

## Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2016  
Time: 5:30pm  
Location: Catholic Education Centre- St. Aloysius Room  
Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016


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: Paul Smith, Melina Pearson, Teresa Palmer

Guests: Amanda Warne, Theresa Pastore, Joyce Anderson

1. **Welcome, Introduction of Guests and Opening Prayer:** Chris Spere, Derek Haime
2. **Approval of Agenda: April and Feb.:** Linda, Dorothy (Items 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4 were moved to follow item 4).
3. **Declared Pecuniary Interest:** none
4. **Approval of the Minutes: Feb. and Dec.:** Dorothy, Chris.

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5. **OAPCE:** Linda Gregorio: OAPCE recently sent a survey to Catholic Directors of Education, key partners and to Regional OAPCE Directors to determine how to continue being the most effective voice possible of parents and guardians of children enrolled in the publicly funded English Catholic System of Education in the Province of Ontario. For more information about OAPCE please see <http://www.oapce.org/about/> .
  6. **Other Correspondence:** none
  7. **Trustee Update: Joyce, Bill:** Topics discussed included: K-12 Numeracy Plan, First Nations Metis and Inuit Education Strategy, Saint John Paul II/St. Daniel Boundary Review, French Immersion, School Year Calendar, Multi-Year Capital Renewal Plan, Long-Term Accommodation Plan, School Bus Stop Arm Cameras, Distinguished Graduate Award, Budget Team Award, St. David Robotic Team off to world championships. For more information please see [https://www.wcdsb.ca/about/board/meeting\\_info.html](https://www.wcdsb.ca/about/board/meeting_info.html) .

#### 8. Discussion Items:

8.1 Mental Health Presentation: Amanda Warne: Amanda (WCDSB Mental Health Lead) presented a summary and update of Mental Health and Wellness Initiatives of the WCDSB. For more information please see: @wcdsbwellness (twitter feed) board website link (<https://www.wcdsb.ca/about/mental-health/>).


8.2 Parents Engaged In Education: Presentation from Theresa Pastore: Theresa (Parents Engaged In Education (PEIE) Executive Director) provided information about PEIE and provided guidance regarding applying for Parents Reaching Out Regional Grants. For more information about PEIE please see the website [www.ParentEngagementConsultantsGroup.com](http://www.ParentEngagementConsultantsGroup.com) .

8.3 Proposal to add Friends and Advocates of Catholic Education (FACE) to standing items: Updates will be provided by Jorge at each meeting. Carried by majority.

8.4 CPIC Vacancies: Applicants were reviewed. The successful applicant for the St. David Family of Schools (Elementary) representative is Barb Kleisath. The successful member at large applicant is Joe Melo. All candidates will be contacted to notify them of their status. The new members will be invited to the next meeting to begin their term.

8.5 Communications Sub-Committee Update: Update provided regarding the Google + trial.

8.6 Council of Chairs Update including sub-committee update: Nothing to report at this time. Will report at next meeting.



8.7 PRO Grant Update: Derek provided an update. The deadline is May 29. All WCDSB Catholic School Councils are encouraged to apply. The CPIC will endeavour to apply for a regional grant.

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

**9. Adjournment:** Linda, Dorothy

Discussion Items for next meeting: Introduction of new members, By-law review, Reports from conferences (OAPCE, Minister's), Review of terms of members, Sub-committee updates.

**Next CPIC Meeting:** Wednesday, June 1, 2016