

*Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic High School*

## Attendance:

School Representatives: Claire Alexander, Joanie Nemes, Lisa Bombino, James Mitchell, Christina Jackson, Heidi Locher, Laura Lee Fletcher, Shaun Redmond, Leah Landriault-Relf, Frances Palermo, Clare Male, Terri Ney, Carolle Pringle, Teresa Ricci-Oliveira

Administration: Mike Glazier

Trustee: Sebastian Dal Bo

P/VP Representative: Kellie Angerilli

Community Representative: Father Dennis Noon

Presenters: IB Program: Holly Conway, Steve Gulyas, Amanda Belluz  
Digital Learning: Bryan McMillan

Recording Secretary: Reanne Miller

1. **Welcome** - Heidi Locher

2. **Opening Prayer** – Heidi Locher

3. **Greetings**

Senior Administration: M. Glazier announced that Wellington Catholic will be offering the IB Primary Years Programme at Sacred Heart Guelph. We are prepping for Kindergarten registration to begin January 9, 2017. Wellington Catholic News will be going out soon.

Trustee: S. Dal Bo pointed out that it was appropriate that we met at Our Lady of Lourdes C.H.S. because the school is celebrating its 50 year anniversary in 2016 and are planning a celebration the first week of December.

P/VP: K. Angerilli reminded parents that elementary report cards went home on November 15<sup>th</sup>, and Parent/Teacher interviews were held on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Secondary reports will be sent home November 28<sup>th</sup>. All of WCDSB staff will participate in the annual Spiritual Development Day on Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> at Bishop Macdonell C.H.S. With the season of Advent beginning this Sunday there will be many events going on at schools (Christmas concerts masses etc.). Also national Bullying Awareness week is November 21-25. Many schools are hosting events around bullying awareness.

#### 4. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by – Clare Male, Leah Landriault-Relf Carried

#### 5. **Approval of Agenda**

No additional items.

Motion by – Joanie Nemes, Shaun Redmond Carried

#### 6. **International Baccalaureate Program**

Holly Conway, Steve Gulyas, Amanda Belluz & current IB student

- One of the Board's Strategic Plans was to expand with a new program of excellence. As of November 7<sup>th</sup> the Board has given its approval to expand the International Baccalaureate Program to the primary years at Sacred Heart Guelph. We are now quickly organizing the application for the program and the operation of the program.
- What is IB? IB started with 4 private schools in Geneva to create a program where students could transfer with ease as they moved around the world. The program aims to produce global learners and embraces the idea of international mindedness.
- In order for a school to offer the IB program, it must complete an authorization process. Once a school is accepted, it becomes a member of IB schools of Ontario [ibschoolsofontario.ca](http://ibschoolsofontario.ca)
- 4 levels of the IB program (Primary Years, Middle Years, Diploma, Career-related)
- The Diploma Program is currently offered at Bishop Macdonell. It was a 3 year process to become an authorized IB school.
- Some people say that "just a small group of students benefit" from IB, but at BM, teachers who teach IB use the IB principles and theories in their other classes, and share the information with other teachers in the school. The hope is that these teaching principles and theories will spread throughout the entire Board.
- Essential learning skills are imbedded in everything they do.
- An IB Diploma student presented to the group. Key messages were: The IB foundations course allows students to determine if they want to try IB. It was also pointed out that IB is not just for students with very high averages, you need to want to learn, and love to learn. The program will give students skills they need to be successful in university and in the workplace.
- IB teaches students how to learn, and they are embracing it and seeing results.
- IB diploma is globally recognized (university, college etc.)
- Holly Conway provided information about the Primary Years Programme at Sacred Heart. The process for entrance will be different.
- The whole school is IB. The students are taught subjects but the subjects are integrated together. Students are not moving from one subject to another throughout the day.
- How does the IB program apply to a Catholic School Board? Our faith is imbedded in the whole program. The Ontario curriculum will supersede the IB program.
- A key part of the IB program is that students have choice when it comes to topic.
- A large goal of the IB program is that when students inquire about a topic, teachers help students to think about issues from a global context.
- It will also help students realize, how am I learning and how do I best learn? It focuses on learning skills. Topic and information are not the important part of the lesson.
- Students with special needs will participate in the program at Sacred Heart. There are students with Individual Education Plans in the IB Program.
- There is no cost for Primary Years Program because there aren't any external exams. It uses the Ontario report card.

- The school will be going through a lengthy and rigorous accreditation process to become a Primary Years Program that is IB authorized. Until then, we are able to begin the program in September as a candidate school. Once our candidacy is accepted, the Board can start a trial implementation of the Primary Years Program for the year.

## 7. **Digital Learning Up-date**

Bryan McMillan– Digital Learning Lead

- Bryan provided information about the purchases of technology by schools and the school board. He provided information about the different sources of funding (e.g. school budget, board budget, Ministry funded projects, Catholic School Councils, school generated funds, etc.)
- The current cycle of technology device replacement in the Board is 3 to 5 years.
- The issue of equity of access to technology is an important one and the board tries to insure devices are available so that there isn't an expectation that personal devices must be brought to school. The schools use the devices to support curriculum in schools.
- Currently, the Board is looking at developing a "standard school model" for technology to provide a blue print or a goal for schools to meet with regard to minimum technology requirements.
- Schools also look to the types of equipment that is purchased and the advantages and disadvantages to each (e.g. Smart boards vs. data projectors that interact with technology)
- Technology resources change with each grade level because needs are different.
- Technology Learning Fund – A grant given to each school board to provide technology and to train the teachers on how to get the most use from the technology in the classroom.
- Currently have a coding project in Grades 3 & 4. Working with a professor from the Faculty of Education at the Western University to teach students coding. It promotes coding as not just a career for males, because in grades 3 & 4 the gender stigma is not as prevalent. The project also encourages computational thinking.

## 8. **CPIC Parent Presentation**

**Heidi Locher**

- H. Locher asked if CPIC wants to use parent engagement monies to bring in Ron Morrish – Secrets of Discipline. Previous sessions with him have been well received.
- The consensus of the group was that they would like to bring in someone new. C. Alexander suggested that the topic align to Board priorities.
- A list of possible speakers will be shared with CPIC and a decision will be made before January so that an event can be organized and promoted.

## 9. **School Council Sharing Session**

- Informal sharing due to time constraints.
- Request was made to send out CPIC members' email contact information. If CPIC members are concerned about sharing their e-mail contact, please let Reanne Miller know at reanne.miller@wellingtoncdsb.ca .

## 10. **Adjournment**

Moved by Clare Male – seconded by Leah Landriault-Relf that the meeting be adjourned at 9:07 p.m.