



**MINUTES OF CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT  
COMMITTEE (CPIC) MEETING**

**Thursday, December, 2011 at 6:30 pm by Teleconference**

Present: Val Pichette Director of Education  
Amanda Monks Catholic School Council Chair, St Martin  
Jane Chasse Catholic School Council Chair, Holy Angels  
Lisa Nyman Catholic School Council Chair, St Edward  
Lawrence McParland Trustee, Schreiber  
Sue Bouchard Community Representative, Terrace Bay  
Josephine Costa Teacher Representative, Holy Angels  
Johanne Bergeron Non-Teaching Staff Representative, Holy Angels

Regrets: Kerry Desjardins Principal, St Martin

**1) Welcome and Introductions**

V Pichette welcomed those in attendance, and introductions were made.

**2) Opening Prayer**

V Pichette led the opening prayer.

**3) Election / Appointment of New Chairperson**

Amanda Monks was acclaimed as chair of the SNCDSB CPIC.

**4) Approval of and Business Arising from the Minutes of the June 8, 2011 Meeting**

Minutes were approved as presented. No new business was incurred..

**5) Superior North Catholic Parent Involvement Committee**

**Introduction of Board CPIC Members:** V Pichette introduced the members of the CPIC so far, and will send this list out to members with the minutes.

**New Regulations, Policy and By-Laws:** V Pichette reviewed Board policy V107 and AR107 as they pertain to the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee. The by-law section of the policy will be revised and presented at the next meeting.

**Final Financial Report, 2010-11:** Ministry funds received: **\$10,732.25.**

Funds spent: \$11,680.49.

**Board overexpenditure: \$ 948.24**

**Financial Report for 2011-12:** Ministry funds received: **\$ 9,607.00**

Allotment for School Use (9 schools X \$500): \$4,500.00

Funds spent: \$ 255.61

Balance remaining: **\$4,244.39**

Board Allotment: \$5,107.00

Funds spent (OAPCE membership) \$ 630.00

Balance remaining: **\$4,477.00**

**OAPCE Report:** The Thunder Bay OAPCE Meeting was postponed. Aimee Gerdevich, president of OAPCE sent information about the provincial committee.

6) **Ministry of Education and Board Updates**

**Board Strategic Planning:** V Pichette reviewed the five priorities of the 2011-14 multi-year strategic plan, and noted two areas involving parents: Catholic Nature of the System: strengthen the link between and among the home, school and Catholic church; and Student Success: increase parental engagement and involvement.

**Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grants:** 7 of the 8 schools who applied received a total of \$5,950.00 of funds to promote specific school council initiatives.

**The Capsule Family:** Principals received this DVD resource for use with councils. A copy will be sent to J Costa, who is participating in a leadership project dealing with parent involvement.

**Change to Education Act: "Accepting Schools":** The Ed Act was recently amended to ensure appropriate board and school responses to prevent and respond to bullying in a variety of forms.

**Parent Handbook:** Funds from Parent Involvement and Aboriginal Engagement were used to publish "Family Connections" a parent handbook, for each family.

**Building Parent Engagement Resources (Guidebook and Toolkit):** Schools received enough copies of the Toolkit for each family last September. Councils should use the Guidebook to develop appropriate practices for its school community.

7) **Other Items**

A Monks will send in feedback to the Ministry survey about "Making a Difference: A Practical Handbook for Parent Involvement Committee Members" (draft version 2011)

8) **Next CPIC Meeting**

The next CPIC meeting will be **Thursday, March 1, 2012, by teleconference.**

9) **Closing Prayer**

A Monks led the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.