



# Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

## October 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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### **School Council Members**

Nickie Chik/Candace 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

### **Teacher Representative**

Denise Deroy - St. Joseph School

### **CEC Members**

Rima Mounayer - Superintendent of Education  
Colleen Sheriff - Indigenous Lead

### **Principal Representative**

Kim Figliomeni - Holy Angels School

### **Other Members**

Lawrence McParland - Trustee  
Amanda Monks - Trustee  
Valerie Auger - Aboriginal/Community

## Present

- Rima Mounayer
- Denise Deroy
- Nickie Chik - OLOL
- Tara Patterson
- Kim Figliomeni
- Maria Lapenskie - recorder
- Chantal Olson - STJ
- Lawrence McParland
- Sandy Williamson - STE
- Colleen Sheriff
- Shirley Jean - STH



## Welcome and Opening Liturgy

### 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 October 14, 2020 be accepted as presented.

Moved By: Lawrence McParland  
Seconded By: Nickie Chik

**THAT** the minutes of the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting held on May 12, 2020 be accepted as presented.

Moved By: Nickie Chik  
Seconded By: Denise Deroy

## Business Arising out of Minutes

### New Business

#### 1. Parent Involvement

Ms. Mounayer shared some ideas on what we would like to offer to parents and what parents would like to be involved in, through the online format. This year is a very unusual year due to parents participating in student remote learning. Ms. Mounayer shared the book “Math In the Cards” which has a variety of card games based on math that parents could do with their children. Perhaps we could purchase this book along with the cards, for each family in our schools. We will look into how many families we have and see if this can be covered within our CPIC budget. This resource is geared to students from Kindergarten to Grade 8.

#### 2. Reopening Plans



In April, we had a committee working on our reopening plans. Our reopening went quite well this year. There was some anxiety on the rules that needed to be followed. We had staggered start times and staggered lunch and recess times. There is reporting on student absences that needs to be done by teachers. For parents, we found that so far we haven't had any complaints and this plan is also available for viewing on our board website.

### 3. Remote Learning

The Ministry has released three potential models for learning for the 2020-2021 school year. The first model is a typical school day routine with enhanced health protocols such as frequent hand washing. The second model is a modified school routine based on small class sizes. The third model is at home learning. Eighty students are engaged in remote learning across the board, which includes students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. PPM 164 provided us with the guidelines on how many minutes of synchronous learning and non synchronous learning. Ben Jewiss is the Principal for Remote Learning and we have hired teachers to deliver these lessons. Some parents are finding it difficult with remote learning and vice versa. If we increase our in-school student attendance, we need to revamp our classrooms due to social distancing that is required.

### 4. School Messenger/Safe Schools

School Messenger/Safe Schools is a new program that we are looking at purchasing for our Board. This is a system that sends messages to all parents and is a great way to communicate with them through email, text or voice. Our IT team has been assisting with the setup of this program. Training should begin in early November. If there are emergencies i.e. school closures, bus issues, this is an automated message delivery.

### 5. [CPIC Survey Parent Letter](#) and [SNCDSDS CPIC Survey](#)

Ms. Mounayer shared with parents the letter and survey that will be sent to all parents from their school Principals. The letter will be shared with the CPIC Chair and will be signed by the Superintendent and CPIC Chair.

### 6. [SST Virtual Open House 2020-2021](#)

All schools had virtual Open Houses this year. Our System Support Team created a virtual open house document to introduce themselves and their roles with the Board. Rima shared and presented the document with CPIC members.



## 7. 2020-2021 CPIC Meeting Plans

This year we have predetermined our meeting dates for better planning and communication with parents. Future meeting dates are December 7, 2020, February 8, 2021 and April 12, 2021

## 8. Student Achievement:

- a. Ministry of Education - Growing Success Addendum
- b. New Math Curriculum - SEL and Coding
- c. Professional Development Days - August 31st to September 2nd
  - i. **Math** - Introduced a new curriculum to staff and the sharing of math resources.
  - ii. **Mental Health and Well-being** - Our community providers were invited to present to staff.
  - iii. **Health and Safety** - The morning involved a presentation from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit to our staff about Covid-19 and information on how to protect ourselves. The afternoon session involved sharing the reopening plan and how it will affect staff.

## Future Agenda Items

1. Future Presentations:
  - a. Mental Health and Well-being with Tracy Bryson, our Mental Health Lead. Ms. Mounayer will confirm with Ms. Bryson her availability.

## Other Matters

1. Next Meeting Date - December 7, 2020



## **Closing Prayer**

Closing Prayer was recited.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.