**REPORT TO**

**REGULAR BOARD**

# CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE STAFF ASSESSMENT REPORT 2016-2017

*"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" Ephesians 2:10*

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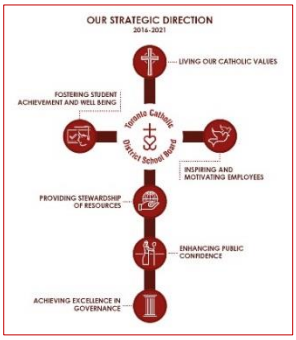
## INFORMATION REPORT

**Vision:**
*At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.*

**Mission:**
*The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.*
*We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.*

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## A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) facilitated and sponsored initiatives for the 2016-2017 academic year. This report will provide an overview of these activities by reviewing the number of committee meetings; parent conferences and workshops, monetary sponsorship for parent events, and resources distributed to Catholic School Parent Councils.

***Total cumulative time for staff to prepare this report is 8 hours.***

## B. PURPOSE

This report complies with the Action After request made on January 28, 2016 that an Annual Information Report on Catholic Parent Involvement Committee activities be added to the rolling calendar. Staff was to report on the statistics of meetings, activities and initiatives undertaken by CPIC.

## C. BACKGROUND

1. **January 28, 2016 -** The Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report was presented at the Regular Board meeting. Arising out of this presentation, the Annual Report was received by the Board and recommendations were made to have a report presented on an annual basis.

2. **June 9, 2016 -** Staff presented a report on the meetings, activities and initiatives completed by CPIC during the time period 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 academic years.

## D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

**1. MEETINGS: CPIC met nine times during the past session.**

| CPIC MEETING DATES |
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| Monday, October 17th, 2016 |
| Monday, November 21st , 2016 |
| Monday, December, 19th, 2016 |

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| Monday, January 16th, 2017 |
| Monday, March 6th, 2017 |
| Monday, May2nd, 2017 |
| Monday, May 15th, 2017 |
| Monday, June 19th, 2017 |
| Monday, September 18th, 2017 |

Minutes of meetings held and financial records were made available for public inspection at TCDSB offices, as well as posted on the TCDSB, CPIC website. Approved Minutes of the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting held on May, 15th, and June 19th, as well the CPIC Annual Report for 2016-2017, including the Financial Report, were presented to the Board on September 21, 2017. (Appendix A)

**2. EVENTS:**

The following CPIC Parent Reaching Out (PRO)-Grant events in 2016-2017 were coordinated and facilitated by CPIC members:

| CPIC INITIATIVES | Date | Details |
|---|---|---|
| 'A Night of Motivation' Ward 4 | 23/11/ 2016 | • Held at St. Jane Francis Catholic School<br>• Wes Williams, hip hop artist and former TCDSB student, spoke to parents and students on the importance and role of motivation and adhering to goals and vision in order to achieve success<br>• 30 people attended |
| 'Preparing Healthy Foods and Avoid Diabetes" Ward 6 | 24/11/16 | • Held at St. Stella Maris Catholic School<br>• Event involved the Unison Health Community services, with the help of a celebrity cook |
| 'Screenager Movie Screening' Ward 7 | 5/04/17 | • Held at Mary Ward CSS<br>• Screening of movie "Growing up in the Digital Age", followed by a moderated discussion and suggestion for next steps |

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| | | • Participants were asked to being a donation of canned or packaged goods for the ACSA Food Bank<br>• 95 people attended |
| 'School Structure and Model for Student Success'<br>Ward 8 | 18/01/17 | • Held at The Divine Infant Catholic School<br>• Advantages of large and small schools were addressed with a focus on student success<br>• Annie Kidder was the guest speaker<br>• 30 people attended |
| 'Faith in Our Child II-Our Parish, Our Spiritual Goal",<br>Ward 11 | 1/04/17 | • Father Ken Lau was a guest speaker<br>• Info on the Jesus Club was presented |

3. CPIC also provided support to parent engagement events based on requests.

| CPIC SPONSORSHIP | DATE | DETAILS |
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| 'Proudly Pinoy' | 13/052017 | • Held at St. Margaret Catholic School<br>• Performances and workshops were aimed at highlighting and developing awareness of the Filipino culture, as well as, celebrating and building community |
| 'Student Transition Event' | 8/02/17 | • Held at Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton<br>• Event was designed to assist families in general planning and knowledge as they considered the available secondary school pathways |
| "Math in the Dark Ages' | 23/03/17 | • Held at St. Bruno<br>• This event was designed as a transition opportunity for St. Bruno and St. Raymond school communities to build relationships, as well as to address both schools urgent critical need in the area of math.<br>• The students were participating in the math learning, while the parents were engaged in the information session |

## 4. RESOURCES:

With the end goal of increasing parent engagement, CPIC coordinated the printing and distribution of promotional materials and resources for parents on such topics as: conflict resolutions strategies; building school partnerships; recruiting, retaining and succession planning for Catholic School Parent Councils; tips for school councils; team building strategies; building effective meetings, and school council elections.

CPIC resources were distributed at the following events:

| RESOURCES | DATE | DETAILS |
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| Proudly Pinoy Event | 13/05/17 | • Held at St. Margaret Catholic School<br>• Performances and workshops to highlight and develop awareness of Filipino culture |
| Lift Jesus Higher Event | 4/03/17 | • Held at Metro Toronto Convention Centre<br>• Annual event for Youth and Adults that focuses on evangelizing through uplifting music, testimonials, confessions, reflections, Divine Mercy celebration and a Eucharistic Procession. |
| Let's Get Together Event | 15/02/17 | • Held at the Etobicoke Olympian<br>• Parent Expo that featured over 70 exhibitors all focused on education, learning, and parent engagement |

## 5. MOTIONS:

1. The following motions [A-D] were presented to Board of Trustees on January 26, 2017 (Agenda Addendum 10 (g)) and were received and referred to staff:

   A. Long-Term Accommodations and Program Plan (LTAP & LTPP) Parent Consultation
      (a) A one-page, ward-by-ward summary.
      (b) Delay the next Report to allow more time for parent responses

B. Use Toronto Catholic Parent Involvement Committee & Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education – Toronto Region, for selecting the best way to involve parents.
   a) Prior to any parent consultation that TCDSB is considering, that strategies be discussed with CPIC so that CPIC can recommend to Trustees the consultation strategy appropriate to the intended outcome.
   b) Prior to consultation, that OAPCE - Toronto be consulted on the appropriate method of deploying the selected consultation strategy.

C. Delegation to the Board of Trustees
   a) When parent or stakeholder consultation is required by the TCDSB, that the information on the meeting dates, the rules and how to make a delegation to the Trustees be widely disseminated to parents.

D. Grade 3 and 6 EQAO testing in 2015-16
   a) The TCDSB proposal on how retesting will be handled be communicated clearly to parents, and that any impact in their child's future education is also clearly communicated.

Staff reported back on the items at the CPIC Meeting held on March 5, 2017.

2. The following motions [A, B] were also presented to the Board of Trustees on September 21, 2017 (as part of the June 19, 2017 CPIC Minutes – Motion 17/06-04):

   A. Parent Friendly Improvements to the *Community Engagement Policy & Handbook* T.07

   This motion was referred to staff and will be considered under another report for consideration during the November 16, 2017 meeting

   B. Review the Cost-Benefit of Investing in School Connects Parent Portal and Synervoice at the Elementary Panel

   This motion was referred to staff and was discussed at November 7, 2017 Governance and Policy meeting.

## E. CONCLUDING STATEMENT

This report is for the consideration of the Board.