



Parent Involvement Committee Meeting

Date: January 20th, 2010
 Time: 6:00 p.m.
 Location: Catholic Education Centre
 Next Meeting: February 24th, 2010

Attendees: **Committee Members:** Anne Kibler, Sarah Zamin, Mary Gerratt for Christine Regier, Chris Spere, Denise Blum; Fr. C. Fedy; Joseph Ingram; Louise Ervin; Lynn Woodbeck; Peter Reitmeier; Geralyn Miller, Jamie McKinnon & Marie Shepherd (Parent)

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

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer

- Manny
- Meeting commenced at 6:08 pm

2. Approval of Agenda

- Motion: Anne Kibler
- Second: Joseph Ingram

3. Declared Pecuniary Interest

- None

4. Approval of the Minutes

- Motion: Louise Ervin
- Second: Joseph Ingram

5. Discussion Items

5.1 Election of New Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph Ingram nominated Peter Reitmeier for chair. • Peter Reitmeier accepted the nomination and position of chair. • Peter Reitmeier nominated Joseph Ingram for vice-chair. • Joseph Ingram accepted the nomination and position of vice-chair. 	Manny
5.2 Early Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PowerPoint presentation by Superintendent Rick Boisvert that summarized the Ministry's expectations and the current status of WCDSB with the initiative. • An Early Learning Program (ELP) system committee that involves all departments and community agencies are actively working to support the implementation. • Rick offered to come back and share updates with P.I.C. 	Rick

5.3 Ministry P.I.C. Symposium <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manny shared the letter from the Ministry of Education. • The date of the symposium is April 16, 2010 and P.I.C.'s are being encouraged to send the chair and another representative. • Peter Reitmeier agreed to attend. 	Manny
5.4 PRO Grants update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manny updated the committee that the successful schools will be identified by the end of January. 	Manny
5.5 Engaging Parents Workshop (January 15, 2010) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne Kibler shared that the workshop did not provide enough time for parents to network and share. Anne thought too much time was spent on the history of Catholic education. • Joseph Ingram also attended and thought more time sharing would have benefited the parents. • Joseph enjoyed hearing about the Catholic history. • Manny stated that the puzzle pieces from the workshop would be highlighted and sent out to the 10 schools. • Manny also stated that the workshop provided the initial contact for schools and there is an opportunity for P.I.C. to provide follow-up support to these 10 schools. • Father C. Fedy stated the importance of knowing and sharing our history of Catholic education so we are all prepared to advocate for its continued existence if we are faced with a referendum. • Manny indicated that the workshop outcomes did identify sharing the history of Catholic education and the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations (O.C.G.E.). 	
5.6 Ontario School Council Survey: People for Education (OAPCE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manny shared the information within the committee and the school council chairs on the committee confirmed that they did receive the communication. 	Manny
5.7 Safe Schools Consultation (Bill 157 Keeping Our Kids Safe at School; PPM 144 Bullying Prevention and Intervention) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferred to February meeting (slide show). 	Manny
5.8 P.I.C. Governance (document) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manny reviewed the document and highlighted the importance of making the commitment to attending meetings and that we are still requiring a secondary parent representative from the Cambridge region. 	Manny
5.9 Setting Direction and Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter reviewed the P.I.C. Best Practices recommendations and asked members to read it and to come prepared to discuss it at the February meeting in order to set goals. 	Peter
5.10 Local Newspapers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferred to February's Meeting 	Joseph

6. Adjournment (8:00 pm)

- Motion: Peter Reitmeier
- Second: Joseph Ingram