



**MINUTES OF CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT  
COMMITTEE (CPIC) MEETING HELD  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2010**

**REGIONAL OAPCE MEETING (6:00 p.m.)**

Present:	<u>Local Members</u>	<u>Regional OAPCE Members</u>	
	Rita Rabcaniak	Tiina James	Hanni Vale
	Val Pichette	Diane Berube	Les Austin

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**1) Welcome & Opening Prayer**

Tiina James welcomed everyone and led the opening prayer.

**2) OAPCE Update**

The OAPCE conference will be held on May 14, 2011 in Burlington. The focus will be on the home-school-parish connection. Panelists will include Aimee Gerdevich (home), Leona Dombrowski, Minister of Education (school) and Bishop Colli (parish).

The ICE Symposium is May 15 and 16, 2011, and will focus on engaging many Catholic stakeholders in a provincial conversation to enhance the gift of Catholic Education in Ontario. At this time it is not known if the Ministry is offering a provincial session for PIC's; this has been in April in past years. OAPCE is hoping for a Thunder Bay session in 2012 or 2013. Tiina is on the awards committee; she will send out nomination criteria and information in the new year. In past years, boards have supported parent travel to the OAPCE conference and OAPCE paid the registration fees.

The next regional OAPCE meeting will be held on February 9, 2011. Tiina can call Rita for participation. Val is not available on that date so Superior North will plan its own CPIC meeting. Our CPIC is planning a face-to-face meeting in the spring of 2011 and will inform the regional OAPCE of the date and location.

Upcoming regional OAPCE meetings are February 9, April 13, and a networking session in June 2011.

**SUPERIOR NORTH CATHOLIC DSB  
PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING (7:00 p.m.)**

Present:	<u>Local Members</u>
	Rita Rabcaniak
	Val Pichette
	Vanessa Courtemanche (Manitouwadge)

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**1) Opening Prayer**

Rita Rabcaniak welcomed the group and led the opening prayer.

2) **Business Arising From Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

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

**Equity and Inclusive Education** - The Board has adopted its new Equity and Inclusive Education Policy and this is available on the board website. The Ministry is planning a second session for the Board lead, Trustees, and a parent representative, entitled "Deepening the Understanding, Widening the Response", in Toronto on January 26-27, 2011. Assistant to the Director, Joy Brenzavich is organizing this conference.

**FACE Project** - Val Pichette attended the regional FACE Committee meeting on November 25, 2010. She purchased a resource book "Why Are All the Taxi Drivers Brown?" for each school. Boards are asked to seek greater visibility with local MPP's and to share the message that Catholic Education works. Our local committee will meet by teleconference some time in January. We will try to seek more members to ensure sustainability. Principals will be provided with specific direction they can share with parents.

**Board Priorities 2010-2011** - Val Pichette outlined the significance of educating the heart, mind and soul, based on Catholic values, in the context of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Principals will be instructed to send home this graphic with the January report card.

**Board and School Improvement Plans** - Principals will provide school councils with a copy of the Board and School Improvement Plans at their next meeting.

**Aboriginal Education** - Our Board has developed a policy for its Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee. This committee met for the first time in October, and the next meeting is February 28th at Holy Angels Catholic School. The Board has a number of grant funded projects to highlight First Nation and Métis peoples.

4) **Parent Involvement Committee**

**Distribution of School Council & CPIC Handouts within Schools** - Principals will be asked to print out the School Council pamphlet and send it home with the January report card.

**Parent Reaching Out Grants** - Some councils could not get these ready by the June deadline. The Ministry moved the deadline forward so schools could receive funding early in the year, to be used over the whole year. School councils will be reminded to begin developing applications much earlier this year. Samples and supports are available on the Board website.

**Parent Engagement Activities** - Vanessa Courtemanche shared an example of parent engagement activities in Manitouswadge. An anti-bullying day is held in January and is planned with school council input. The website [www.bullying.org](http://www.bullying.org) is used as a resource.

**CPIC Face-to-Face Meeting** - The tentative date is Saturday, April 9, 2011, at St. Joseph Catholic School in Geraldton.

**Parents in Partnership** - Principals and School Council Chairs each received a copy of this Ministry resource regarding parent engagement.

**Changes in Regulation 33/10** - Amendments to the Education Act clearly outline the purpose of the CPIC and the parameters for each Board CPIC to establish its by-laws. Our policy must be in place by October 1, 2011. The next steps regarding the development of a Board policy re Catholic Parent Involvement Committees will be for Rita Rabaniak and Val Pichette to consult re questions for 'Survey Monkey'. They will determine what questions to include in the survey and will present their list to the school council chairs at their February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The survey will be accessible until March 19<sup>th</sup> and results will be shared at the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. The draft policy itself will be presented at the June 2011 meeting.

**5) Other Items**

**School Management of Head Lice** - The Thunder Bay District Health Unit provided helpful information about head lice management. They recommend that schools do not adopt "no nit" policies.

**Catholic Education Week Advance Kit** - All schools have received advance kits of prayers with lists of resources that match the monthly themes. Further resources are provided nearer to Catholic Education Week (May 1-6, 2011).

**6) Next Parent Involvement Committee Meetings**

- February 2, 2011, Teleconference at 6:30 p.m. (no OAPCE Meeting)
- April 9, 2011, Face-to-Face Meeting at 12:00 p.m. (lunch provided), Meeting at 1:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic School in Geraldton (To Be Confirmed)
- June (Date to be Determined) 2011, Teleconference

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.