



Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes January 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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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
- Lawrence McParland
- Maria Lapenskie - recorder



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 January 13, 2020 be accepted as presented.

Motion moved to the next meeting.

THAT the minutes of the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting held on November 19, 2019 be accepted as presented.

Motion moved to the next meeting.

Business Arising out of Minutes

New Business

1. School Climate Survey:

[Primary and Junior Students Responses \(grades 3 to 6\) Results Analysis \(92 responses\):](#)

Strengths:

- Feel safe and accepted at School by peers and adults



- Feel a strong sense of belonging
- Feel supported by adults

Next steps:

- More vigilance outside (students report that bullying incidents occur during recess)
- Work with students on identifying the bully, bullied and the bystander roles in our schools
- The definition of bullying
- Educate students on the effect of verbal bullying

[Intermediate Students Responses \(grades 7 and 8\) Results Analysis \(61 responses\):](#)

Strengths:

- Feel a strong sense of belonging
- Feel safe and accepted by adults
- Feel that their race, gender and appearance are accepted
- Feel supported to learn

Next Steps:

- Improve peer relationships, students do not feel accepted by peers
- More leadership opportunities for all Intermediate students
- Educate students on the effects of bullying

[Parents Responses Results Analysis \(28 responses\):](#)

Strengths:

- Children feel safe at school
- School is a friendly and accepting place



- Students feel accepted by adults at school

Next Steps:

- Better communication between home and school (parents often contact the school to report incidents but do not know whether issues are resolved).
- Parents voice (encourage higher number of parent participation).

Staff Responses Results Analysis (68 responses):

Strengths:

- Feel that the school provides a safe and inclusive learning environment
- Feel that students feel safe at school

Next Steps:

- Explicit teaching on bullying intervention and prevention
- Board wide program

Ms. Mounayer shared the School Climate Survey results. Surveys were done for Grades 3 to 8 students. The Parent responses were low. There were suggestions that perhaps this could be held earlier in the school year or at school events such as Catholic Education Week, February report cards or the end of the year celebrations. We may survey the schools to see what the best time would be for this survey. It was suggested that perhaps paper copies may increase parent participation. We will look at incentives for parents in completing the next survey.

2. Policies

There are two recent policies that were created and passed by the Board of Trustees that we would like to mention to parents. The first is Board Policy: Exemption From Instruction Related to Human Development and Sexual Health Expectations which allows parents to have their child exempt from the Human Development and Sexual Health expectations found in The Ontario Curriculum: Health and Physical Education. A policy was drafted that includes an exception form for parents to complete and return to the school. At the beginning of the school year, the school will be sending out a letter, and will offer exemption from this curriculum. This policy was established from the Ministry of Education PPM 162.

The second PPM 163 - Board Policy: Guide Dogs/Service Dogs/Service Animals. This policy was established for parents to request to have the student's Guide Dog, Service



Dog or Service animal accompany the student while attending school.

3. PRO Grant Applications

Ms Mounayer mentioned that we were able to accommodate 3 schools with the funding of \$2,848.03 that we received. We followed the guidelines from the Ministry and the final report that will need to be completed at the end of the year, was also shared with schools. Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Martin School and Holy Saviour School had applied and were approved for funding. Ms. Patterson shared the submission of Holy Saviour School with CPIC members. We will send a reminder in May regarding the completion of their projects and final report to be completed.

Future Agenda Items

1. CPIC Funds - Update re Dr. Alex Russell Presentation
2. Flexible Seating Presentation
3. Student Attendance
4. Other Requests

There was a discussion on ways to increase parent participation at CPIC meetings in the future. We will send Ms. Patterson a list of School Council chairs that she may contact. The CPIC guidelines will also be shared with Ms. Patterson.

Other Matters

1. Next Meeting Date: Monday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer was recited.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.