

TORONTO CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (CPIC)

REGULAR MEETING March 7, 2022



CATHOLIC
PARENT
INVOLVEMENT
COMMITTEE

Elementary Parent Members

Jennifer Di Francesco

Ward 1

Solimen Hilwi

Ward 2

Joe Fiorante

Ward 3

Vacant

Ward 4

Ravi Peters

Ward 5 East

Vacant

Ward 5 West

Gus Gikas

Ward 6

Lisa Landriault

Ward 7

Rose-Marie Fraser

Ward 8 East

Joanna Chang Tze

Ward 8 West

Abayomi Bedward

Ward 9

Ivana Calabria-Pantaleo

Ward 10

James Ocampo

Ward 11 North

Fadzi McConnell

Ward 11 South

Anthony Antinucci

Ward 12

Community Members

John Del Grande

(1) OAPCE-Toronto

Alison Canning

(2) Let's Get Together

Katherine Cha, PhD

(3)

Secondary Parent Members

Christine Ligas

West - (Wards 1,2,3 & 4)

Annalisa Crudo-Perri

Central - (Wards 5,6,9 & 10)

Teresa De Stefano

East - (Wards 7,8,11 & 12)

Trustee Representatives

Garry Tanuan

Norm Di Pasquale (Alternate)

Board Representatives

Ryan Peterson

Director Designate

Manuela Sequeira

Parent Engagement Coordinator

Jessica Dalinda

Communications

PURPOSE

CPIC is the legislated parent voice at the Toronto Catholic District School Board for parents of students in TCDSB schools.

MISSION

To improve student academic achievement and the emotional, spiritual and physical well-being of students by supporting, encouraging and enhancing meaningful parent engagement.

Dr. Brendan Browne
Director of Education

Angela Kennedy
Chair of The Board

ONTARIO EDUCATION ACT – REGULATION 612 (PART III)
PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEES

PURPOSE

- 27.** (1) The purpose of a parent involvement committee is to support, encourage and enhance parent engagement at the board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being. O. Reg. 330/10, s. 6.
- (2) A parent involvement committee of a Board shall achieve its purpose by,
- (a) providing information and advice on parent engagement to the board;
 - (b) communicating with and supporting school councils of schools of the board; and
 - (c) undertaking activities to help parents of pupils of the board support their children's learning at home and at school. O. Reg. 330/10, s. 6.
- 28.** A parent involvement committee of a board shall,
- (a) develop strategies and initiatives that the board and the board's director of education could use to effectively communicate with parents and to effectively engage parents in improving student achievement and well-being;
 - (b) advise the board and the board's director of education on ways to use the strategies and initiatives referred to in clause (a);
 - (c) communicate information from the Ministry to school councils of schools of the board and to parents of pupils of the board;
 - (d) work with school councils of schools of the board and, through the board's director of education, with employees of the board to,
 - (i) share effective practices to help engage parents, especially parents who may find engagement challenging, in their children's learning,
 - (ii) identify and reduce barriers to parent engagement,
 - (iii) help ensure that schools of the board create a welcoming environment for parents of its pupils, and
 - (iv) develop skills and acquire knowledge that will assist the parent involvement committee and school councils of the board with their work;
 - and
 - (e) determine, in consultation with the board's director of education and in keeping with the board's policies, how funding, if any, provided under the *Education Act* for parent involvement as described in section 27 and clauses (a) to (d), is to be used. O. Reg. 330/10, s. 6.

**AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
TORONTO CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

PUBLIC SESSION via E-MEETING**

Joe Fiorante, Chair

Jennifer Di Francesco, Vice Chair

Public Webcast – YouTube Live

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March 7, 2022

7:00 pm

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Land Acknowledgement

Out of our deep respect for Indigenous peoples in Canada, we acknowledge that all Toronto Catholic District School Board properties are situated upon traditional territories of the Anishinabek (a-ni-shna-bek), the Haudenosaunee (hoh-Dee-noh-Shoh-nee) Confederacy, and the Wendat peoples. We also acknowledge the land covered by Treaty 13 is held by the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Toronto is subject to The Dish with One Spoon covenant. We also recognize the contributions and enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people in Ontario and the rest of Canada.

