

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2013
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Catholic Education Centre
Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 2, 2013

Attendees:

Committee Members:

Chris Spere (Chair), Peter Reitmeier, Frank Johnson, Father D. Lobsinger, Deb Crawford, Bill Conway, Christine Dixon, George Cortes, George Girgis, Jeannette Cowen, Teresa Palmer, Katherine Flitton, Syl Painchaud, Paul Smith & Simone Beaucage

Regrets: Syl Painchaud, Paul Smith & Simone Beaucage, George Girgis

Administrative Official:

Derek Haime

- 1. Welcome and Opening Prayer:** Chris, Father Dan
- 2. Approval of Agendas:** George, Bill
- 3. Declared Pecuniary Interest:** none
- 4. Approval of the Minutes from last two meetings:** Deb, Teresa
- 5. OAPCE:** Katherine Flitton reported on the conference and described the workshops and the speaker. The new OAPCE executive is now in place. There is a new tool on the OAPCE website. Katherine will send the link to all CPIC members. CPIC members who attended will continue to pass on the valuable information to CSCs. The CPIC was asked to consider hosting this conference in the future. Dufferin-Peel is hosting next year and Renfrew the year after.
- 6. Trustee Update:** Highlights were given from the last board meeting which included funding for a new school in the Breslau area and an upcoming accommodation review for West Waterloo. Other work of the trustees was described including development of Board Ends.

7. Discussion Items:

Item	Presenter (s)
<p>8. Block Parent Presentation (after standing item #3) – 20 minutes Tara reviewed from the presentation from a year and a half ago. Safety tips were given and the block parent program was described as it exists today. Pamphlets, magnets and a business card were provided. The pamphlets were reviewed. The school representative program was highlighted. Creating and maintaining a relationship with the school is a goal of this program. Reps are invited to various school events to create community awareness and to help recruit block parents. JK-2 students are presented to by the reps so the students can understand how to access a block parent home when they are in need of help.</p>	<p>Tara Mondou</p>
<p>9. PIC Symposium Report- 5 minutes: The results of the symposium were discussed. An update was provided which included a description regarding the keynote address which focused on student achievement- particularly in the area of numeracy. Other speakers and the messages given were also highlighted. The topics discussed included parent involvement, mental health and brain development. Liz Sandals also spoke about parent involvement.</p>	<p>Bill</p>
<p>10. Handbook Update – 20 minutes- The draft copy of the handbook was examined and was discussed. The CPIC has recommended that the Handbook go forth for final approval and distribution. The handbook is a living document which may be modified as required. Syl Painchaud was commended for his excellent work in suggesting this project and for developing this handbook. Moved by Jeanette and Katherine.</p>	<p>Chris</p>
<p>11. CPIC Vacancies- 5 minutes- Teresa Palmer (Secondary School- Waterloo), Cathy Mallick (Resurrection Family of Schools-Elementary), Chris Spere (Member at Large) and Kristina Montero (St. Mary Family of Schools-Elementary) were acclaimed. A secondary school representative for Cambridge will be sought which will complete the CPIC membership for the 2013-2014 school year. Moved by George Seconded by Katherine</p>	<p>Derek</p>
<p>12. Council Chairs Update and Wellington CPIC- 5 minutes- An update was provided from the meeting at St. Louis. A tour of the facility and a description of the program was provided. A review of the Wellington CPIC Conference was also provided. Many excellent workshops were provided and were reported on. Thanks and congratulations go to the Wellington CPIC. Liz Sandals spoke at this conference.</p>	<p>Chris, Bill</p>
<p>13. Parent Engagement Resources – 5 minutes- Resources from the ministry which are already in schools were highlighted.</p>	<p>Derek</p>
<p>14. Emails: Teresa asked CPIC members not to “reply to all” unless absolutely necessary to avoid cluttering up inboxes.</p>	<p>Teresa</p>
<p>15. CPIC Attendance, Dates and Times- This was reviewed to ensure times and dates are optimal to ensure maximum participation in and efficacy of the Waterloo CPIC. Meetings for the 2013-2014 school year will be held on the first Wednesday of October, December, February, April and June and subcommittee meetings as required. Moved: Christine Seconded: Bill</p>	<p>Chris, Derek</p>

16. Adjournment : Jeanette, George

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