



**MINUTES OF CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT  
COMMITTEE (CPIC) MEETING HELD  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2011 AT 6:30 P.M.**

Present: Local Members  
Rita Rabcaniak  
Val Pichette  
Lawrence McParland

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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**

**Parent Involvement Committee**

This information was downloaded from the Ministry website for informational purposes. This and an invitation to the CPIC Meeting scheduled for April 16, 2011, will be sent home with reports to parents in our three northern schools to encourage them to attend.

**FACE Committee**

The FACE Committee teleconference will be March 2, 2011 at 7:00 pm. One School Council parent will be funded to attend the ICE Symposium in Toronto on May 15-16, 2011 (right after the OAPCE AGM, May 14, 2011).

**Board Strategic Process**

The Board is going through a consultation to develop its next multi-year strategic plan. School Councils will be surveyed through their principal during a regular meeting in February. The Council will identify needs and priorities that will impact all children in the system. It will not provide feedback on the needs of an individual school. These are due into Colleen Winters by March 4, 2011. The next step will be a facilitated session with all trustees, senior administrators and managers and principals, and representatives from School Councils, Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee, OECTA and SEIU, to be held all day on May 27<sup>th</sup> and on the morning of May 28<sup>th</sup>. The CPIC will decide who will attend this strategic planning session. The finalized plan will be shared with all stakeholders in September of 2011, and will be implemented during 2011 to 2014.

**Bishop's Statement - Equity and Inclusive Education**

Some groups in the province have sent letters to the editor criticizing Catholic school boards for not being inclusive if they do not provide opportunities for gay groups within the board. This is less of a concern for our board than for many others, as we do not have secondary schools. Our board position is as follows: "We believe that all individuals are created in the image and likeness of God. As such, we would welcome the opportunity to support students in the development of an initiative, club or social justice project which serves the purpose of promoting healthy relationships among all students, and which is based on the principles of equity and inclusivity."

**Healthy Schools Recognition Program**

Principals, School Councils and other school partners are encouraged to participate in this worthwhile program.

**Director's Annual Report**

This report is sent out annually in January. It focuses on student achievement and board highlights. A copy may be viewed on the board website at <http://www.sncdsb.on.ca>.

**4) Parent Involvement Committee**

**PIC Symposium, April 8-9/11, Toronto**

Terri Nichols has indicated that she would like to attend this event. Rita is also interested.

**CPIC Face-to-Face Meeting, April 16th, Geraldton**

Principals will be directed to post this information and share it in school newsletters. More information about School Councils and CPIC will be shared with the northern schools via student report cards. The Board will personalize information as much as possible.

**People for Education Survey**

Rita shared that the results of the survey contains very detailed information about schools across the province, and is over 100 pages in length. The deadline has been extended to February 23<sup>rd</sup> but surveys will be accepted after that date.

**CPIC Decisions for By-laws**

Decisions regarding input into the by-laws will be deferred to the April 16 meeting.

**5) Other Items**

**School Council End of the Year Reports**

Principals will remind School Councils that a final report for the year must be sent to the board office in June, 2011. In addition, the year-end report and financial summary must be available to all parents.

**6) Next Parent Involvement Committee Meetings**

**April 16, 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. Child care will be provided if needed.

**Late May or June** - Date to be determined (via teleconference).

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.