

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Minutes

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Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2013
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Catholic Education Centre, St. Aloysius Room, 2nd Floor
Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 5, 2014

Attendees:

Committee Members:

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

Administrative Official: Derek Haime

The Cambridge Secondary position is currently vacant.

Regrets: George Girgis, Teresa Palmer, Paul Smith

1. **Welcome and Opening Prayer:**

Chris-Welcome / Derek-Advent Prayer

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

Bill, Katherine

3. **Declared Pecuniary Interest:**

none



4. **Approval of the Minutes:**

George, Melina

5. **OAPCE:**

Katherine provided an update which included: conference call tomorrow night with colleagues and Katherine will report back. It is the 75th anniversary of the conference and would like each region to have a booth set up to showcase each board to see what goes on in each region. Looking for support from committee to see what resources currently exist and a discussion of a travelling booth from WCDSB through the RDO. Katherine represented WFMP on behalf of OAPCE and was impressed how the presentations focused on how our faith is woven through curriculum.

6. **Trustee Update:**

Frank provided an update which included: a report regarding the Inaugural Meeting of the Board, charitable endeavours of the Board for Grand Valley Institute, the Board Ends Statements and online survey results regarding same, change in bell times, Accommodation Review, Fostering Faith presentation by Father Freitas, Beyond Catholic Education Survey, University of Waterloo Cooperative Education Fair, Eric Rohr presentation on education law.

Discussion Items

7. **PRO Grants and the Arts**

Mary Meisner and Nicole Neufeld presented regarding opportunities for parent engagement through the Arts on behalf of the Cambridge and Kitchener Waterloo Galleries.

8. **Budget**

Chris and Bill reviewed last year and the current budget. Motion put forward to adopt the budget format from the previous year with similar allotments including the continued membership in OAPCE. Christine, seconded by Katherine, carried unanimously.

9. **PRO Grants Sub Committee Work**

Chris Spere and Bill Conway provided handouts and the sub-committee was formed. Dates for the subcommittee were set with the goal of reporting to the CPIC on February 5.

10. **Adjournment**

Katherine, Bill

Action Items:

Power point on Parent Engagement in Ontario, Safe Travel Planning Initiative, PRO Grant Final Work to be sent out.

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