

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

**PUBLIC SESSION**

E-MEETING VIA ZOOM

**HELD MONDAY JUNE 14, 2021**

**1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the Meeting to Order at 7:08PM.

YouTube live feed was activated on the Toronto CPIC channel.

Minutes are being captured by the Recording Secretary.

**2. Opening Prayer**

Opening prayer was led by Chair, Joe Fiorante.

The Land Acknowledgement was led by Trustee Di Pasquale.

**3. Roll Call & Apologies**

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

**Elementary Parent Members:**

Jennifer Di Francesco (W1)  
Joe Fiorante (W3), Chair  
Santhosh Peter Valavi (W5/E)  
Daniel Oliveira (W5/W)  
Gus Gikas (W6)  
Rose-Marie Fraser (W8/E)  
Charmaine von Vulte (W8/W)  
Ivana Calabria-Pantaleo (W10)  
Isabel Starck (W11/S)  
Anthony Antinucci (W12)

**Secondary Parent Members:**

Milva Romano (West)

Annalisa Crudo-Perri (Central)

**Community Members:**

Alison Canning (Let's Get Together)

**Staff:**

John Wujek (Director Designate)

Manuela Sequeira (Parent Engagement Coordinator)

Jessica Dalinda (Communications)

Sarah Pellegrini (Recording Secretary)

**Guests:**

Phil Hornak

Katie Piccininni (OAPCE – Toronto) sent her regrets.

A.J. Hepburn (W4), Dan Kajioka (W7) and John Yan (The Angel Foundation for Learning) were absent.

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Rose-Marie Fraser, 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 Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Daniel Oliveira, that the May 17, 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.1) be adopted as follows:

**7a) Chair – Monthly Report** received.

The Chair provided an update on his actions for the past month, which included preparing for the end of the school year with communications to CPIC Executive Members, CPIC Members and Director Designate.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Gus Gikas, seconded by Jennifer Di Francesco, that Item 7a.2) be adopted as follows:

**7a.2) Chair – CPIC Membership and Attendance Tracker** received.

The Chair thanked all parents and members for their commitment for the year.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Gus Gikas, seconded by Jennifer Di Francesco, that Item 7a.3) be adopted as follows:

**7a.3) Chair – Joint Ontario Parents Involvement Committee (PIC) Letter to Minister Lecce** received.

The Chair reviewed the letter that was sent to Minister Lecce regarding the proposed centralization/privatization of e-learning/remote learning.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Ivana Calabria-Pantaleo, seconded by Jennifer Di Francesco, that Item 7b) be adopted as follows:

**7b) Treasurer – Financial Update as of May 31, 2021** received.

The Treasurer informed the group there was no change since the last meeting in May 2021.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Joe Fiorante relinquished the Chair to Jennifer Di Francesco.

## 10. Notices of Motion

MOVED by Joe Fiorante, seconded by Annalisa Crudo-Perri, that Item 10a) be adopted as follows:

### 10a) From Joe Fiorante regarding School Messenger Access:

**WHEREAS:** TCDSB Catholic School Parent Councils (CSPC) would like to reach out to their school communities to continue to and rebuild the sense of community that the last school year has made it difficult to do and maintain.

**WHEREAS:** The means of electronic communication and engagement has increased substantially in the last school year during the COVID-19 pandemic and will may continue to increase.

**WHEREAS:** CPIC recognizes the TCDSB is bound by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) to ensure that all personal information that is collected is protected and secured and because of this, TCDSB utilizes a communication tool, School Messenger that is being currently used to communicate with our school communities.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** CPIC recommend to 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.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Joe Fiorante, seconded by Rose-Marie Fraser, that the words "recommend to Staff and then" be added to read *CPIC recommend to Staff and then to the Board of Trustees*".

Results of the Vote taken on the AMENDMENT, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Ivana Calabria-Pantaleo  
Joe Fiorante  
Gus Gikas  
Anthony Antinucci  
Isabel Starck  
Santhosh Peter Valavi  
Charmaine von Vulte

Alison Canning  
Annalisa Crudo-Perri  
Jennifer Di Francesco  
Rose-Marie Fraser  
Milva Romano

The AMENDMENT was declared

CARRIED

Daniel Oliveira did not vote.

