

## Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Minutes

A meeting of the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee was held on the 28th day of March 2012, at the Catholic Education Centre.

**Present:** Committee Members: Bill Conway, Jeannette Cowen, Christine Dixon, Katherine Flitton, Jamie McKinnon, Teresa Palmer, Peter Reitmeier, Paul Smith, Chris Spere

Administrative Officials:

Rick Boisvert, Gerry Clifford

**Regrets:** Syl Painchaud, Fr. D. Lobsinger, Deb Crawford, Fr. Robert Hetu, George Cortes, Angela Raposo

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 30th, 2012

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**1. Welcome and Opening Prayer:** Gerry Clifford

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

- **Motion:** Teresa Palmer
- **Second:** Bill Conway

**3. Declared Pecuniary Interest**

**4. Approval of the Minutes**

- **Motion:** Jeannette Cowen
- **Second:** Christine Dixon

**5. Discussion Items**



### 5.1 Bell Time Survey Results – Gerry Clifford

The Bell Time Survey results were shared with the committee. As of February 2012 almost 7,000 people responded to the online survey; 1,300 staff, 1,300 students and 4,200 parents.

Elementary issues were extra day care costs may be incurred after school and not enough sleep interfering with family time.

Secondary issues were interfering with after-school jobs and interfering with non-school extra-curricular activities.

At the February 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting the Board decided not to make any major changes to the school bell times.

### 5.2 Linkages Update – Anthony Piscitelli

Board trustees are actively out visiting with School Councils at School Council meetings. The Committee was asked to give feedback on the following three questions that each School Council is asked:

- i. What makes a school Catholic?
- ii. Where does the Catholic school fit in a secular world?
- iii. In a Catholic School, what is untouchable when it comes to budget?

Trustees will report back to School Councils.

### 5.3 Third Annual PIC Symposium – Gerry Clifford

The third Annual Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Symposium will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in Toronto.

Each Board PIC is asked to send two representatives. To date our committee only has one representative attending, Angela Raposo.

Jeannette Cowen volunteered to be our second representative at the symposium.


### 5.4 Guest Speaker – Charles Pascal, Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – Gerry Clifford

CPIC will be co-sponsoring with WCDSB guest speaker, Charles Pascal, who is an Early Learning Advisor to the Ministry of Education. Pascal will be presenting on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Final details are still being coordinated. School administrators and Catholic School Council representatives will be the first to be invited. More details to follow.

### 5.5 School Council Memorandum - Group Work Update – Chris Spere

At the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting committee members were divided into three groups to review the Board's memorandum on Catholic School Councils.

Each group presented changes to the memorandum based on updates to the Education Act.



The changes will be collated and an updated draft memorandum will be presented at the May 30<sup>th</sup> CPIC meeting.

**Adjournment:**

- **Motion:** Bill Conway
- **Seconded:** Jeannette Cowen

**Next Meeting – May 30th, 2012**