Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 30th, 2013
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Catholic Education Centre
Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Attendees: Committee Members:
Chris Spere (Chair), Peter Reitmeier, Frank Johnson, Father D. Lobsinger, Deb Crawford, Bill Conway, Christine Dixon, Jorge Cortes, Jeannette Cowen, Teresa Palmer, Katherine Flitton, Syl Painchaud, Paul Smith, George Girgis & Simone Beaucage

Administrative Official:
Derek Haime

Guests:
Denis Beaulieu, Cynthia Ehrlich, Denise Porter

Regrets: Frank Johnson, Jeanette Cowen, Jorge Cortes

1. Welcome, Introductions (Chris) and Opening Prayer: Father Dan

2. Approval of Agenda: Teresa, Katherine

3. Declared Pecuniary Interest: none

4. Approval of the Minutes: Bill, Syl

5. Trustee Update: Peter provided an update for the period of time since the last CPIC Meeting. He provided an update regarding the Accommodation Review for South-East Galt. Information regarding St. Boniface and the funding received was shared. Other funding received was discussed. A Linkages update was given including
outreach to MPPs. The Director's VIP awards were explained. Peter also explained the Board Ends Review process.

6. OAPCE Update: Katherine provided an update regarding OAPCE including: AGM Registration (Opening Jan 31). A list provided by Katherine is attached with these minutes.

Discussion Items:

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<td>7. Goals, Planning, CPIC Member Terms (30 minutes): Chris led a discussion. Lou Rocha, Dr. Charles Pascal were brought in as speakers in the past for daytime and evening sessions. Ideas re: Goals: Syl- Handbook for school councils: roles, policies, how to host a meeting etc. Could build on Ministry documents and AP Memo. A roll out night for the handbook was discussed which would include breakout sessions. Syl volunteered to chair a subcommittee. So moved by Syl, Seconded by Christine.</td>
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<td>CPIC Member Terms: Teresa, Chris, Deb, Jeanette and Syl- terms expire at end of this school year.</td>
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<td>8. Regional Parent Forum and Budget Advisory Committee (5 minutes): Information was shared with all schools about the upcoming Regional Parent Forum. If CPIC members are interested in attending they are to contact Derek. Chris will attend the Budget Advisory Committee to represent the CPIC and will take input from the CPIC. He will also report back to the CPIC.</td>
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<td>9. Accepting Schools Expert Panel (5 minutes); Derek presented this as an information item.</td>
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<td>10. Parent Engagement Resources (5 minutes); Derek reviewed these resources which all members have both electronically and in hard copy. Derek will send out resources to School Council Chairs as suggested.</td>
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<td>11. Council Chairs Q and A (15 minutes): moved to #4: 3 Chairs attended. CPIC has been supporting the Council Chairs Group as per support at meeting in November at St. John. Denise provided some history and background. 5 years ago group formed to share CSC best practices and to support each other. Meet informally 2x year. Hosted at different schools. Next meeting at St. Louis this spring. Spring 2011 meeting was at Blessed John Paul II. Fall 2011 meeting was at Holy</td>
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Rosary. Denis shared a resource (CSC Survey) on the BrightLinks. Suggestion from Cynthia for workshops for CSCs. (eg. Finance, responsibilities, transportation, curriculum, special education, safe schools, healthy schools, how to run a meeting, etc.) **Derek will look into what is involved in sharing CSC contact information with other CSCs.** Best practices were also shared to improve communication and interaction between CSCs and between CSCs and the CPIC. Peter addressed the CSC chairs to further the discussion vis a vis the trustee role.

**Other:** Syl requested an update and clarification on The Thames Valley Safe Schools Initiatives as well as a Classnet clarification and update. Update and clarification was provided by Derek.

Peter presented information regarding a mental health information night at St. Aloysius School.

Adjournment: Syl, Bill

**Next Meeting:** March 20th, 2013 @ 6:00 p.m.