



# Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

## Meeting held on January 8, 2018

School Council Chairs/Co-Chairs	CEC Members	Other Members
Jenni Scott-Marciski - <b>CHAIR</b> - STH OLOF Candice Osadchuk- OLOL HAS Katherine Speziale/Ashley Gauthier - STM Sandy Williamson - STE Tara Patterson/Chantalle Kearns - HSS Jana Boracheff - STJ Stace Matasawgon - STB	Rima Mounayer Colleen Sheriff Sister Stephanie Romiti Kim Figliomeni	Bill McKay Lawrence McParland Lilliana McPherson Shirley Jean Amanda Monks Jay Costa Father Terry Sawchuk Valerie Auger

## Present

- Rima Mounayer - Superintendent of Education
- Bill McKay - Trustee
- Lilliana McPherson - Trustee
- Shirley Jean - Trustee
- Amanda Monks - Trustee
- Jay Costa - Teacher rep
- Kim Figliomeni
- Jenni Scott-Marciski
- Ashley Gauthier
- Tara Patterson
- Colleen Sheriff
- Sister Stephanie Romiti
- Maria Lapenskie - Recorder

## Welcome and Opening Liturgy

The opening prayer was read by all attendees.

### STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

We (I) would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather today is the ancestral territory of the Anishinaabe and the Metis. I wish to recognize and show respect to the long history and contributions of the First Nations and Metis Peoples in Ontario, as well as, the Inuit People of Canada.

## Agenda/Minutes:

Moved By: Lilliana McPherson  
Seconded By: Shirley Jean

**THAT** the agenda of the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting held on January 8, 2018 be accepted.

Moved By: Shirley Jean  
Seconded By: Amanda Monks

**THAT** the minutes of the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting held on November 6, 2017 be accepted.

## Business Arising Out of Minutes

### New Business

#### 1. PRO Grant Application

Rima opened the discussion on ideas for the PRO Grant funding application.

This funding would be for inviting parents to a session and involving them in our schools. Sister Stephanie mentioned an idea to assist with the Faith Day session with David Wells. Other ideas included the following:

1. Parent Math Night - an information session for parents on math - activities - presentations/hubs - a “Learning through Games” concept - math based learning - perhaps inviting Tom Boland to facilitate.
2. Safe use of Social Media - information to parents on safe use of social media - monitoring etc. - examples from the police dept. On issues/concerns.

We will look on submitting an application based on math night - games.

## 2. Revised Social Studies Curriculum (Grades 4-8)

The Ministry of Education has revised the curriculum and added Indigenous Culture and History. Every grade has a component on this. This change will take effect in Sept 2018.

Our Board will implement this change at a Principal Meeting and it will be introduced to staff during staff meetings. The Ministry has highlighted the amendments in the curriculum.

Colleen Sheriff has started a shared google drive for teachers with information on Indigenous Culture.

## 3. School Climate Survey - Board Summary Results

### Data Analysis Template

Rima discussed the results of the school climate survey which was completed for Grades 1 to 8. This was on a voluntary basis for parents and staff to complete. We gathered the questions from Ottawa Catholic DSB for this survey.

### Safe Schools Action Plan:

Our next steps - a memo was sent to all schools asking them to form a Safe School Committee with memberships from students, parents, community

partners, teacher and administrator.

The mandate is to analyze the survey, select the challenges and develop goals on working on improvements. A sample Safe Schools Action Plan template was shared with all schools to complete with their team. Once this form is completed, they will complete the Action Plan based on 3 issues that they would like to address. Another survey will be completed in 2 years with the results being compared, to see if there has been any improvement.

#### 4. 2017 Annual Director's Report

Rima reviewed the Director's Report with attendees . This has also been placed on our board website.

#### 5. Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC) Update

Colleen reviewed all brochures with attendees. They are still in draft format so if you notice any errors, please let her know. The comment on allergies was discussed. We may look at liquid smudging in place of the traditional smudging smoke. Smudging should be done in a well ventilated area or outside.

- [Smudging Guidelines](#)
- [Smudging Guidelines for Parents](#)
- [Smudging Permission Letter](#)
- [Elder Guidelines](#)

#### Future Agenda Items

1. PRO Grant Proposal
2. Faith Formation - Parents what would you like to see happen with Faith formation with Sister Stephanie. Could this be addressed at a Parent Council meeting. At the next meeting, please bring ideas back to the committee.

## Other Matters

1. **Next Meeting Dates:**

- March 5, 2018
- June 4, 2018

## Closing Prayer - Prayer for Safe Travel

The light of God surrounds us;  
The love of God enfolds us;  
The power of God protects us;  
The presence of God watches over us.  
Wherever we are, God is.  
And all is well. Amen

## Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.