



# TORONTO CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Toronto Catholic PIC

**Monday April 18, 2016**

~ Catholic Education Centre ~

**7:00 P.M.**

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| Meeting Time & Location: | 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM                | CEC – Catholic Teachers Centre |
| Chair:                   | Geoffrey Feldman                   |                                |
| Secretary (note-taker):  | NTC Reporting & Transcription Inc. |                                |

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| <b>Parent &amp; Community Members Present (voting Members):</b> | W1 – <b>Geoffrey Feldman – Chair</b><br>W2 –<br>W3 – <b>Luciano Asenjo</b><br>W4 –<br>W5 – <b>Jana Seymour</b><br>W6 –<br>W7 – <b>O P E N</b><br>W8 – <b>Ruth Oliveros</b><br>W9 – <b>Manuel Ching</b><br>W10 – <b>Kana Muthiah</b><br>W11 – <b>Ben Xavier</b><br>W12 – <b>O P E N</b><br><hr/> PMAL 1 –<br>PMAL 3 – <b>Ana Bela Da Silva (W5)</b><br><hr/> Com Rep 1 – <b>O P E N (OAPCE-T)</b><br>Com Rep 3 – <b>Dennis Hastings Asst. Comm.</b> | W1 – <b>O P E N</b><br>W2 – <b>O P E N</b><br>W3 – <b>Nilo Ang</b><br>W4 – <b>Joe Fiorante – Treasurer</b><br>W5 – <b>Cheryl Bristol-Matte -Vice Chair</b> ☎<br>W6 –<br>W7 –<br>W8 – <b>Jun Saludares</b><br>W9 –<br>W10 – <b>O P E N</b><br>W11 – <b>O P E N</b><br>W12 –<br><hr/> PMAL 2 –<br>PMAL 4 –<br><hr/> Com Rep 2 – <b>Maria Pileggi</b><br>☎ Telephone Symbol |
| <b>Other Members In Attendance (ex officio and non-voting):</b> | TCDSB Director of Education or Designate – <b>John Shain</b><br>TCDSB Trustee Representative or Designate – <b>Garry Tanuan</b><br>TCDSB Parent Engagement & Toronto Catholic PIC Liaison – <b>Carla Marchetti</b><br>TCDSB Communications – <b>Emmy Szekeres-Milne</b><br>TCDSB Staff Support: <b>Nicholas Galatianos, Jessica Ugliano, A. Robertson (Parliamentarian)</b>  |  |
| <b>Apologies for Absence:</b>                                   | A J Hepburn W2, Milton Barrera PMAL-1 (W5)   |  |
| <b>Absent:</b>  | Roger Gonzalves W4, Sandra Darquea W6, Guida Fortini W6, Karen Lue Tam W7, Diana Buckmire W9, Jackie Delaney (W12) , Milton Barrera (PMAL 1), Baldo Minaudo PMAL-2   |  |

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| <b>Guests and Public in Attendance:</b> | Annalisa Crudo-Perri, Alistair Robertson, Sandra Mastronardi<br><b>No other guests present</b> |
| <b>Next Meeting:</b>                    | <b>Monday June 20, 2016      Location: CEC @ 7:00 PM</b>                                       |