La Reconnaissance du Territoire

Nous témoignons du plus grand respect pour les Peuples autochtones au Canada et nous avons à cœur de souligner que tous les immeubles du Toronto Catholic District School Board sont situés sur les terres traditionnelles de la Nation Anishinabek, de la Confédération de Haudenosaunees et des Wendats. Il est également important de noter que le territoire visé par le Traité 13 est celui des Mississaugas de la Première Nation Credit et que celui de Toronto est protégé par l'accord d'« un plat à une cuillère ». Nous tenons également à rappeler la présence pérenne et l'importance des contributions des Premières Nations, des Metis et des Inuits en Ontario, et dans tout le Canada.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**

PUBLIC SESSION

E-MEETING VIA ZOOM

HELD MONDAY JANUARY 17, 2022

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the Meeting to Order at 7:10PM.

YouTube live feed was activated on the Toronto CPIC channel.

Minutes are being captured by the Recording Secretary.

2. Opening Prayer

Father Xavier De Pinto of Precious Blood led opening prayer.

The Land Acknowledgement was led by Jennifer Di Francesco.

3. Roll Call & Apologies

Trustees: Garry Tanuan (W8)
Norm Di Pasquale (W9)

Elementary Parent Members:

Jennifer Di Francesco (W1)
Joe Fiorante (W3), Chair
Gus Gikas (W6)
Lisa Landriault (W7)
Joanna Change Tze (W8/W)
Anthony Antinucci (W12)

Secondary Parent Members:

Annalisa Crudo-Perri (Central)
Teresa De Stefano (East)

Community Members:

John Del Grande (OAPCE – Toronto)
Alison Canning – Let's Get Together
Katherine Cha, PhD

Staff:

Ryan Peterson (Director Designate)
Manuela Sequeira (Parent Engagement Coordinator)
Jessica Dalinda (Communications)
Sarah Pellegrini (Recording Secretary)

Guests:

Father Xavier De Pinto
Mark Novis, Principal, St. Barnabas

Ravi Peters (W5/E) sent his regrets.

Solimen Hilwi (W2), Rose-Marie Fraser (W8/E), Abayomi Bedward (W9), Ivana Calabria-Pantaleo (W10), James Ocampo (W11/N), Fadzi McConnell (W11/S) and Christine Ligas (West) were absent.

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Annalisa Crudo-Perri, that the Agenda, as amended to include the addendum, be approved.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

5. Declarations of Interest

None declared by Members present.

6. Approval & Signing of the Minutes

MOVED by John Del Grande, seconded by Jennifer Di Francesco, that the December 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes, be approved.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

7. Presentations and Reports from Committee Officials

MOVED by Gus Gikas, seconded by Jennifer Di Francesco, that Item 7a) be adopted as follows:

7a) From the Chair received.

The Chair provided an update on his actions for the past month, which included meeting with the new Director-Designate.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by John Del Grande, seconded by Teresa De Stefano, that Item 7b) be adopted as follows:

7b) Treasurer – Financial Report as of December 31, 2021 received.

The Treasurer informed the group that they can expect costs for parent engagement events and mail outs for all new members.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by John Del Grande, seconded by Jennifer Di Francesco, that Item 7c) be adopted as follows:

7c) Parent Engagement in Equity and Inclusion Consultation – Mark Novis, Principal St. Barnabas received and that Board Staff return to the committee before anything is sent to Parent Council.

Mark Novis introduced the Parent Engagement in Equity and Inclusion team. There will be a series of speakers arranged from April to June. A copy of the presentation will be emailed to the group.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

9. Unfinished Business & Matters Rising Out of Minutes

MOVED by John Del Grande, seconded by Jennifer Di Francesco, that Item 9a) be adopted as follows:

9a) Metrics Report on the Catholic School Parent Council, Policy S.10, 2020-2021 received.

It was explained that this item was added to the agenda because of a motion from the December 2021 meeting.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by John Del Grande, seconded by Annalisa Crudo-Perri, that CPIC request that Board staff make available to CPIC relevant raw information by school, collected from last year's CSPC yearend report & that CPIC be consulted on the proposed survey for this year.

By Unanimous consent, the Amendment was declared

CARRIED

MOVED in AMENDMENT by John Del Grande, seconded by Jennifer Di Francesco, that CPIC in conjunction with TCDSB IT Services investigate a group buy or central licensing model with Inuit for available use of Quickbooks for Catholic School Parent Councils (CSPCs) across the TCDSB.

