

12. b. Toronto CPIC YouTube Channel

As a publicly funded council we have a requirement for our meetings to be available for the public to attend and view.

In the Toronto CPIC Bylaws, Article IX – Meetings,

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

In Ontario Regulation 612/00, Section 40 Meetings,

(5) Meetings of a parent involvement committee shall be open to the public and shall be held,

- (a) in person, at a location that is accessible to the public;
- (b) by electronic or telephonic means; or
- (c) both in person, at a location described in clause (a), and by electronic or telephonic means. O. Reg. 674/20, s. 6.

History

- CPIC meetings have always been held at the CEC and open to anyone to attend.
- Our schedule of meetings along with Agendas and Addendums are posted on the TCDSB website along with all Board of Trustees and SEAC meetings.
- A conference line was available so the public along with CPIC reps could call into the meeting. The conference line did have drawbacks as it was not always clear and those on the phone would miss out on any visual presentations.
- The past Chair did begin to request that the Board stream CPIC meetings in the same fashion to the Board of Trustees and SEAC meeting were. The Board did not see this as a viable option.
- When Covic-19 occurred pivoting to a virtual meeting platform was necessary, as well as finding a method to broadcast meetings safely.
- The Toronto CPIC YouTube Channel was first used on August 17, 2020.
- YouTube channels are currently being used by the TCDSB including groups such as Nurturing our Catholic Community (NCC) and the Catholic Student Leadership Impact Team (CSLIT).

Purpose

- The main idea was to allow the public **watch and listen** to a CPIC meeting.
- Hope to create awareness of the work CPIC and its parent membership, along with Board Staff and Trustees does.
- By watching parents discuss issues that impact parent engagement and student achievement, hopefully inspire additional parents to join the many number of parent groups our Board has to offer.
- Create confidence in our stakeholders by showing parents have a voice to advocate for the needs of parent engagement and student achievement.
- Create an online record of meetings, as meeting minutes no longer contain verbatim, and discussions, reports and debates can be viewed.

If you are not comfortable,

- You can have your video off when streaming.
- Note that when the share screen is on, the viewer will see what is being shared along with a small window in the top right-hand corner of screen of only the person who is speaking.