| AGENDA ITEMS   | DISCUSSION & DECISIONS   |
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| 1 <b>Welcome, Call to Order, Roll Call, Declaration of Quorum and Prayer</b> | The Chair welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order and led the roll call at <b>07:11 PM</b> .<br><br>After a determination of Members present, the Chair declared that as quorum was confirmed, the meeting was duly convened and legally constituted.<br><br><b>Trustee Tanuan</b> led the opening prayer.  |
| 2 <b>Adoption of Proposed Agenda</b>   | After those present had an opportunity to read and review the proposed Agenda and a call for additions and changes was made. The Director of Education through the chair requested that three items are deferred until the June 2016 meeting. The following motion was then proposed:<br><br><b>Motion 16/04-01      MOVED THAT the proposed Agenda with three items being deferred until the June, 2016 meeting namely “Ratification of March 7, 2016 Decisions” “11.2 Appoint Sandra Mastronardi to CR1” &amp; “11.3 Appoint of Annalisa</b> |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manny Ching and I met with John Shain to discuss Toronto Catholic PIC</li> <li>• March 6, 2016 – Toronto Catholic PIC exhibited at "Lift Jesus Higher" to promote the committee to TCDSB Parents that attended, met around 500 parents; more than 1,500 people at the event from across Ontario, we have secured a table for next year.</li> <li>• March 7, 2016 - Toronto Catholic PIC Meeting "Subcommittee of the Whole" - decisions were made and ratification has been deferring to our next meeting.</li> <li>• April 9, 2016 – The "Faith in Our Child" W8 event was sponsored by Toronto Catholic PIC and we had a table to promote Toronto Catholic PIC at this event as well.</li> <li>• April 16, 2016 – I attended the PIC Symposium on behalf of Toronto Catholic PIC where I met and compared notes with PIC Chairs and Members from the GTA region. This year it was intertwined with the TDSB PIAC Parent Forum with more than 1,000 TDSB parents in attendance. We joined the TDSB for the keynote speakers but the PIC Chairs did have their own workshops to attend.</li> <li>• April 18, 2016 C. Bristol-Matte, K. Muthiah and I met with Director, John Shain</li> </ul> <p>In the Future: I would like to invite TCDSB Staff to speak at our Toronto Catholic PIC meetings for 10 to 15 minute to provide a synopsis on TCDSB curriculum, events and programs.</p> <p><b>Chair presided over the Meeting.</b></p> |
| <p>5 <b>Report from the Trustee Representative or Designate</b></p> | <p><b>Trustee Tanuan reported.</b></p> <p>On March 7, 2016 Trustee Del Grande and Crawford and I hosted a joint Ward 7, 8, and 12 budget consultations on the MYRT; we received lots of complaints from W7, W12 but W8 was happy with the MYRT as presented. The deadline to submit online comments is April 20, 2016. I do encourage all to give their comments as we are looking for parent input. Goes without saying that these decisions are very hard for all of us. Every single cut and deduction is a very, very difficult decision, but is necessary to move forward and balance the TCDSB budget.</p> <p>Thank you Toronto Catholic PIC and especially Ruth for organizing the "Faith in Our Child" event. It was well attended. Two guest speakers were priests, two were Teachers and two were parents. The attendees obtained ideas and activities, from the viewpoint of our three year plan "Home, School and Parish".</p> <p><u>Highlights from the Board:</u></p> <p>School Accommodation Review Committee (SARC) meeting will be held on April 14, 2016. The Director will provide an update on the admissions. Discussions on student transportation will take place.</p>  |
| <p>6 <b>Report from the Director of Education or Designate</b></p>  | <p><b>Director Gauthier reported.</b></p> <p>It was a very successful first "Faith in Our Child" symposium held in W8. Three pillars coming together, family church and school with the different aspects and the different lens of how we look at educating our child in a Catholic environment. Mass, speakers, lunch, very successful. I Thank the people who worked on that. We would not be anywhere without the support of parents giving freely of their time</p>   |

