

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Minutes


Date: Wednesday, December 2nd, 2015
Time: 5:30pm
Location: Catholic Education Centre- St. Aloysius Room
Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 3rd, 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: Linda Gregorio, Teresa Palmer, Jody Fritz

1. **Welcome, Introduction of Guests and Opening Prayer:** Chris, Melina
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Jorge, Kimberly
3. **Declared Pecuniary Interest:** None
4. **Approval of the Minutes:** Dorothy, David
5. **OAPCE:** Linda Gregorio - Linda is now area rep for OAPCE. The CPIC conveys its gratitude to Linda for taking on this important role.



6. **Other Correspondence:** Parents Engaged In Education

7. **Trustee Update: Melanie, Bill:** Positive news with respect to new school construction and major school renovations was shared. (Breslau, St. Brigid, St. Vincent de Paul, South-West Kitchener (Huron-Brigadoon)). An update regarding the St. John Paul II/St. Daniel Boundary Review process was provided. An update on the status of the new Religious Education Program for Grades 1-8 was provided. A French Immersion update was provided. There will be information nights at St. Anne (K), Sir Edgar Bauer and Our Lady of Fatima. A Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) update was provided. A 2014-2015 EQAO result update was provided. An update on the St. Benedict field and track refresh and renewal was provided. Further information about any of these items can be found at www.wcdsb.ca. Advent blessings and advance Christmas wishes were conveyed on behalf of all trustees to all CPIC members.

7. **Discussion Items**


7.0- **Communications Sub-Committee Update: Simone, Paul, Linda:** The genesis of this subcommittee was explained. Information continues to be gathered on behalf of the CPIC about 4 options D2L, Google+, Sharepoint (Teamsite), Wordpress (Website). The sub-committee will continue gathering information and an updated report and demonstrations of each will be slated for the next CPIC meeting. A new subcommittee will begin (David, Linda, Kimberly) to communicate with CSC chairs to bring forward recommendations to the CPIC.

7.1 –St. David Elementary Position update and possible second member at large. It is expected that applications will be received for presentation at next meeting.

7.2 – WCDSB CPIC Goal(s) for the 2015-2016 School Year: (review form last meeting after quorum was lost). Continued promotion of the CSC Handbook, continued PRO Grant Support, enhanced communication from the CPIC especially with WCDSB CSCs.

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. Dorothy, Melanie and Kimberly have offered to assist on this sub-committee. This sub-committee will give an update at the next CPIC meeting. The next Council of Chairs meeting will be in May.

7.4- Parent Engagement Consultants Group- School Council Newsletter- Derek has replied in the affirmative to this group and has distributed and will continue to distribute the newsletters monthly to all principals, CPIC members and catholic school council chairs. The November Edition is included as correspondence for this meeting.



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.

8. Gratitude and Closing Prayer: Chris, Melina

9. Adjournment:

Discussion Items for next meeting: Communication Subcommittee report and guest presentations (Michelle Booth, Ferdinand Krauss, Chris Demers). Review new CPIC applications. Information Subcommittee Report.

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