By Unanimous consent, the Amendment was declared

CARRIED

By Unanimous consent, the Motion as amended was declared

CARRIED

11. Communications Received

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Teresa De Stefano, that Item 11a) be adopted as follows:

- 11a) From Derek Chen, Superintendent of Equity, Diversity, Indigenous Education and Community Relations regarding an Evening of Consultation to Discuss the TCDSB's Equity Action Plan with Both CPIC and OAPCE received.**

The Chair received the details regarding the consultation via email. Attending this consultation is important to help in shaping the next three-year plan.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

12. Program/Consultation (Committee of the Whole)

MOVED by Teresa De Stefano, seconded by Anthony Antinucci, that Item 12a) be adopted as follows:

- 12a) Appointment of Lisa Landriault to the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee to Fill the Vacancy for Ward 7** that Lisa Landriault be appointed as Ward 7 Elementary Parent Representative.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

12b) Filling Vacant Executive Positions

12.b.1) Digital Coordinator

MOVED by Teresa De Stefano, seconded by John Del Grande that the name of Gus Gikas be placed in nomination.

Gus Gikas accepted the nomination.

No other nominations were made.

Gus Gikas was acclaimed Digital Coordinator of CPIC.

12.b.2) Past Chair

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Gus Gikas that the name of John Del Grande be placed in nomination.

John Del Grande accepted the nomination.

No other nominations were made.

John Del Grande was acclaimed Past Chair of CPIC.

MOVED by John Del Grande, seconded by Jennifer Di Francesco, that Item 12c) be adopted as follows:

- 12c) Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant (Discussion)** that the Staff recommendations/terms as described be moved and that the information be distributed as soon as possible.

Manuela Sequeira explained the resource document that will accompany the PRO Grant Application.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

13. Subcommittee & Special Committee Reports

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Gus Gikas, that Item 13a) be adopted as follows:

- 13a) Conference and Events Subcommittee** received.

Teresa De Stefano updated the group on the January and March workshops - registration is open. The next subcommittee meeting is February 2, 2022.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

15. Reports from TCDSB Board Officials

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Teresa De Stefano, that Item 15a) be adopted as follows:

- 15a) Director-Designate for CPIC – Ryan Peterson – Monthly Update** received.

Ryan Peterson thanked the committee for the opportunity to work with them. He updated the committee on COVID-19 Return to School information that the Board had discussed at their recent meeting.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

16. Reports from Trustee or Trustee Alternate

MOVED by Teresa De Stefano, seconded by Gus Gikas, that Item 16a) be adopted as follows:

- 16a) Verbal Update – Garry Tanuan, Trustee and Norm Di Pasquale, Trustee Alternate** received.

Trustee Tanuan thanked the committee for their work. Trustee Di Pasquale updated the group that COVID-19 rapid tests will be available at schools for distribution.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

17. Parent Member & Community Member Reports

MOVED by Gus Gikas, seconded by Jennifer Di Francesco, that Item 17a) be adopted as follows:

**17a) Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE)
Toronto Update - John Del Grande, OAPCE Community
Representative received.**

John Del Grande reviewed the update included in the addendum and noted that there is an error: the next meeting is January 31, 2022.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

19. Pending List

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Alison Canning, that Item 19a) be adopted as follows:

19a) Pending List as at January 17, 2022 received.

The Chair explained the purpose of the pending list and the item included.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

20. Adjournment

MOVED by Alison Canning, seconded by Joanna Chang Tze that the meeting be adjourned.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

The Meeting adjourned at 9:58 pm.

CPIC SECRETARY

CPIC CHAIR



Chair's Monthly Report

January 2022 to February 2022

- Communicated with Director Designate and Parent Engagement Coordinator regarding motions and Continued Learning Session.
- Communicated with CPIC Executive Members.
- Communicated with CPIC members.
- Monitored social media and engaged when appropriate.
- Wrote and sent joint letter with OAPCE to Director of Education and Chair of Board of Trustees for the Regular Board Meeting on Jan 27, 2022, regarding Negotiations Issues
- Attended CPIC Event Taking Care of You on Jan 26, 2022.
- Attended consultation to discuss the TCDSB's Equity Action Plan Feb 1, 2022.
- Attended Conference and Events Subcommittee on Feb 2, 2022
- Attended OAPCE Toronto Meeting on Feb 15, 2022
- Attended CPIC Continued Learning Session on Feb 28, 2022
- Reviewed TCDSB Board Agendas.
- Reviewed December draft Minutes.
- Prepared items for January Agenda.
- Received resignation of Secondary Parent West Christine Ligas.