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|   | <p><u>MYRP</u>: Staff work - multi-year recovery plan. Consultation is taking place now and we are busy preparing the 2016/17 budget estimates. We have tried to involve parents by hosting a "Town forum" and online surveys. We have instigated a "Ask the Director" blog where any question will be answered as they come forward. The cut-off date is tomorrow and staff will tabulate the results and report to the Board of Trustees at this Thursday night's meeting. Will then go back to the draft plan and see what can be integrated and presented to the trustees for consideration. The TCDSB is in a very difficult position as by law we have to present a balanced budget. We need to reassess our programs in light of the resources we have. The Budget is taking a lot of trustees and staff time.</p> <p><u>Student Achievement</u>: Thank God for wonderful educators and families in the schools. The Literacy agenda is very healthy. Our challenges are with Mathematics as we have slipped in our results, similar as most boards in the Province. Our Staff meeting today focused largely on that. We are awaiting some information from the Ministry re: funding for maths. This is not extra, but just money moved and shifted to mathematics with very strict rules as to how to apply them. We have identified \$1.8 million for schools at three different levels of intervention that the Ministry want us to focus on. We have very directed regulations on how to spend this money.</p> <p><u>Parent Engagement</u>: Very strong priority for trustees and myself personally and my vision as to what Catholic education should be. We would not have a Catholic system without the involvement of parents at all levels. If we forget that we do so at our peril; It is our main goal to promote this fact.</p> <p>The TCDSB has a new Chief Financial Officer - Carlene Jackson. She is just learning our reality of where we are at financially. We are very excited to have her on board.</p> <p>The TCDSB is saddened of the repose of Dr. Jim Saraco it is a blow to both his family and his work family. He will be greatly missed.</p> <p><b>Superintendent Shain Reported.</b><br/>Reinvigorated the math initiative for next year and Toronto Catholic PIC should look into finding out what parents really want to learn about to encourage their children.</p> |
| 7 Financial Report from the Treasurer                                     | <p><b>Toronto Catholic PIC Treasurer reported.</b></p> <p>An overview of spending (attached as Appendix "A") as reported by the TCDSB for March 31, 2016 was provided and discussed by the members.</p> <p><b>Motion # 16/04-06</b>      <b>MOVED THAT the Toronto Catholic PIC Financial Report as presented be accepted.</b></p> <p>Mover: N. Ang W3      Seconded: M. Ching W9</p> <p>Carried</p>   |
| 8 Unfinished (Old) Business and Matters Arising Minutes of Prior Meetings | <p><b>Unfinished Business/Items Deferred from Prior Meeting</b></p> <p><b>8.1 SEAC Request for Funds</b></p> <p>The Special Education Advisory Committee has requested that Toronto Catholic PIC fund up to \$5,000 towards their Parent Resource Fair and Workshops.</p> <p><b>Motion 16/04-07</b>      <b>MOVED THAT Toronto Catholic PIC will set aside \$5000 to be</b></p>  |

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|   | <p>Mover: N. Ang W3 <span style="float: right;">Seconded: J. Saldares W8</span><br/>Carried</p> <p><b>Motion 16/04-10</b>      <b>MOVED THAT</b> Toronto Catholic PIC set aside \$1,400 plus artwork and taxes for the printing of 5,000 church shaped 2" magnets to be used at events and distributed by members to ward schools. The TCDSB and the Toronto Catholic PIC logo shall be placed on the magnet as well as Toronto Catholic PIC phone number and the link address to the Toronto Catholic PIC webpage.</p> <p>Mover: N. Ang W3 <span style="float: right;">Seconded: J. Saldares W8</span><br/>Carried</p>   |
| <p>10    <b>Reports from Parent Members: Ward Representatives</b></p> | <p>W6 - Dennis Hastings: The W6 Trustee held a Bingo Night with donated prizes recently that we attended. It was a successful event with kids, parents, and teachers getting together in a common setting. Attendees paid for food and drinks.</p> <p>W8 - Ruth Oliveros: The Faith in Our Child symposium was held on April 9, 2016 with more than 160 attendees. It was very successful event. (Photos were shown)</p> <p>W11 - Ben Xavier – Our Spirit Committee - proposed and implemented a free movie night. The CSPCs donated popcorn, et cetera. We are slowly making inroads on getting families to come out. We are considering a second proposal to give out bibles to the first communion children,</p>   |
| <p>11    <b>New Business and Motions Arising Therefrom</b></p>        | <p><b><u>11.1 ProGrant 2016-2017:</u></b><br/>Discussion followed on member ideas on the events that we could submit to the Ministry of Education under their Regional PRO-Grant Program.</p> <p><b>Motion 16/04-11</b>      <b>MOVED THAT</b> Toronto Catholic PIC Chair is authorized to submit a PRO-Grant Application for \$30,000.00 with objective of 12 Toronto Catholic PIC Ward specific events related to the parent engagement needs of that Ward.</p> <p>Mover: J. Seymour W5 <span style="float: right;">Seconded: N. Ang W3</span><br/>Carried</p> <p><b><u>11.2 Faith in Our Child event at St. Timothy's and St. Gerald's schools</u></b><br/><b>Motion 16/04-12</b>      <b>MOVED THAT</b> Toronto Catholic PIC Chair set aside \$1,500 to defray the expenses of the Ward 11 "Faith In Our Child" symposium to be held at St. Timothy's or St Gerald's Schools with the requirement to promote that these funds came from Toronto Catholic PIC; and that at least one obligatory session is used to encourage parent involvement by parents serving on their school council (CSPC) and/or this committees (Toronto Catholic PIC), by volunteering for field trips and other school activities, by making sure there is a quiet place set aside to do homework, by helping with homework, by meeting with teachers, by talking to their child about their day at school; and that other schools in the local area are invited to attend this event.</p> <p>Mover: B. Xavier W9 <span style="float: right;">Seconded: M. Ching W9</span><br/>Carried</p> <p><b><u>11.3 Toronto CPIC Team Building:</u></b><br/>Discussions followed on ideas for team-building of members, staff and trustees. CPIC Member name cards were also discussed for staff to implement at our next meeting.</p> |

