

MINUTES

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
Thursday, October 15, 2015

Sacred Heart Catholic School

Attendance:

School Representatives: Joanie Nemes, Lila Dempsey, Nicole Turner, Tricia Schmidt, Heidi Locher, Shaun Redmond, Jenifer Pettigrew, Lori Anne Jansen, Frances Palermo, John Robson, Suzy Paul, Sherie Bowen, Marliese Ferraro, Lisa Bellon, Mary Catherine Lago, Corinne Johnston-Hallahan,

Administration: Mike Glazier

Trustee: Sebastian Dal Bo

P/VP Representative: Kellie Angerilli

Community Representative: Father Dennis Noon

Guests: Cathy Chaput, K-8 Numeracy Co-ordinator, Linda Cotnam
Principal of Mary Phelan Catholic School

Recording Secretary: Sharen Workman

1. **Welcome & Opening Prayer** – Heidi Locher
2. **Greetings** – Mike Glazier (Administration), Sebastian Dal Bo (Trustees), Kellie Angerilli (P/VP Council)
3. **Introductions**
CPIC Representatives gave a brief introduction of themselves.
4. **Approval of Agenda**
No additional items.
Moved by Shaun Redmond – Lori Anne Jansen that the Agenda be approved. Carried.
5. **Approval of Minutes**
Moved by Frances Palermo – John Robson that the Minutes of the meeting of May 21, 2015 be approved. Carried.
6. **Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Background and Purpose**
 - Mike gave an overview of this one page document which was distributed.
 - The Parent Handbook for Parent Involvement Committees is available on line.
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/teachers/HandbookPIC.pdf>

7. Nomination of CPIC Executive

- Mike informed members that nominations were not necessary due to the length of time of the people serving as co-chairs or treasurer.
- Persons interested in serving in these roles are urged to remain involved and learn about the roles throughout the year.

8. CPIC Goals for the Year – Outlined by Mike

- Support, encourage, and enhance meaningful parent engagement at the board level to improve student achievement, well-being, and faith formation;
- provide information and advice to the board on parent engagement;
- communicate with and support school councils;
- undertake activities to help parents support their children's learning and faith formation at home and at school.

Opportunities will be available to support these goals through CPIC activities. Examples provided:

- sharing of effective practices for parent engagement between members
- parent surveys for school climate, parent engagement
- Parents Reaching Out Regional Grant
- Promoting events within the community to support families

9. Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (BIPSA)

Mike shared information regarding the BIPSA and its alignment to classroom practices.

<http://www.wellingtoncdsb.ca/Documents/BIPSA%202015%202016.PDF>

10. Program Supports for Religion and Family Life – PowerPoint Presentation by Cathy Chaput

- The elementary schools are all using the new Religious Education and Family Life curriculum documents, which were created through the coordination of the Institute for Catholic Education, more commonly known as ICE. These documents can be found on this link:

<http://iceont.ca/ontario-catholic-curriculum/>

- We have recently purchased a new Religious Education program, entitled Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ, for our grade 1 and 2 classrooms. This new resource is aligned with the Religious Education document. These are the only grades available at this point. The plan is to roll out subsequent grades in upcoming years as they become available. Until that time, we are using our existing resources.

- Our Fully Alive program is a perfect alignment with the Family Life curriculum document. In addition, it covers the majority of the expectations in the Human Development and Sexual Health section of the new Health and Physical Education curriculum, and has been doing this for years. To see the parent guides for Fully Alive, follow this link:

<http://iceont.ca/resources/parent-resources/fully-alive-family-life-education-program/>

➤ ICE has created a number of supports for Catholic boards. One such support is a series of parent resources explaining changes to the Health and Physical Education document. One parent information pamphlet will be sent home to each family in the district in the near future. To see online versions of the parent resources, follow this link:

<http://iceont.ca/resources/parent-resources/health-physical-education-resources/>

11. Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Regional Grant – Heidi Locher

- We have been approved for a \$15,000 Regional Grant.
- We plan to host a Parent Conference similar to the one we had on May 4, 2013 which was very successful. Our theme will be *Parents As Partners - Continuing to Build Relationships, Promoting Success*. We can spend 40% (\$6,000) on speakers, 15% (\$2,250) and 5% (\$750) on promoting the event.
- Mike will verify that St. James Catholic High School and St. John Guelph Catholic School are available on Saturday, April 30, 2016. We will also need Friday evening, April 29 for setup.
- It was suggested that members get ideas for seminars from their Catholic School Councils and also recruit parents to sit on the conference planning sub-committees.

12. Information

- Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants were given to 14 schools in the Wellington Catholic District School Board.

13. Next Meeting

Thursday, November 26, 2015 @Bishop Macdonell Catholic High School, 7-9p.m.

14. Adjournment

Moved by Shaun Redmond – Lori Anne Jansen that the meeting be adjourned at 9p.m. Carried.