



Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Teleconference Information Dial-In # 1-888-289-4573

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School Council Members

Gord Muir - St. Hilary School

Nickie Chik/Candace Calhoun Osadchuk
Our Lady of Lourdes School

Jacky Figliomeni - Holy Angels School

Ashley Gauthier - St. Martin School

Sandy Williamson - St. Edward School

Tara Patterson - Holy Saviour School

Jana Boracheff - St. Joseph School

CEC Members

Rima Mounayer
Superintendent of Education

Colleen Sheriff - Indigenous Lead

Principal Representative

Kim Figliomeni - Holy Angels School

Teacher Representative

Denise Deroy - St. Joseph School

Other Members

Lawrence McParland - Trustee

Amanda Monks - Trustee

Valerie Auger - Aboriginal/Community Representative

Present

- Rima Mounayer
- Denise Deroy
- Nickie Chik
- Tara Patterson
- Maria Lapenskie - recorder
- Kim Figliomeni
- Chantal Olson
- Lawrence McParland



Welcome and Opening Liturgy

Our Father in heaven,
With infinite love and grace,
Change us the way You want us to be,
So we can honour the image and the spirit You have given us,
Let the world see Your love and grace through our actions and life,
We are praying to You in our Lord Jesus' name. Amen

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. We (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

THAT the agenda for the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting held on May 12, 2020 be accepted as presented.

Moved By: Lawrence McParland
Seconded By: Denise Deroy

THAT the minutes of the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting held on March 9, 2020 be accepted as presented.

Moved By: Lawrence McParland
Seconded By: Nickie Chik

Business Arising out of Minutes

New Business

1. CPIC Chair Webinar with the Ministry of Education (Tara Patterson)

Ms. Mounayer and Ms. Patterson attended this webinar, which was an information session on any obstacles that parents were facing. There will be a follow up meeting for Chairs with the Minister in the future.

Many other boards are also struggling with internet connections, parent involvement



etc. There were a lot of challenges that other boards were experiencing, that we have with our board. Our Board was quick in sending out the chrome books to our students to start the online student learning.

The Minister of Education will be announcing this week the plan for the remainder of the school year. There is no EQAO testing for this year.

2. CPIC Budget - Presenters for 2020-2021

The CPIC budget was discussed and we will be looking for ideas of what Presenters we could bring to parents. Dr. Alex Russell is still a suggestion. Ms. Mounayer mentioned the best way to offer a presentation would be from home via zoom or attending from their home school, as parents now have experience with zoom technology.

Ms. Figliomeni will inquire if Dr. Alex Russell is available via zoom. What is the topic we would like to cover? Dr. Jody Carrington is also a consideration. She could speak on how students can cope, and provide her expertise in this area. It was mentioned that perhaps we should book a Speaker for the Fall right now.

3. Distance Learning

a. Google Classroom

Rima described what has been happening in the past 6 weeks. There was a lot of planning with the distance learning type. Google classrooms were up and running. There were also google training sessions for all staff to learn online. We also had to check with parents to ensure they had internet access plus chromebooks for students to use. Families without internet service were provided with hard copies of work assignments. We are ensuring we are in contact with all students. There were only 3 students that were referred to our attendance counsellor.

b. Math Plan

We have been continuing with our Math plan - balanced math. Ms. Mounayer mentioned that our teachers were amazing in this new way of online teaching. Our teachers had a huge learning curve in teaching this way. We had scheduled weekly classroom meetings to ensure we were on track. Students with special needs had Educational Assistants assisting in the google classroom. Principals have been doing check-ins with their school families.

4. Distance Learning Parent Survey Results



SNCDSB sent out a parent survey to inquire on how things were going with distance learning. Some of the students indicated they missed their teachers, friends and school. We are doing well considering. We are also providing food hampers to families in need in our communities.

5. Parent Engagement (Survey Questions)

Here are some ideas for the questions for the CPIC survey. We will have the survey available for parents to complete at the first parent council meeting:

- a. Are you familiar with CPIC?
- b. Would you like to attend CPIC meetings? Yes or no
- c. What is stopping you from attending (meeting time, day of the week, etc.)?
- d. Would you prefer zoom, teleconference and do you realize this is an option?
- e. Would you most likely attend if the meeting was via zoom/teleconference, or in person?
- f. Would you attend if the meeting was (evening, morning, afternoon)?

6. Catholic Education and Mental Health Week

We had an amazing Catholic Education/Mental Health Week, which was held totally online. There were a lot of activities for parents and students ie. zumba, cooking classes, board wide liturgy, prayers, etc. It was very informative and a lot of fun with great participation.

7. Planning for 2020-2021

We are in the process of completing our staffing for next year. Our Math team is planning and revamping the Board Improvement Plan. We are still basing all our teaching on student needs by reviewing data to ensure it meets their needs. We are also planning our Professional Development Day for next year; for both pandemic and non pandemic attendance. Classroom scheduling and divisions are also being worked on.

Future Agenda Items

1. Future Presentations



Other Matters

1. Next Meeting Date: We will review in September 2020

Closing Prayer was recited. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.