



Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Held

January 12, 2016

6:00 p.m. Via Teleconference

PRESENT: Deanna Cooper, CPIC Co-Chair, St. Martin
Richelle Kelly, CPIC Co-Chair, Holy Saviour
Katherine Speziale, St. Martin
Karen Figliomeni, Holy Angels
Jenni Scott-Marciski, St. Hilary
Alexa McKinnon, Director of Education
Tina Visintin, Superintendent
Leah Vanderwey, Superintendent
Kerry Desjardins, Principal, St. Martin
Jennifer Kruse, Teacher, Holy Angels
Pam Hardy, SCEL
Crystal Gionette, SCEL
Colleen Sheriff, SCEL
Shirley Jean, Trustee, Red Rock
Lawrence McParland, Trustee, Schreiber

1. **Prayer**

An opening prayer was led by Tina Visintin, Superintendent of Education.

2. **Welcome & Introductions**

Alexa McKinnon, Director of Education, welcomed everyone to the meeting and a roll call and introductions were made.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved with no revisions/additions.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the CPIC meetings held on April 21, 2015 and May 23, 2015 were approved as presented.

5. **Appointment of CPIC Chair for 2015-16 School Year**

Deana Cooper and Richelle Kelly volunteered to Co-Chair the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee.

6. **Introduction of our New Student and Community Engagement Leads (SECL)**

Alexa introduced the three new Leads who have joined the Superior North system. Crystal, Colleen and Pam graciously explained what activities and projects they have been involved in, since their start with the Board.

7. Superintendent Leah Vanderwey Update

Mrs. Vanderwey reviewed several topics and items that would be of interest to the CPIC members. They included:

- BIPSA – Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement
- EQAO Plan - Lorraine Giroux
- Special Education Update – Learning for All, Health Meets Education
- Mental Health Update – Regional Session Dr. Jean Clinton
- Kindergarten Registration
- Math
- SIM

Superintendent Tina Visintin Update

This was followed with Mrs. Visintin's presentation, which included the following topics:

- Report Cards/Student-Led Conferences
- School Climate Survey - Safe Schools
- Equity Inclusive Education Plan
- St. Faustina Relic
- Faith Ambassador
- GAFE
- Case Management
- Catholic Education Week (May 1-6, 2016)

Director Update

- **Coffee Chats** (School Visits) – Alexa, Tina and Leah have been visiting the schools for scheduled coffee chats with the principal and some teachers. These visits are planned so that the senior administration team can support the schools and staff with student achievement growth.
- **Strategic Plan Overview** – The new Strategic Plan has been approved by the Board of Trustees and can be viewed on the Board web site. Parents and other stakeholders are encouraged to read the report.
- **Professional Activity Day** – A PA day has been added to the 2015-16 school year calendar, as per Ministry directives. The Superior North system has scheduled its PA day for Friday, January 29th. Five hubs have been set up where the SCEL's will lead at three locations; Dean Burke and Leah Vanderwey will be at Holy Saviour; and the CEC staff will be at the board office. Teachers will be working on report cards and the support staff arranged in the hubs, will view the 'Walk a Mile' video, receive trauma training, Trillium training, etc.

- **Proposed School Year Calendar** – A draft of the proposed 2016-2017 school year calendar was shared with the CPIC members. A discussion followed on the modified Christmas Break. A survey will be on the Board's website, so that all stakeholders will have the opportunity for input into the calendar, before a final calendar is approved.

8. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 1st. This will be a face-to-face meeting which will begin with dinner at 5:00 p.m. at the CEC. More details and the agenda for the meeting will be sent out soon.