

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

IN PERSON MEETING

HELD MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

1. Call to Order

The Chair, John Del Grande called the Meeting to Order at 7:08pm.
The Chair started the livestream on the CPIC YouTube Channel.

2. Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement

The Opening Prayer was led by CPIC Chair John Del Grande.
The Land Acknowledgement was led by Gus Gikas.

3. Roll Call & Apologies

Trustee: Frank D’Amico (Trustee Alternate Representative Ward 6)

**Elementary
Parent
Members** Jennifer Di Francesco (W1), Vice Chair
Franco Cozza (W5/E)
Madeleine Juanche (W5/W)
Marcelle Paul (W6)
Aira Garcia (W7)
Richelle De Belchior (W8/E)
Brian Arruda (W10)
John Del Grande (W12), Chair

**Secondary
Parent
Members** Gus Gikas (Central)
Maria Volpentesta (East)

Staff Ryan Peterson (Director Designate)

Joe Fiorante (Business Services)

Guests

Ryan Putnam, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer
Weronika Dec, Sr. Manager School Finance Support Team
Cristina Fernandes, Executive Superintendent Student
Achievement, Innovation & Well Being
John Wujek, Executive Director of the Angel Foundation for
Learning

Regrets

Ida LiPreti (Trustee Representative Ward 3)
Gabriela Berloni (W2)
Marco Ouji (Communications)

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Gus Gikas, that the Agenda, be approved.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

5. Declarations of Interest

None declared

6. Approval and Signing of the Minutes of Previous Meeting Held February 26, 2024

MOVED by Gus Gikas, seconded by Maria Volpentesta, that the February 26, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, be approved.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

7. Presentations & Reports from Committee Officers

7a) Chair – Activity Report

The Chair provided an update of activities since last meeting and CPIC upcoming events being planned.

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Maria Volpentesta, that the Chair’s report be received.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

7b) Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) Grant and Expenditure Summary as of March 31, 2024

The Treasurer provided the Treasurer’s report. The Current Balance is \$99,923.65.

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Brian Arruda, that the Treasurer’s report be received.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

7c) Angel Foundation for Learning

A presentation was delivered on the present circumstances and state of affairs of the Angel Foundation, as well as a renewed opportunity to reach out to CPIC and parents throughout school communities.

Presentation entitled “Who We Are & What We Do” daily summarized how students have access to support needed to fully participate in education opportunities and have equal opportunities for success through nutrition, trips, emergency funds, vouchers for school apparel, assistance for newcomers, etc.

Provided information on how parents, CSPCs, CPIC and partners can help AFL. Sponsorships also open to any events.

AFL interested in being invited to parent events and also advised CPIC regarding upcoming events.

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Gus Gikas, that the presentation be received.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

8. Delegations

9. Unfinished Business & Matters Rising Out of Minutes

9a) Ward Events – Verbal Update from CPIC Members

Tentative event to be held in Ward 8 for Elementary School Parents “Best Practices for Raising Young Kids”. More information to come.

Tentative event to be Held for Ward 7, 8, 11, 12. Guest speaker to be addressing parents helping children with mental health issues.

MOVED by Madeleine Juanch, seconded by Gus Gikas, that the events report be received.

By unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

9b) School Parent Volunteer of the Year Award – All Schools

Sample of the award shared. Currently working on the criteria for voting.

10. Notices of Motion

10a) New Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) Policy #8: E-Meetings

(Electronic) E-Meeting Policy protocols reviewed.

MOVED by Marcelle Paul, seconded by Jennifer Di Francesco, that item 10a) new CPIC Policy #8: E-Meetings be approved as presented.

By unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

10b) Update Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Policy #5 – Annual Budgeting

MOVED by Gus Gikas, seconded by Jennifer Di Francesco that Item 10b) the revised CPIC Policy #5 – Annual Budgeting be approved as presented.

By unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

11. Communications Received

11a) Education Bank – Skilled Trades Session

Periodic activities run in Scarborough. The information was shared with Scarborough schools and CSPC members.

11b) Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) News Release – 85th Conference and Awards Summary

The Chair shared the OAPCE News Release of the Annual Conference that took place on April 13, 2024.

12. Program Consultation (Committee of the Whole)

12a) Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) School-Parent Communications

12b) Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) Policy Consultation

MOVED by Gus Gikas, seconded by Madeleine Juanche, that items 12a) and 12b) be deferred to May meeting for discussions with a representative from Communications.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

12c) Student Achievement Plan: Toronto Catholic District School Board – C. Fernandes, Executive Superintendent of Student Achievement, Innovation and Well Being

Cristina Fernandes spoke about and shared the Student Achievement Plan and supporting data. The Ministry of Education Provided the Data outlined in draft format. Advised that parents and all advisory groups are to be consulted and the final plan to be posted on the Board's website by end of June.

CPIC provided input as to additional metrics to be considered.

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Madeleine Juanche that the presentation be received and the following be referred to Staff:

School Improvement Plans to be presented to school councils and reminders will be followed up on through Principal meetings and Principal email reminders.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

13. Subcommittee & Special Committee Reports

13a) Executive Subcommittee Minutes Held April 9, 2024

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Gus Gikas, that CPIC approve the minutes as presented.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

15. Reports from TCDSB Board Officials

15a) Financial Procedures and Budget Update – R. Putnam, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Currently working with schools to migrate school generated funds and nutrition program accounts to CIBC and working with schools to transfer duties to school secretaries. Also, currently exploring KEV and Quickbooks to provide parent councils with a consistent accounting application. School Finance Team also in stage of hiring two Officers for support.

Training has been offered to CSPC Treasurers to cover high level points which were only available to CSPC Chairs. CSPC documents now available on CSPC portal.

The Board's CFO presented high level information on the Board's 2024-2025 Budget Framework. The Minister approved this year's deficit of \$58 million. Draft budget to be brought to the Board in May. Final budget is projected for June.

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Gus Gikas, that the budget presentation be received.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

15b) Monthly Update – R. Peterson, Superintendent and Director Designate for CPIC

Superintendent Peterson introduced Angela Florio, Officer of Area 7 and 8 Schools, who assisted with minute taking for the CPIC meeting.

Updates were provided regarding the training for CSPCs regarding Pro Grant changes, attendance at all Area Principal meetings to discuss CPIC issues and topics, as well as reflections and events taking place during the month of April.

Provided updates from Superintendent Kimberly Dixon advising that the Board has multiple websites and resources now available on the Board's website to assist families in supporting their children in math learning. Ministry of Education has guidelines for approved textbooks and schools able to purchase workbooks to support students. More to come on access of funding to support math so schools do not have to fundraise. Digital passwords and resources for students were sent out.

Moved by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Gus Gikas, that the report be received.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

16. Verbal Report from Trustee Alternate – Frank D'Amico

20. Adjournment

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Brian Arruda, that the meeting be adjourned.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

The Meeting adjourned at 10:11 pm.

CPIC SECRETARY



CPIC CHAIR