



Parent Involvement Committee Meeting

Date: May 19th, 2010
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Catholic Education Centre
Next Meeting: June 9th, 2010

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

Administrative Officials: Manny Figueiredo; Roger Lawler & Gerry Clifford

Other Parents: Gisella Mirandola

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer

2. Approval of Agenda

- Motion: N/A
- Second: N/A

3. Declared Pecuniary Interest

- None

4. Approval of the Minutes

- Motion: Anne Kibler
- Second: Chris Spere

5. Discussion Items

<p>5.1 (a) Acclamation of Jeanette Cowen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter introduced and motioned Jeanette as our new Cambridge Secondary Representative on P.I.C. She has children in St. Benedict and St. Margaret <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion: Sara Zamin ○ Second: Anne Kibler 	Peter
<p>5.1 (b) PRO Grants 2010-2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRO Grant applications for next school year are due June 11th, 2010 which is a change in practice. Support documents from the Ministry will follow by the end of the week or early next week. 	
<p>5.2 St. Benedict Family – School Councils Meeting update</p>	Peter

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jamie shared his experience of the meeting. There were over 80 people in attendance. • Peter shared his experience also being a positive one and that it provided more clarity for school councils regarding P.I.C.'s role. • Provided an opportunity for parents to understand transitions to secondary school and for school council to network. 	
<p>5.3 OAPCE AGM Niagara Falls Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter shared his experience of the AGM and the many workshop topics. Peter asked parents from school councils that attended for feedback. • The one negative of the AGM was that the workshops did not provide enough time to cover all the content of the presenters. • The AGM also emphasized celebrating and recognizing the positives of Catholic education. • Roger also indicated that we will be celebrating 175 years of Catholic education and how important it is to celebrate our system. • There were approximately 140 parents in attendance from across the province. 	Peter
<p>5.4 WCDSB New Vision and Mission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manny shared the new Vision and Mission to P.I.C. members. Father was concerned that the rolling out of the new Vision and Mission might be a onetime event. Roger shared the draft Strategic Direction (2010-2013) for WCDSB and how the Vision and Mission are integrated and aligned to support our actions and budget process. • Father posed a question: "How do we get every school to highlight examples of living our Vision?" • Roger shared that the "Celebrating Catholic Education Committee" has begun the planning to get the stories out to the community. • Louise shared what the student sub-committee is planning to do to celebrate Catholic education. This student committee will be renamed the "Spreading Good News" committee. The committee will be a 3 year mandate. Members of P.I.C. shared examples that are occurring at their schools and across the system. 	Father/Manny
<p>5.5 Ministry of Education Symposium Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph provided a summary of the first annual Parent Involvement Committee Symposium hosted by the Ministry of Education on Friday, April 16th, 2010 	Joseph
<p>5.6 PIC Budget and Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support St. Margaret of Scotland in the celebration of the completion of the first phase of the Re-Creation, in the amount of \$250.00. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion: Anne Kibler ○ Second: Joseph Ingram • Manny will draft an e-mail that Peter will send to school councils for requests for P.I.C. funds to support additional parent engagement activities. Outstanding finances will be distributed to St. Patrick's, Notre Dame and other schools with greater need. 	Manny

6. Adjournment

- Motion: Anne Kibler
- Second: Sarah Zamin