Board in the Archdiocese of Toronto and, this year, the artwork of St. Mary's Nobleton student, Madison, is being*

*used on the official ShareLife poster. During the week of April 7, 2025, every YCDSB school will participate in fundraising efforts to support ShareLife.*

## **6.0 CHAIR'S REPORT/UPDATE – YCPIC Chair Martina Saverino**

YCPIC Chair, Martina Saverino remarked as follows:

1. YCPIC Executive is busy organizing Parent Engagement events, most recently the Spring Social which took place March 22<sup>nd</sup>. There were 30 registered and 15 attended. Ideas regarding fundraising, parent engagement, and hot lunch were shared and brainstormed. The engagement during this social was well received and the feedback was very positive.
2. Upcoming events based on votes at a previous meeting:
  - o April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am, presentation by Dr. Elena Merenda “Beyond the Worry: Raising Resilient Kids in an Anxious World”
  - o April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00-12:00, presentation by Tanisha Matthews “Raising Financially Savvy Families” 87 registered participants so far for this event
  - o May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00-12:00, There is a free virtual presentation being offered by the CPA, “How to Teach Your Kid About Money”
  - o May 31<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00-12:00 there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> mental health presentation being offered by Kinark (York Hills) “Dismantling Ableism and Celebrating Neurodiversity”

## **7.0 TREASURER'S REPORT – YCPIC Treasurer Christina Gillison**

- After expenses paid and consideration of allocated funds there is approximately \$4,224 remaining
- Jaclyn Toma brought forward the idea to use some of the additional monies still available to buy books that were recommended to compliment Tanisha Matthews presentation (not her book) to complement the information and teachings from the presentation she will be doing. Book is called “Canadian Guide to Personal Finance” by Tony Martin
- cost \$20.00 and the recommendation was that we purchase one for each elementary school (total 85) or alternatively one for each of the folks that attend the session which stands at 87 registered currently.
  - o Approx. cost \$1800 (rounding to 90 total books)
  - o Questions: Use versus costs, what's the expectation of the school to use the book, share it with parents, what does that look like and who is responsible? This could be a challenge, and the book could end up damaged or on a shelf and forgotten and not certain this is the best use of funds.
- Martina motion to vote to determine how the YCPIC would like to spend the money, those in favour of giving a book to the event attendees or providing to the school?
  - o 10 YCPIC members voted in majority (10 hands raised) to give conference attendees one copy of the book versus giving one to each elementary school.

First: Christina Gillison

Second: Jacklyn Toma

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### 8.0 PRESENTATIONS - NIL

### 9.0 ACTION ITEMS – NIL

### 10.0 DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS(S):

#### a) YCDSB Parent Portal Report Card Retrieval (Olufisayo Bolarinwa)

- a. The most recent distribution of report cards, that were sent electronically, posed some issues for some parents. There were challenges for parents trying to login, and that the portal isn't the most efficient or user friendly.
  - i. *Response from Director De Faveri:* he provided an update from IT and acknowledged that this is an ongoing issue and they are aware of it. IT is working with the platform to work out such glitches (i.e ... multiple children linked to one account causing issues as well) but until those kinks are solved – staff and IT department must manually manipulate it in the back end as a short-term solution. But he requests to continue to have parents bring forward issues via work order/ticket. For the time being they will continue to do some workarounds and are seeking long term solutions.
  - ii. *Question Martina Saverino:* ConnectEd only available when report cards are coming out but not available otherwise, in the future will parents be able to access report cards indefinitely – can the platform hold the data there, for parents to have access to and review at future dates? *Response Director De Faveri:* that is part of what they are looking at as they review the future of the platform/application.

#### b) YCDSB's Status with OAPCE (Robyn De Cicco)

- Robyn shared details around the mission and purpose of OAPCE and the value her and others in the YCDSB communities see in OAPCE (how it's a voice and advocated for parents, the parent engagement and information and resources it provides and especially the work they do in preserving catholic education in our board/schools. The questions brought forward were "What were the discussion and rationale that contributed to the Board's decision to opt out of being part of OAPCE for the 2024/2025 school year?" "Did the Board connect with OAPCE before making this decision to share their thoughts and potentially come up with a solution (assuming budget was the only consideration)?" "Will the Board revisit this for the coming school year and reconsider opting back in?"
- *Response Director De Faveri:* He has heard of similar feedback and concerns being brought forward and will take the considerations away to discuss with the Board further and get back to us. However, one of the considerations was budget cuts.
- *Comment Martina Saverino:* Concern previously from some YCPIC members was the breakdown of what the funds from the fee is used for
  - o *Response Robyn De Cicco:* OAPCE is a not-for-profit therefore their financials must be public and are posted on their website and can be viewed at any time.

- *Comment Sarah Tjin-a-joe*: advised being regional representative each region provides different parent engagement events that are included in the fee that was previously paid for by the board.

**c) YCPIC Tool: *The Compass* (Jaclyn Toma)**

- Repository of items shared at the winter and spring socials, a cloud source of collaborative resource that feeds into Google workbook. The Compass is simply a name created for the resource.
- A demonstration of how the YCPIC is collecting the information to be shared/stored was demonstrated. Currently there are 12 submissions.
- The idea of The Compass is to collect and share best practices, experiences, successful initiatives/events and strategies (working well/do differently) mainly for the following three CSC tasks:
  1. Fundraising
  2. Parent engagement
  3. Hot lunch
- *Response Associate Director Jennifer Sarna*: – Anytime you are collecting data or asking for information it must first go through the Research Advisory Committee. There are specific steps that must be taken before the board can support and endorse this
  - o advisory committee meets 4 times a year and has to be reviewed by them
  - o Next steps: Jennifer to advise YCPIC how to have this reviewed by the Advisory before moving it any further. They are in the process of revising this process/policy and she will send YCPIC (Jaclyn and Martina) next steps on what we need to do to proceed.
- *Question Martina*: We do not disseminate this tool yet – park for now until further notice?
  - o *Response Jennifer Sarna*: Advises to shut down the tool currently.
  - o *Comment Trustee Elizabeth Crowe*: Advised that Board, at best, could approve as draft then sent out for consultation – then consider suggestions and changes but the timeline is too tight thus it cannot be approved by next policy review meeting.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Martina Saverino adjourned the meeting at 7:36 PM

First : Sun Rachel

Second: Karen Galeano

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**NEXT MEETING:** May 26, 2025 at 6:30pm