Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 3rd, 2016
Time: 5:30pm
Location: Catholic Education Centre- St. Aloysius Room
Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 6th, 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: Kimberly Snage, Jorge Cortes, Dorothy McCabe, Teresa Palmer, Simone Beaucage

Guests: Manuel DaSilva (Chair of the Board), Loretta Notten (WCDSB Director), Chris Demers (WCDSB CIO).

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

2. Approval of Agenda: No quorum. Deferred to next meeting.

3. Declared Pecuniary Interest: None.

4. Approval of the Minutes: No quorum. Deferred to next meeting.

5. OAPCE: Linda Gregorio: Linda presented a power point which will be provided with the minutes to CPIC members. Linda recapped the January 8 and 9 OAPCE Directors’ Meeting. She reviewed the purpose and goals of
OAPCE. Presenters at The OAPCE Director’s Meeting included the Council of Directors Of Education, the group Fix Our Schools, Ontario English Catholic Teachers’ Association. Linda also reviewed the OAPCE report. The next OAPCE meeting is on Feb. 19 and 20. The Annual General Meeting is in Toronto in May. More information to follow. An update will be provided at the next CPIC Meeting.

6. Other Correspondence: Parents Engaged In Education

7. Trustee Update: Melanie, Bill: The update included: enrolment (including the new online enrolment), safe schools update (including the fact that the total number of suspensions has declined over the last three years), before and after school care update, addition of Feb. 26 P.D. Day, multi-year strategic plan update, Director’s Annual Report, Beacons of Hope student recognition breakfasts, South East Galt Accommodation Review boundary decision update, Dominican Encounter for Faith and Hospitality Update and refugee resettlement update.

8. Discussion Items:

8.0- Communications Sub-Committee Update: Linda, Kimberly: Chris Demers (Guest): Linda reviewed the purpose of the sub-committee. Chris Demers presented a number of options to enhance communication between the CPIC and CSCs. The sub-committee will continue their work and will provide an update to the CPIC at the next meeting.

8.1 –St. David Elementary Position update and possible second member at large: No quorum. Deferred to next meeting.

8.2 – PRO Grants Update: 2016-2017 PRO Grants information has not been released yet. The CPIC is ready to support CSCs as has been the case in the past.

8.3 – WCDSB CPIC Goal(s) for the 2015-2016 School Year: Chris reviewed the goals which included: continued promotion of the CSC Handbook, continued PRO Grant Support, continued promotion of the CODE CSC Resource Documents and enhanced communication from the CPIC especially with WCDSB CSCs.

8.4 – Information Sessions for Catholic School Councils- sub-committee to work w/ Denise Porter and group. Chris provided an update.

8.5- Budget Advisory Committee: Chris provided an update which included an explanation regarding the upcoming Annual Budget Survey.

8.6- Inspiring Your Child To Love Math: Derek provided this resource for each member to examine. Each school has received 8 hard copies and have access to the resources online also.
8.7- Visit to SEAC (following this meeting): Chris and Derek will present to the SEAC about work the CPIC has done over the last few years, is doing this current year and plans to do over the next year (pending approval from next year’s CPIC membership).


10. Adjournment: 7:15pm

Discussion Items for next meeting: Guests: Theresa Pastore from Parents Engaged in Education and Laura Shoemaker will present on Mental Health. Review of this agenda, sub-committee updates and decision making regarding all deferred items.

Next CPIC Meeting: Wednesday, April 6th, 2016