

## Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Minutes


Date: Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Time: 5:30pm  
Location: Catholic Education Centre- St. Aloysius Room  
Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

Attendees: **Committee Members:** Chris Spere (Chair and St. Mary Elementary), Melanie Van Alphen (Trustee), Bill Conway(Trustee), Brian Schmalz (Trustee-alternate), Melina Pearson (Diocesan Rep.), Kimberly Snage(Resurrection-Elementary), Dorothy McCabe (member at large), Linda Gregorio (Monsignor Doyle- Elementary), Vacant (St. David Elementary), Jorge Cortes(Kitchener-Secondary), David Perlaky (St. Benedict Elementary), Teresa Palmer(Waterloo-Secondary), Jody Fritz (Cambridge -Secondary), Paul Smith (Elementary Principal Rep.) , Simone Beaucage (Secondary Principal Rep.)

**Administrative Official:** Derek Haime

Regrets: Simone Beaucage, Jorge Cortes, Kimberly Snage, Teresa Palmer, Jody Fritz

1. **Welcome, Introduction of Guests and Opening Prayer:** Chris, Melina
2. **Approval of Agenda:** proposal to move 7.0 to after item 4 and add 7.6 (Other Correspondence added as 7.6 (which will be a standing item going forward).: Linda, Dorothy
3. **Declared Pecuniary Interest:** none
4. **Approval of the Minutes:** Dorothy, Melina

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5. **OAPCE:** Director Position For Region: Dorothy, Linda each expressed interest and will follow up with Derek.
  6. **Trustee Update:** Melanie, Bill: Introduction and welcome of Director Notten. Father Joseph De Viveiros, CR has been named as Spiritual Animator for the WCDSB. Gratitude was expressed to our long-serving, outgoing Spiritual Animator, Father Fred Scinto, CR. Upcoming senior team and trustee spiritual retreat led by Father Joseph. Guideline changes to accommodation review process. Input from parents and community members being sought. Health and Physical Education Curriculum update. The Institute for Catholic Education (ICE) Website (<http://iceont.ca/>), pamphlets and WCDSB Website (<https://www.wcdsb.ca/>) all contain additional information. An enrolment update was provided. An OSSLT (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test) result summary was provided. The WCDSB continues to be above the provincial average. The WCDSB special education website has much valuable information for parents, students and the community. Good news stories were shared with the CPIC. (e.g. wish balloon story)

## 7. Discussion Items


7.0- Benoit from Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region (STSWR) – Presentation on bus rider safety and to obtain some feedback on safety concerns with riders.

7.1 – **Election of WCDSB CPIC Chair for the 2015-2016 school year:** Chris Spere self-nominated, seconded by David. Nomination Accepted. No other nominations were made. Acclaimed.

7.2 – **WCDSB CPIC Goal(s) for the 2015-2016 School Year:** (quorum was lost and all subsequent items will be reviewed at the next CPIC Meeting). Continued promotion of the CSC Handbook, continued PRO Grant Support, enhanced communication from the CPIC especially with WCDSB CSCs. Linda will contact Simone to arrange a communication sub-committee meeting before the December CPIC Meeting.

7.3 – **Information Sessions for Catholic School Councils-** sub-committee to work w/ Denise Porter and group. Chris will Chair this sub-committee and will report back to the CPIC.

7.4 – **Parent Engagement Consultants Group- School Council Newsletter-** Derek will reply in the affirmative to this group and will distribute the newsletters monthly to all principals, CPIC members and catholic school council chairs.



**7.5- PRO Grants-** Derek reported that 38 of 50 WCDSB Catholic School Councils (CSCs) received grants this year. CSCs who do not have an event will participate at the event hosted by a nearby WCDSB school. The CPIC will continue to offer support to any WCDSB CSCs who wish to have support in the spring with next year's PRO Grant application.

**7.6- Other Correspondence-** Derek read a letter of thanks from departing CPIC Member Christine Dixon. The CPIC on behalf of the WCDSB thanks Christine for her exemplary service as representative for the St. David Family of Schools (Elementary). Advertisements have been sent out to notify parents in the St. David Family of the opportunity to apply to the CPIC. Applications will be brought to the next meeting for consideration.

**8. Gratitude and Closing Prayer: Derek, Dorothy**

**9. Adjournment: Dorothy, David**

**Discussion Items for next meeting:** Communication Sub-committee and Information Sessions Sub-committee reports, review of items after quorum was lost, approval of Other Correspondence as a standing item, selection of new representative from the St. David Family (elementary panel).

**Next CPIC Meeting:** Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015