### Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Agenda

**Date:** Wednesday, April 1, 2015  
**Time:** 5:30pm  
**Location:** Catholic Education Centre- St. Aloysius Room  
**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 3rd, 2015

**Attendees:**  
**Committee Members:** Chris Spere (Chair and St. Mary Elementary), Bill Conway (Trustee), Melanie Van Alphen (Trustee), Brian Schmalz (Trustee-alternate), Melina Pearson (Diocesan Rep.), Kimberly Snage (Resurrection-Elementary), Dorothy McCabe (member at large), Linda Gregorio (Monsignor Doyle-Elementary), Christine Dixon (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 Officials:** Michael Schmitt, Derek Haime

**Guests:** Laura Morelli, Manuel DaSilva (Board Chair)

**Regrets:** Teresa Palmer, Kimberly Snage

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1. **Welcome, Introduction of Guests and Opening Prayer:** Chris, Melina

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Jorge, Christine. Move 7.1 and 7.2 after item 5.

3. **Declared Pecuniary Interest:** none

4. **Approval of the Minutes:** Christine, Dorothy
5. **OAPCE: Chris:** 76th Annual OAPCE Conference, AGM and Gala Dinner May 29-30 (Pembroke): Susan Smit, Denise Porter attending. A presentation will be given at our June 3 meeting.

6. **Trustee Update:** Melanie, Bill: French Immersion- 87 registered. 80 met the criteria and were accepted. Budget 2015/2016- survey has been completed- results on board website; Grants for student needs have been announced; Budget to be approved by the end of June. H&PE Curriculum Update- The Institute for Catholic Education with the full support of the Ontario Catholic Bishops will continue to be directly involved in developing support resources for our Catholic Schools. An information update was provided at the last board meeting regarding solar panel projects at WCDSB schools. Supervised Alternative Learning Programs were also highlighted at the last board meeting, as was the Suspension/Expulsion policy and the policy dealing with access to secondary schools. News Releases- Nominations for the Distinguished Graduate Award are open until April 15; Kathy Doherty-Masters (Healthy Living Consultant) won a healthy active living award; WCDSB won an international business award for the third year in a row. St. Louis offered Everest College PSW students the opportunity to complete their studies. Beacons of Hope Breakfasts are being held for each of our five families of schools to honour our students who really make a difference-the unsung heroes in our community.

7. **Discussion Items**

7.1 – Laura Morelli, RN, BScN, Public Health Nurse: Injury & Substance Misuse Prevention - Region of Waterloo Public Health & Emergency Services: Alcohol Use Among Youth of the Waterloo Region- Laura presented to the CPIC on how parents can help their children. Topics included: giving background information and providing information on brain development and alcohol use; strategies for delaying use; other risks (including binge drinking); the bigger picture; alcohol marketing and best practices for parents. More information can be obtained from: http://chd.region.waterloo.on.ca/en/healthyLivingHealthProtection/informationforparents andcaregivers.asp

7.2 – **Inclement Weather Procedure**- Michael: CPIC members were asked for feedback as inclement weather procedures are currently being reviewed by senior administration. The following question was posed: “On a day when it is -35 degrees Celsius (including wind chill) at 7am should schools be open or should schools be closed?” The Director received feedback from the CPIC after a fulsome discussion.

7.3 – **The Minister’s Sixth Annual PIC Symposium,** April 24-25, 2015 (Toronto): David Pelaky attending. David will present at the June 3 meeting.

7.4 – **EQAO Strategic Planning Session:** April 13, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Kitchener Waterloo, 30 Fairway Road South, Kitchener. Dinner will be provided. Dorothy McCabe, David Perlaky, Kimberley Snage attending.

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519-578-3660
7.5- Parents Reaching Out Grants- Derek- online applications will be accepted until May 19.

7.6- Strategies for communication- Simone (deferred to June 3) David, Linda

7.7- OAPCE Parent Awards: Chris: will be sent out with the minutes. If there are any nominees please see the OAPCE website for nomination

7.8- Sub-committee update: Chris: all resources will be sent out to Catholic School Councils with the support documents from the sub-committee. The CPIC will support any Catholic School Council who requests additional support as to how to best use these resources.

7.9- CPIC Focus for 2015-2016: Chris: Chris presented several ideas for consideration and discussion at the next meeting.

7.91- WCDSB Multi-year strategic plan- Chris: (deferred to June 3) David, Linda

8. Closing Prayer: Melina:

9. Adjournment: Dorothy, Jody


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