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|   | <p>Motion tabled below is to develop a retreat in October/November to build team membership with new and old members</p> <p><b>Motion 16/04-13</b> MOVED THAT Toronto Catholic PIC Chair organize a retreat each year in either October or November of a school year with new and old members.</p> <p>Mover: N. Ang W3 Seconded: D. Hastings CR3<br/>Carried</p> <p><b>11.4 OAPCE Conference and AGM:</b></p> <p><b>Motion 16/04-14</b> MOVED THAT Toronto Catholic PIC amends Motion 16/02-06 to change the registration cut-off date to May 7, 2016 and that the Motion 16/02-06 and all amending motions will also expire on May 7, 2016.</p> <p>Mover: J. Fiorante W4 Seconded: N. Ang W3<br/>Carried</p> <p><b>Motion 16/04-15</b> MOVED THAT Toronto Catholic PIC amends Motion 16/02-06 to remove the limit of \$40 per school and replace this restriction to allow 125 TCDSB CSPC members to attend from across the TCDSB system</p> <p>Mover: N Ang W3 Seconded: L. Asenjo W3<br/>Carried</p> |
| 12 <b>Announcements &amp; Date, Time &amp; Location of Next Meeting</b> | <p>The next formal meeting CPIC in this FY2015/16 is on:<br/><i>Monday June 20, 2016</i></p> <p>The final formal meeting for CPIC FY2015/16 is on:<br/><i>Monday September 19, 2016</i></p> <p><i>Catholic Education Centre – 80 Sheppard Avenue East</i><br/>Room to be announced.</p> <p>There will be subcommittee and Executive meetings as needed.</p>   |
| 13 <b>Adjournment</b>   | <p><b>Motion # 16/04-16</b> MOVED THAT the meeting stand adjourned.</p> <p>Mover: N. Ang W3 Seconded: L. Asenjo W3<br/>Carried</p> <p>The Chair declared the meeting adjourned and Members rose at <b>09:42 PM</b></p>  |

Respectfully submitted to the Members of Toronto Catholic PIC,

  
Geoffrey Feldman, Chair

By resolution of the assembly (16/06-02) on  
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### APPENDIX "A" – Financial Report

|  <b>CPIC Grant &amp; Expenditure Summary</b><br><b>As at March 31, 2016</b> |                  |                      |
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|  | CPIC<br>2015-16  | PRO GRANT<br>2015-16 |
| APPROVED FUNDING   | 20,106.00        | 12,500.00            |
| CARRYOVER FROM PREVIOUS YEAR   | 42,569.46        | 5,257.01             |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>   | <b>62,675.46</b> | <b>17,757.01</b>     |
| EXPENSES:  |                  |                      |
| Conference Materials   | 2,004.93         | 6,993.71             |
| CSAC Resources   | -                | -                    |
| Hospitality  | 6,256.15         | 2,832.25             |
| Honorariums  | -                | -                    |
| Legal Fees   | -                | -                    |
| Mileage  | 77.27            | -                    |
| Promotional Materials  | -                | -                    |
| Printing & Supplies  | 868.28           | 131.43               |
| Translation Services   | -                | -                    |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>  | <b>9,206.63</b>  | <b>9,957.39</b>      |
| <b>CARRYOVER TO NEW YEAR</b>   | <b>53,468.83</b> | <b>7,799.62</b>      |