



## Parent Involvement Committee Meeting

Date: February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
 Time: 6:00 p.m.  
 Location: Catholic Education Centre  
 Next Meeting: March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Attendees: **Committee Members:** Anne Kibler, Sarah Zamin, Christine Regier, Chris Spere, Denise Blum; Fr. C. Fedy; Joseph Ingram; ~~Louise Ervin~~; Lynn Woodbeck; Peter Reitmeier; Geralyn Miller & Jamie McKinnon

**Administrative Officials:**  
 Manny Figueiredo; Roger Lawler

### 1. Welcome and Opening Prayer

- Meeting commenced at 6:10 p.m.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

- Motion: Anne Kibler
- Second: Joseph Ingram

### 3. Declared Pecuniary Interest

- None

### 4. Approval of the Minutes

- Motion: Denise Blum
- Second: Anne Kibler

### 5. Discussion Items

<b>5.1 Bill 157: Safe Schools</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manny reviewed Safe Schools Bill 157 presentations</li> <li>• Anne Kibler brought forward an issue on cyber-bullying from her school community</li> <li>• Sarah Zamin shared that we need to continue to educate because cell phones are not forbidden items</li> <li>• Christine Regier shared a resource from St. Anne School (Kitchener) that they will be using: Facebook and Twitter 101</li> <li>• Roger indicated that we would bring a list of resources to support cyber-bullying</li> </ul>	Manny
<b>5.2 School Year Calendar</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christine shared her learning from the school year calendar meeting earlier today:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ No decision has been made</li> <li>➢ There is a survey link on the Board website</li> <li>➢ Aligning P.A. days with the Public Board</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Manny

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Labour Day is September 6, 2010</li> <li>➤ Will it be a modified calendar or a standard calendar?</li> <li>➤ Communication will be sent home in school newsletter and auto-dialer</li> <li>➤ Might be a P.A. day before students begin school</li> <li>➤ Sara asked about the impact of parent interviews without a dedicated P.A. day? School still had interviews conducted over a two evening period</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5.3 School Newspapers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joseph asked Roger if schools received newspapers purchased centrally and Roger indicated that it was a school decision. Joseph shared the concerns of staff that live in different regions that are not aware of local issues such as predators in the issue. Joseph is recommending that school councils are recommended to purchase local newspaper by PIC</li> <li>• Joseph inquired about a police protocol communication with schools and Roger indicated we do have one that goes directly through his executive assistant</li> <li>• Manny will send a recommendation to school council chairs to consider purchasing local newspapers in order for school staff to be made aware of local issues and Manny will inquire about free newspapers for schools</li> </ul>	Joseph
<p><b>5.4 Budget Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manny shared the expenditures of the Parent Engagement Workshop (\$4,351.93) which leaves a balance of \$6,860.00</li> </ul>	Manny
<p><b>5.5 Setting Goals and Priorities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter highlighted the Best Practice report that was created by last year's PIC. Peter shared some improvements that have already occurred such as improved communication with school council chairs</li> <li>• Peter encouraged PIC members to attend school council meetings in order to make them aware of PIC and its mandate</li> <li>• Peter reviewed recommendations in the Best Practice report</li> <li>• Anne shared that she visited two other school council meeting. Anne is recommending that PIC minutes be sent directly to school council chairs</li> <li>• PIC supported sending minutes from PIC to all school council chairs with an attachment of PIC members and the areas they represent, so school council chairs can contact PIC members with any questions</li> <li>• Sarah suggested an "effective meeting" workshop in early fall for all school council chairs</li> <li>• Peter will send out an initial email to all schools chairs regarding the PIC mandate and an invitation for the bi-annual school council chairs meeting sponsored by PIC (i.e. PD opportunities and sharing best practices)</li> <li>• PIC suggested the successful P.R.O grant memo be shared with all schools council chairs in order to make them aware to begin the conversations</li> <li>• Roger shared that PIC needs to be prepared to celebrate and share the success of Catholic Education as we get closer to the 2011 provincial election in order to protect the Catholic School System</li> <li>• Peter shared the elementary schools that are participating in a Curling Tournament at the Galt Curing Club during March Break.</li> </ul>	Peter
<p><b>5.6 Parents Reaching Out Grants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manny shared a hard copy of the successful P.R.O. grants for 2009-2010 school year</li> </ul>	Manny

## 6. Adjournment

- Motion: Joseph Ingram
- Second: Denise Blum