



**DURHAM CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**
Learning and Living in Faith

Memorandum

To: Board of Trustees

From: Gerard Winn, Director of Education

Date: October 28, 2024

Subject: **Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (DCPIC)
Minutes of October 10, 2024**

Origin: Jim Wilson, Superintendent of Education

Please find attached a copy of the Minutes of the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Meeting held on October 10, 2024.

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Attachment: Minutes of October 10, 2024



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Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Minutes

Durham Catholic District School Board
October 10, 2024 at 7:30 PM North Boardroom
650 Rossland Road West, Oshawa, ON L1J 7C4

Committee Members Present:

Rose Lo Presti (Chair), Kim Beatty (Trustee), Josie Mullen (Vice-Chair), Andrea Gagliardi, Melissa Bevan, Michelle Gillis, Michelina Dos Santos, Chris Szent-Ivany, Lucia Lacorte, Mike McKenna, Pius Francis, Oliver McLauren

Staff Present:

Jim Wilson, Lori Jones, Emily McCall

1. Call to Order

Chair Lo Presti called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and welcomed all committee members to the October 10, 2024, meeting. Chair Lo Presti acknowledged Traditional Lands and Territory.

1.1. Opening Prayer – Christ Szent-Ivany

Chris Szent-Ivany recited the opening prayer.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion:

DCPIC2024-10-10-01 - Approval of Agenda

"THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the agenda of Thursday, October 10, 2024, Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting as provided".

Motion moved by Melissa Bevan and motion seconded by Christine Santos.

CARRIED

3. Announcements

- 3.1. Next Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting: Thursday, November 7, 2024.

4. Actions To Be Taken

- 4.1. Approval and Signing of the Minutes of the Open Session of the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of September 12, 2024.

Motion:

DCPIC2024-10-10-02 - Approval of Minutes

"THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the minutes of the September 12, 2024, Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting".

Motion moved by Michelina Dos Santos and motion seconded by Lucia Lacorte. Carried

- 4.2. Election/Selection of Parent and Community Representatives

Chair Lo Presti reviewed that there were eleven vacancies for the position of Parent Member Representative with a two-year term and 2 vacancies for the position of Community Member Representative with a one-year term.

Chair Lo Presti conducted a call for nominations. Superintendent Wilson reviewed the Duties of Parent Members as outlined in Section 7.6 of the DCPIC By-Laws. Twenty-five candidates confirmed their willingness to stand for election to the position of Parent Representative and were provided with the opportunity to address the committee. Elections were held and eleven people acclaimed the position of Parent Member and two people acclaimed the position of Community Rep Member. The successful candidates for the position of Parent Representative were: Melissa Bevan, Christine Santos (Chair), Lucia Lacorte, Michelina Dos Santos, Pius Francis, Temitope Awayemi, Kewku Winful, Paola Beci, Tosan Ekoko, Robert van den Berg, Tonya Brogan.

The successful candidates for the position of Community Representative were: Serena Holmes and Joel Pereira.

5. Presentations

5.1 Planning for annual Commissioning Mass – October 17, 2024

Chair Lo Presti confirmed that the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee will be hosting the Annual Commissioning Mass and Orientation on October 17, 2024. This event will take place at the Pope Francis Centre for the morning only. Lori Jones updated the DCPIC on what has taken place so far to get ready for the event. The Outreach sub-committee will work with Lori Jones to start the planning process. Lori Jones has sent out invitations to all Principals and School Council Chairs.

6. Reports/Information/Items

6.1. Chair's Report

Chair LoPresti thanked everyone for all their service to DCPIC over the years and welcomed the new members who have joined us this evening. Also, thank you to Lori for her hard work and dedication with our meetings and events and to Emily for her support with communications.

This year's Annual Catholic School Council Commissioning Mass will be on October 17th. We will be having a half day format at the Pope Francis Centre. This will be a great opportunity for learning and collaboration.

The next DCPIC meeting will be on November 7th at 7:30 p.m. All the best to the new committee at their first official meeting.

6.2 Trustee's Report

Trustee Beatty shared how the Board Meeting on September 23rd included an affirmation and a couple of presentations.

The Trustees welcomed Student Trustees Ololade Aje and Aoife Walsh to their first board meeting of the new school year. They participated in an Affirmation of Faith led by Director Winn. The trustees are looking forward to the student voice that Ololade and Aoife will provide in their role.

Katharine Stevenson, Superintendent of Education, provided an update to the Board of Trustees on the DCDSB's Spiritual Theme for the 2024-2025 school year. The DCDSB community will be guided by the spiritual theme of Living in Hope during the 2024-2025 school year.

Jessica Outram, Superintendent of Education, presented to the Board of Trustees on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, which took place on September 30th. Superintendent Outram said that during this day of solemn reflection, we

honour the children who never returned home from residential schools. Superintendent Outram shared that the board will continue to collaborate with the Indigenous Education Circle and Student Indigenous Education Circles and will work to deepen understanding of Indigenous education across the curriculum.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on October 28th at 7:30. Please refer to our website for more information concerning attending the Board Meeting virtually.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, may you continue to have an excellent school year and thank you for choosing Catholic Education!

6.3 Resource Report

Superintendent Wilson congratulated new members to the 2024 – 2025 DCPIC Committee and thanked those members that are at the end of their term. Due to your hard work and dedication, DCPIC has reaped many successes for the betterment of parent engagement, which in turn helps all DCDSB students.

October welcomes a multitude of key events at Durham Catholic. Please log on to dcdsb.ca to check out the various activities that our Catholic learning community will engage in during the month of October.

Superintendent Wilson expressed his thanks to Lori Jones and Emily McCall for their support as a resource to DCPIC. Thank you to those whose DCPIC term has ended. Your hard work and dedication make every school in our system a better place for our students. Lastly, thank you to our past Chair, Rose Lo Presti. Your leadership was much appreciated!

6.4 PRO Grant Subcommittee Report

Andrea Gagliardi updated the DCPIC committee on the actions the Pro Grant Subcommittee is working on. Next steps are setting dates for Parent Engagement nights and confirming speakers. Once dates have been decided Lori Jones will work on securing locations to hold such events.

6.5 Communications Subcommittee Report

Christine updated the DCPIC that she looks forward to upcoming events.

6.6 School Council Outreach Subcommittee Report

Deferred

6.7 Faith Formation Subcommittee Report

Deferred

6.8 Policy & By-Law Subcommittee Report

Deferred

6.9 Budget Subcommittee Report

Deferred

7. Adjournment

Motion:

DCPIC2024-10-10-03 - Adjournment

"THAT the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2024, adjourn at 10:41 p.m.

Motion moved by Melissa Bevan and seconded by Michelle Gillis.

CARRIED

8. Closing Prayer

Christ Szent-Ivany

Rose Lo Presti
Chair, Durham Catholic Parent
Involvement Committee

Jim Wilson
Superintendent of Education

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