

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

VIRTUAL MEETING

HELD MONDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2025

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Jennifer Di Francesco called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

2. Opening Prayer

The Opening Prayer was led by Jennifer Di Francesco.

2.a Land Acknowledgement

The Land Acknowledgement was led by Jacinda Liburd.

3. Roll Call & Apologies

Trustee: Nancy Crawford (W12)
Frank D'Amico (W6)

**Elementary
Parent
Members:** Jennifer Di Francesco (W1)
Tony Orangis (W3)
Andreia Maia (W6)
Richelle De Belchior (W8/E)
Jacinda Liburd (W8/W)
Nora Biagioni da Costa (W10)
Michael Lamanna (W11/S)
Karolina Krystyniak (W12)

Secondary Gus Gikas (Central)

Parent Members: Maureen Colford (East)

Community Members: None

Staff: Ryan Putnam (Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer)
Michael Loberto (Superintendent of Planning and Development)
Ryan Peterson (Director Designate)
Joe Fiorante (Financial Services)
Marco Ouji (Communications)

S. Adaikpoh, Acting Recording Secretary

External Guests: C. Clarke, Director of Quadrant Advisory Group and
M. Doan, Director at Blueprint (For Item 7d)

Apologies were extended on behalf of Franco Cozza and Francesca Ancona. Agata Edwards, Madeleine Juanche, Dan Kajioka and Ivonne Marynovych were absent.

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Nora Biagioni da Costa, seconded by Gus Gikas, that the Agenda, as amended to include the Addendum, be approved.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

5. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

6. Approval and Signing of the Minutes of the Meeting held January 20, 2025

MOVED by Gus Gikas, seconded by Andreia Maia, that the Minutes of the Meeting held January 20, 2025 be approved.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

7. Presentations and Reports from Committee Officers

MOVED by Andreia Maia, seconded by Michael Lamanna, that Item 7a) be adopted as follows:

7a) Chair's Report - February 2025 received

Trustee D'Amico left the virtual room at 7:18 pm.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Andreia Maia, seconded by Tony Orangis, that Item 7b) be adopted as follows:

7b) Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Grant and Expenditure Summary as of January 31th, 2025 - Gus Gikas, Treasurer of Catholic Parent Involvement Committee received.

The balance is \$77,121.93 and PIC and PRO Grant funds are \$1500.00.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Jacinda Liburd, seconded by Nora Biagioni da Costa, that Item 7c) be adopted as follows:

- 7c) Communications Update – Marco Ouji, Communications, Research and Policy at Toronto Catholic District School Board** received.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Jacinda Liburd, seconded by Andreia Maia, that Item 7d) be adopted as follows:

- 7d) Building Tomorrow, Together: A Vision for Long-Term Student Accommodation and Program Delivery - C. Clarke, Quadrant Advisory Group and M. Dean, Blueprint** received.

Gabriela Berloni joined the virtual room at 7:32 pm.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Gus Gikas, seconded by Gabriela Berloni, that Item 7e) be adopted as follows:

- 7e) Financial Outlook - Ryan Putnam, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer** received.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

9. Unfinished Business & Matters Rising Out of Minutes

MOVED by Gabriela Berloni, seconded by Tony Orangis, that Item 9a) be adopted as follows:

9a) CPIC Parent Volunteer of the Year Award Introduction and Criteria Letter received.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

10 Notices of Motion

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Jacinda Liburd, that Item 10a) be adopted as follows:

10a) From Jennifer Di Francesco, CPIC Chair and representative of Ward 1 regarding Snow Plowing of City Streets and Sidewalks in and Around Schools:

WHEREAS: The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) is dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of its students, staff, parents, and community members.

WHEREAS: Snow and ice accumulation on streets and sidewalks around schools can create hazardous conditions that impact students, particularly students with special needs, parents, school buses, and neighbours.

WHEREAS: Delays and unsafe conditions caused by inadequate snow plowing can lead to disruptions in student attendance, cause difficulties for parents and

guardians in safely transporting their children, and create access issues for all students, especially those with mobility challenges.

