

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Minutes

A meeting of the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee was held on the 30th day of May 2012, at the Catholic Education Centre.

Present: **Committee Members:** Bill Conway, George Cortes, Jeannette Cowen, Deb Crawford, Christine Dixon, Fr. Robert Hetu, Fr. D. Lobsinger, Jamie McKinnon, Syl Painchaud, Teresa Palmer, Peter Reitmeier, Chris Spere

Administrative Officials:

Rick Boisvert, Gerry Clifford,

Other Attendees:

Manua da Silva

Regrets: Paul Smith, Angela Raposo, Katherine Flitton

Next Meeting Wednesday, September 26, 2012

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1. Welcome and Opening Prayer: Fr. Dan Lobsinger
 2. Approval of Agenda:
 - Motion: Teresa Palmer
 - Second: Syl Painchaud
 3. Declared Pecuniary Interest
 4. Approval of the Minutes
 - Motion: Jeannette Cowen
 - Second: Bill Conway
 5. Discussion Items



5.1 Charles Pascal Conference Recap - Gerry

The committee discussed the presentation by Charles Pascal on April 26th. Great feedback was received from parents and staff. There were over 100 parents in attendance.

5.2 Linkages Update - Peter

The Trustees are continuing their visits out to the school council meetings. Approximately half the school visits are completed. Received positive feedback from the parents at schools. Trustees have meet with Rev. Foote from the Deanery to discuss strengthening the connection between Parish – Home – School.

5.3 PIC Annual Conference - Chris

Jeannette gave an overview of the PIC conference. The conference started with a general presentation on Friday and breakout sessions on Saturday. One of the sessions discussed PRO grants. The application process has been simplified and schools now have eight weeks to apply. Schools can receive up to \$1000. Examples can be found the Ministry website.

5.4 Catholic School Council AP Memo - Gerry

The CPIC committee reviewed the draft copy of the updated Catholic School Council AP memo. The draft AP memo will now be taken to the Board's Planning and Priorities Committee for final approval.

5.5 Building Parent Engagement Resource - Gerry


The Ontario Minister of Education sent a letter to all the Directors of Education in the province to explain the new parent resource "Building Parent Engagement" at the end of May. All schools were given 15 hard copies of the resource to be used at the school level. Included in the resource was a USB drive that has electronic copies of the resource that can be downloaded onto websites. The resource has already been downloaded to the Board's CPIC page.

5.6 CPIC Membership 2012-2013 – Chris

Trustee Fr. Robert Hetu will not be a member of CPI next year. The committee publicly thanked Fr. Robert for his time and dedication. The Chair of the Board will assign a new trustee to take Fr. Hetu's position on the committee.

5.7 School Websites – content for parents – Syl

Syl now sits on a school committee at St. Benedict C.S.S. to review school websites. How can we reduce the amount of paper that is going home? Syl will provide updates from his school committee.



5.8 Ontario Distance Learning for high school students – Syl

Questions were asked how our Board supports distance learning in our secondary schools. A consultant will present to the CPIC in September to help answer some of the questions on this topic.

5.9 Payment options for school trips and other activities requiring cash for students – Syl

The question was raised if parents can pay for student activities on line. Jeff Admans, Manager of Purchasing for our Board will be asked to be on the September CPIC agenda to discuss this item.

5.10 Student volunteer policies for teachers - Syl

CPIC recommended that our administrators be reminded to review the Board's Volunteer Policy APO 001 to assure compliance for all volunteers including students. This could be a topic for the Treatment of Student survey.

Adjournment:

- Motion: Jeannette Cowen

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