

## Waterloo Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, October 2, 2013  
**Time:** 5:30pm  
**Location:** Catholic Education Centre  
**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, December 4, 2013 5:30pm

**Attendees:**

**Committee Members:**

Chris Spere (Chair and member-at-large), Simone Beaucage (Secondary Principal Rep.), Bill Conway (Vice-Chair and Monsignor Doyle- Elem.), George Cortes (Kitchener-Secondary), Christine Dixon (St. David Elem.), Katherine Flitton (member-at-large), George Girgis (St. Benedict Elem.), Frank Johnson (Trustee), Cathy Mallick (Resurrection-Elem.), Kristiina Montero (St. Mary-Elementary), Teresa Palmer (Waterloo-Secondary), Melina Pearson (Diocesan Rep.), Peter Reitmeier (Trustee), Paul Smith (Elem. Principal Rep.)

**Administrative Official:** Derek Haime

Regrets: Paul Smith, Simone Beaucage, George Girgis

The Cambridge Secondary position is currently vacant.

1. **Welcome and Opening Prayer:**

Chris – Welcome, Derek -Prayer For the Year of Faith

2. **Introductions**

3. **Council Chair Election:**

Chris and Bill self-nominated. The vote was 6 -3 in favour of Chris. There were no abstentions. Cathy and Kristiina nominated Bill for vice chair. Bill was acclaimed as vice-chair

4. **Approval of Agenda:**

Add Introductions, Council Chair Election, Bussing and 2012 Report: George, Bill

5. **Declared Pecuniary Interest:**

none



4. **Approval of the Minutes:**

George, Teresa

5. **OAPCE:**

Katherine provided an update. She is executive secretary for OAPCE. This year's focus is strengthening the home, parish, school triangle. ICE Committee and survey were explained. An OAPCE rep for all schools will be sought so parents in the schools will be better informed. Katherine will send Derek correspondence to this effect to be sent out to all Catholic School Councils.

6. **Trustee Update:**

Frank explained, presented and answered questions about the Draft Board End Statements to the CPIC. Wayne described the scope of the process. The link to the Ends will be on the Board website shortly. In the meantime, any feedback from CPIC members can be emailed to Frank, Peter or Wayne. Peter updated the group about the West Waterloo ARC, Elementary Admissions Task Force, home/school/parish triangle, blessing and ground-breaking of the St. Gabriel location, additions updates at other schools, FDK update.

**Discussion Items**

7. **Review of Purpose and Goals, PRO Grants:**

Chris did a review and explained a proposal regarding supporting Catholic School Councils (CSCs) in developing proposals to increase parent engagement through Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grants. Goals for this year are : supporting the council chairs group, PRO Grants, increasing the use of the catholic school council handbook and other parent engagement resources and investigating ways to attract all catholic families to the WCDSB (and considering making recommendations to the Board). Teresa, Christine

8. **Strategic Direction, Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement, EQAO:**

Derek reviewed the strategic direction, BIPSA and most recent EQAO Grade 3 and 6 results.

9. **Budget Update:**

Chris reviewed the budget. A more detailed review will be available at the next meeting.

10. **2013-2014 Meeting Dates and Times:**

As per the previous minutes: October 2, December 4, February 5, April 2, June 4. Meetings begin at 5:30pm at the CEC in the St. Aloysius Room on the second floor. Meetings will end at 7:30pm unless extended by a motion. Kristiina, Katherine

11. **School Council Chairs Update:**

Chris provided an update. He will contact the group and extend an offer of support. Two meetings are planned for this year. The first will be in November.

12. **CPIC Attendance, Vacancy, By-laws:**

Chris reviewed: the need for a Secondary Rep from Cambridge, the by-laws and stressed the need to be in attendance at all CPIC meetings.

13. **Parent Engagement Resources:**

Derek reviewed the Building Parent Engagement Resource.

14. **Website Review and Update of CPIC Section:**

Derek explained that a CPIC sub-committee may be formed by the CPIC to do this work.



**At this time there was a motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.  
Katherine, Melina.**

**15. Bussing**

Yellow buses are now being used at Resurrection. This limits student ability to do after school activities. They have to walk home or buy a bus ticket to get home. This is not consistent through the system. Why is it cheaper at one school (Resurrection) and not the others? Is there a late bus? Derek will provide the answers to CPIC members via email.

**16. Ontario School Councils 2012 Report:**

Derek presented these to the CPIC

**17. Closing Prayer:**

Derek

**18. Adjournment :**

7:45pm George, Kristine

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 4th**