WHEREAS: The City of Toronto must prioritize snow removal on streets and sidewalks around schools to ensure the safety and accessibility of these areas, especially during winter.

BE IT RESOLVED: That CPIC recommends to the Board of Trustees that they formally request the City of Toronto prioritize snow plowing and ice removal around schools, including the streets and sidewalks leading to school the schools, and entrances, as part of their winter maintenance plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That CPIC recommends to the Board of Trustees send a letter to the City of Toronto to request that snow plowing around schools formally be made a priority to enhance safety for students, parents, staff, school buses, and neighbours, with a specific focus on addressing accessibility for students with special needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That CPIC recommends to the Board of Trustees include in the letter the urgency of this issue and the impact on student access to education, especially during severe weather conditions that affect accessibility and safety for vulnerable students and their families.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That CPIC recommends to the Board of Trustees request a meeting with the City of Toronto to discuss solutions to how best to improve snow removal protocols around schools, with a focus on ensuring safe and timely access for all students. This meeting should include representatives from all stakeholders, including parents, Trustees, staff, administrators, community members, and most importantly students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That CPIC recommends to the Board request a response from the City of Toronto regarding this request no later than April 30th, 2025.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Di Francesco
Berloni
Orangis

Opposed

Maia
De Belchior
Liburd
Biagioni da Costa
Lamanna
Krystyniak
Gikas
Colford

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

11. Consideration of Motions For Which Previous Notice Has Been Given

MOVED by Gus Gikas, seconded by Gabriela Berloni, that Item 11a) be adopted as follows:

11a) From Gus Gikas, Treasurer of Catholic Parent Involvement Committee and representative of Central Wards 5,6,9 and 10, regarding CPIC Member Mileage Expense Reimbursement:

WHEREAS: The TCDSB aligns with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) for the allowable mileage rate, amended from time to time, as required.

WHEREAS: The TCDSB new mileage rate effective January 1st, 2025 is \$0.72c/kms as confirmed by the attached email communication.

WHEREAS: The CRA made the following announcement on December 30th, 2024 for automobile limits and rates for the 2025 calendar year to increase the mileage rate from \$0.70c per kilometer to \$0.72c per kilometer for the first 5000 kilometers driven, and increase the mileage rate from \$0.64c to \$0.66c for each additional kilometer driven.

WHEREAS: CPIC Members are reimbursed kilometrage for committee meetings or when attending Toronto CPIC authorized activities using the approved CPIC Mileage form.

WHEREAS: Mileage distance is shortest route from Home to location (example CEC) and back using Google Maps.

WHEREAS: Toronto CPIC will not reimburse traffic and parking violations or any other fines.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: CPIC make the change to the Mileage Rates in Policy No. 1 Appendix A to align with the TCDSB in accordance with the announcement made by the CRA on December 30th, 2024 for the 2025 Calendar Year

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Di Francesco
Berloni
Orangis
Maia
De Belchior
Liburd
Biagioni da Costa
Lamanna
Krystyniak
Gikas
Colford

Opposed

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

14. Subcommittee & Special Committee Reports

MOVED by Andreia Maia, seconded by Gabriela Berloni, that Item 14) be adopted as follows:

14a) Sub-Committees Annual Calendar

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

16. Reports from TCDSB Board Officials

MOVED by Gus Gikas, seconded by Nora Biagioni da Costa, that Item 16a) be adopted as follows:

16a) Update (Verbal) - Ryan Peterson, Director - Designate for Catholic Parent Involvement Committee received.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

17. Reports from Trustee or Trustee Alternate

MOVED by Nora Biagioni da Costa, seconded by Michael Lamanna that Item 17a) be adopted as follows:

17a) Update (Verbal)- Nancy Crawford, Trustee and Frank D'Amico, Trustee Alternative received.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

19. Update from the Board on Prior CPIC Resolutions Recommended

MOVED by Gus Gikas, seconded by Andreia Maia that Item 19a) be adopted as follows:

19a) Fundraising in Schools Policy S.M.04 received.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

23. Adjournment

MOVED by Gus Gikas, seconded by Andreia Maia, that the meeting be adjourned.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

The Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

CPIC SECRETARY

CPIC CHAIR