



Minutes
Catholic School Council Association – EAST
October 24, 2018

In attendance:

Karen Shannon	Superintendent of School Effectiveness
Terry Shea	Trustee
Chris Wright	OAPCE Regional Rep
Anna Coe	St. Martha Catholic School
Teresa Dodwell	Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School
Michelle Iliescu	Holy Cross Catholic School
Don DeMarsh	St. Patrick Catholic School, Erinsville
Paloma Turnbull	St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School
Sarah Mignault	St. Paul Catholic School
Tiffany Emery Murray	Ecole catholique Cathedrale
Wendy McAdoo	Ecole catholique Cathedrale
Jennifer Barrie	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School
Marie Nolan McBride	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School

Welcome and Introductions

Karen Shannon opened the meeting and prayer was recited.

Discussion Items

1. OAPCE – report from Chris Wright, Regional Director , Ontario Association of Parents for Catholic Education (OAPCE)

- Chris is the Regional Director for ALCDSB with the Ontario Association of Parents for Catholic Education. He has compiled a list of 30 best fundraiser and is willing to share with the group. An OPACE provincial meeting was held in Toronto in September. The spring Conference will be the 80th and will take place in Toronto. Attendance is highly encouraged for parents across the system.

2. PIC Chair

- Parent Involvement Committee Co-Chair – require one representative from the East and West sides of the school board
- Co-Chair names are submitted to the Ministry of Education so that Ministry will share information requesting involvement in surveys; will also share information and other

invitations to share in other opportunities for communication/dialogue; 2 or 3 times per year there is a request for sharing of information

- Ministry has held a spring forum annually that PIC Chairs are invited to; Paloma attended; she enjoyed the speakers and seminars (focus on Mental Health and Well-being and Early Years)
- Paloma Turnbull will be the PIC Chair for the 2018/2019 school year representing the east side of the board

3. BIPSAW

- Four Chairs from various schools and Chris Wright, OAPCE representative participated with Principals, Administrators, Teachers, and Early Childhood Educators at the BIPSAW working day, June 6th at the Board office in Napanee.

4. New Director of Education Profile

- A Chair of the CSCA participated in an interview style session to share their perspective from a School Council view about the desired attributes for the New Director.

5. Change in Ministry of Education responsibilities, Eastern Ontario Office

- Doug Tateishi has retired and current MOE Officer responsible for Parent Engagement is Natalie Daoust.

6. Parent Involvement Base Funding

- Each school has received \$500.00 to be used for Parent Involvement.

7. Focused Learning Conversation with and expert. Potential topics for teleconference.

- Intent of this meeting was to have as many participants as possible to listen to the ideas of all Councils across the system
- Karen shared that there will be a teleconference on February 27th
- An idea for the teleconference would be to have a focused conversation with an expert; e.g. anxiety among young children, parent engagement and fundraising; building community
- Karen is asking parents to go back to their School Councils to discuss a topic that could be discussed for the February 27th Teleconference; bring suggestions to the November 22nd meeting; you can also forward the ideas to Bonnie Campbell, Administrative Assistant for Karen Shannon at the board office

8. Round Table Sharing

Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School

- Moving On Up – Crusaders camp for new grade 9s; 240 students

- Two School Council meetings – 12-15 people on the Council
- Post-secondary information night
- Trip to Italy for March break; New York City trip for music students in April
- Speaker on October 4th – doctor about cannabis use and effects on the teenage brain; professor of Psychiatry at Queen's
- Working on School Cash Online – encouraging usage throughout the school
- Spirit Wear available
- Youth Poverty Challenge at Loyalist College – students attending from HC; students are organized in groups and are given an identity for the day; a real person who has lived and experienced the system through a different lens of living in circumstances of poverty
- November 14th – Grade 9 Take Your Kid to Work Day

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

- School Cash Online – adding more items
- Many new members
- Mission Statement developed last year
- This year – outlining their goals for the Council
- Talking about community building opportunities (e.g. Movie Night – don't worry about making a profit)
- Shrove Tuesday – a highly enjoyed activity
- New portapack will be open soon (second one)

St. Francis of Assisi

- Fundraising project – MacMillans – cookies, etc.
- 6-8 community fundraising – doing hot lunches – 2/month for an exchange event
- Craft show – November 3rd – 28 confirmed vendors; School Council will run the canteen; donations from local businesses;
- Working towards gold status for ECO schools
- Christmas luncheon – Ramekins will run it this year

St. Paul Trenton

- Clothing sale –
- Chris Wright has a data base of 20 – 30 fundraising ideas that he is willing to share with any Councils
- Indigo/Chapters fundraiser – percentage of sales goes to the School Council; one school took their choir

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St. Paul Catholic, Kingston

- Changes this year; new members at the table; kinder parents; new Principal
- Looking for something for the older students as a focus for fundraising

- Enjoyed teleconference last year with ideas
- Guitar club/lessons
- ECO team – gold status

Ecole Cathedrale

- Council elections in June for this year; advertised at the Open House for the kindergarten families
- Ten members
- New positions – grant researcher; committee for yard improvement
- Priorities – yard improvements (\$9000 goal) for an outdoor classroom; climbing wall; art and teaching area;
- Tomorrow night – Family Fun Dance – DJ/light show; costume contest; families come dressed up
- Hot lunch program – revised; hot dog days once per month; new options for hot lunch
- School Council Constitution – wondering about having one;
- St. Francis started a committee to devise their own constitution
- Karen suggested that we discuss school constitutions at our next regional meeting; request to send ahead so that people can read ahead of time

Mother Teresa

- Spookathon – major fundraiser
- Several new faces on School Council
- School Open House/BBQ a success

St. Patrick, Erinsville (24 students/17 families)

- Raised \$1435 for Terry Fox
- 5 members on School Council
- Shrove Tuesday, Thanksgiving dinner – now involving CWL members from the three parishes
- Hot lunches
- Music instruments – ukuleles
- Fundraising – Christmas wreaths and Wilton cheese
- Connect with J.J. O'Neill and St. James Major – sporting events
- Exchange program – Fredericton New Brunswick

Discussion about Elections of new School Council

- Has to be an opportunity for new people to join in September under Ministry regulations
- School Councils sometimes discuss in June

Meeting adjourned at: 8:15 pm