January 27, 2022

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." [Matthew 19:14](#)

The Toronto Catholic Parent Involvement Committee and the Toronto Chapter of the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education, recognizes and respects the collective bargaining process. To that end, as the parents of children in the Toronto Catholic District School Board, we are calling for both sides to continue to negotiate to ensure student success and an end to the continued work to rule and threatened strike action.

The pandemic has been most challenging for all families but has been especially hard for those with children struggling with mental health. Our children's socialization and peer relationships have been impacted far greater than adults. We need to remember this - putting our students first is paramount as we continue to work through the impacts and challenges of the pandemic and any additional layers of stress already placed on them is of utter concern for us.

Parent engagement is at an all time low however we are asking more from our parents to help their children deal with the ongoing changes and assist in filling the gap. Parents have been tested through and through, during a time when they needed additional support to help them deal with challenges to school, their children's well-being and mental health they are asked to give more. Pandemic, work to rule, ongoing negotiations, and now the possibility of strike action adds more anxiety for parents in an already stressful period.

Our Catholic schools need to continue to nurture our children's physical and mental health as well as promote the best possible learning opportunities for all our children. As mentioned, these issues are not beneficial to anyone, especially our children. We encourage, again, both partners in Catholic Education to resume bargaining in good faith in the name of our children - we urge both parties to reach an agreement as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Annalisa Curdo-Perri
OAPCE Executive Director

Joe Fiorante
CPIC Chair

ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS

9.0 To be consistent with [Ontario Education Act Regulation 612/00 s(40)]

9.1 Committee & Subcommittee Meetings

9.1.1 Shall be held at the TCDSB Catholic Education Centre (CEC).

9.1.2 Where the TCDSB Catholic Education Centre is not available, shall be held at a location owned by the TCDSB with suitable facilities.

9.1.3 Meetings shall be open to members of the public who may attend Committee Meetings as guests or visitors.

9.2 Electronic Meetings

9.2.1 CPIC may choose to hold up to fifty percent (50%) of its regular Meetings by way of an E-Meeting.

9.2.2 Subcommittees and Special Subcommittees may hold any of their Meetings by way of E-Meeting.

9.2.3 A Member who participates in a Meeting through electronic means shall be deemed to be present at the Meeting.

9.3 Regular Meeting Frequency

9.3.1 The Committee Shall meet no less than eight (8) times during the Operating Year.

9.3.2 Regular Meetings shall not be scheduled during Holy Week or school breaks including the summer.

9.4 Inaugural Meeting

9.4.1 Shall be considered as a Regular Meeting and the 1st Meeting of the Operating Year.

9.4.2 Shall be held no later than November 15th of each year.

9.4.3 Shall be held after the election of Parent Members.

CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

PENDING LIST TO MARCH 7, 2022

#	Date Requested	Report Due Date	Subject	Delegated To
1	Sept-2021 Regular CPIC Meeting	TBC	That CPIC recommend to Staff and then the Board of Trustees that: TCDSB CSPC's be given appropriate access to School Messenger so that they can create communications to go out to the School Community in the similar respect that CSPC's have access to School Cash Online. The process should (like School Cash Online) allow the CPSC to create the communication and then be reviewed by the administration before it is sent out. (From the June 2021 CPIC Meeting: School Messenger Access)	Director - Designate
2	Jan-2022 Regular CPIC Meeting	TBC	That CPIC request that Board staff make available to CPIC relevant raw information by school, collected from last year's CSPC yearend report & that CPIC be consulted on the proposed survey for this year; and That CPIC in conjunction with TCDSB IT Services investigate a group buy or central licensing model with Inuit for available use of Quickbooks for Catholic School Parent Councils (CSPCs) across the TCDSB (Metrics Report on the Catholic School Parent Council, Policy S.10, 2020-2021)	Director- Designate