Results of the Vote taken on the Motion, as amended, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Ivana Calabria-Pantaleo  
Annalisa Crudo-Perri  
Jennifer Di Francesco  
Joe Fiorante  
Rose-Marie Fraser  
Gus Gikas  
Anthony Antinucci  
Isabel Starck  
Santhosh Peter Valavi  
Charmaine von Vulte

Milva Romano

The Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

Alison Canning and Daniel Oliveira did not vote.

Joe Fiorante became Chair again.

**12. Program/Consultation (Committee of the Whole)**

MOVED by Rose-Marie Fraser, seconded by Annalisa Crudo-Perri, that Item 12a) be adopted as follows:

**12a) Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant Funding Update** that the unused PRO Grant funds be used to purchase parent resources before June 30, 2021.

The Chair updated the Committee regarding PRO Grant funds for the current school year; if anyone has recommendations for books, they are to email Manuela. Additional funds will be allocated next year.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Santhosh Peter Valavi, seconded by Rose-Marie Fraser, that Item 12b) be adopted as follows:

**12b) Strategic Planning for 2021/22 School Year (Verbal)** received.

The Chair updated the Committee that there is one meeting left in September for the Committee. The Chair thanked everyone for their patience during the past year while meetings were conducted virtually.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**15. Reports from TCDSB Board Officials**

MOVED by Gus Gikas, seconded by Daniel Oliveira, that Item 15a) be adopted as follows:

**15a) Director-Designate for CPIC – John Wujek – Monthly Update** received.

The Director Designate provided an update that the Board just approved the first round of administrative changes, a formal announcement will be made by the Director within the coming days. CSPC reports are due in June and all Staff have been reminded of due dates.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**16. Reports from Trustee or Trustee Alternate**

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Ivana Calabria-Pantaleo, that Item 16a) be adopted as follows:

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

Trustee Tanuan and Trustee Di Pasquale updated the Committee that the Board of Trustees have been provided with an update regarding the Outdoor Learning Task Force.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared



CARRIED

**17. Parent Member & Community Member Reports**

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Santhosh Peter Valavi, that Item 17a) be adopted as follows:

**17a) Ward 6 Update – Gus Gikas, St. Mary of the Angels** received.

Gus provided the committee with an update for PRO Grant event was combined with another school. A presentation was made regarding *Parents Have a Tough Job*, to assist with parents having their children learn at home.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Isabel Starck, seconded by Jennifer Di Francesco, that Item 17b) be adopted as follows:

**17b) Let's Get Together Update – Alison Canning, Community Member** received.

Alison provided the committee with an update that two virtual workshops were held, one regarding scholarships and one regarding newcomers.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Joe Fiorante relinquished the Chair to Jennifer Di Francesco.

MOVED by Isabel Starck, seconded by Annalisa Crudo-Perri, that Item 17c) be adopted as follows:

**17c) Ward 3 Update – Joe Fiorante, St. Jane Frances received.**

Joe provided the committee with an update that a communication was sent to the Board of Trustees regarding EPAN schools.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Joe Fiorante became Chair again.

MOVED by Santhosh Peter Valavi, seconded by Isabel Starck, that Item 17d) be adopted as follows:

**17d) Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Provincial Update – Annalisa Crudo-Perri Executive Director received.**

Annalisa provided the committee with an update that OAPCE is advocating for education regarding the recent announcements from the Ministry. A survey will be sent out to gather information on the last school year.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Charmaine von Vulte, seconded by Rose-Marie Fraser, that Item 17e) be adopted as follows:

- 17e) Ward 1 Update – Jennifer Di Francesco, St. Eugene** received.

Jennifer provided the committee with an update that a master class event is being held. It revolves are mindfulness and mental health.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**20. Adjournment**

MOVED by Ivana Calabria-Pantaleo, seconded by Isabel Starck, that the meeting be adjourned.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

The Meeting adjourned at 9:50PM.

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CPIC SECRETARY

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CPIC CHAIR