

Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board
PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (PIC)
AGENDA
Monday, February 10, 2020



Catholic Education Centre
Meeting Room 6
6:00p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Attendance: Rose Burton Spohn, Tony D'Agostino, Cindy Stewart, Tanya Running, Kelli Verdecchia, Danny Viotto, Nadia Zanatta,

Regrets: Paul Best, John Caputo, Tyler Dunn, Jessica Zeppa, Kathleen Zambusi, Brittany Varlow

Chair: Kelli Verdecchia

Minutes: Danny Viotto

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Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We said the board prayer together. 	K. Verdecchia,
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kelli welcomed Trustee D'Agostino who is present in place of Trustee Caputo. Kelli also welcomed Cindy Stewart, parent from St. Mary Massey. 	K. Verdecchia,
Review of Minutes from January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were approved. 	K. Verdecchia,
CSC Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Francis French Immersion – Kelli Verdecchia, parent at SFFI, reported that the last meeting scheduled was postponed until February 20. The discussion at the upcoming meeting will focus on parent volunteers for Shrove Tuesday along with a discussion around an upcoming hot lunch for the students. St. Paul – Tanya Running, parent at St. Paul reported that at the last CSC meeting there was discussion surrounding Science North presentations. Representatives from Science North will lead a fun, interactive evening. This was done last year and was a great success. There was no charge to the families who attended. In addition, further discussion surrounding the expansion of the playground design was also at the forefront of the meeting and much fundraising is planned moving forward. The results of the Mazda Drive One event were announced and the school raised just under \$5000! St. Mary Massey: Cindy Stewart, parent at St. Massey reported that since receiving approval for the Parent Reaching Out grant, the CSC is busy planning a workshop for parents about mindfulness and how to use mindfulness to help children with school - both academically and socially. Parents and older students will be invited and the hope is to have activities for the younger children to participate in while their adults are in the workshop. There is a meeting planned this month to finalized the details. Our Lady of Lourdes (Elliott Lake): Nadia Zanatta, Vice Principal at OLOL reported that the "Embracing the Arts" event took place this past Thursday at the school and it was a huge success. There were 	Nadia Zanatta, Kelli Verdecchia, Cindy Stewart, Tanya Running

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	<p>offerings in dance, yoga, pastel art, reading and crafts, martial arts, child massage, drama and painting, just to name a few. It was a jam packed day and students and families were asked to sign up for 4 events throughout the day. Dance, Pastel Art and Scrap booking were also offered at night although the day events were much better attended. Many local artists were very happy to attend and lead some of the sessions. It was an overall very successful day and evening bringing out many students, families and community members.</p>	
SEAC Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Basil hosted the past SEAC meeting. The meeting was not a traditional meeting but rather one where the committee visited various classrooms to learn about the programs offered at St. Basil and within the HSCDSB such as: ACE, ELP, and Roots of Empathy. Thank you to the staff who hosted a very successful evening showcasing the wonderful programs available at St. Basil elementary school and other schools in our board. 	R. Burton Spohn
PRO Grant Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a request from St. Joseph School in Wawa if they can apply for the remaining funds in the PRO Grant. The PIC committee agreed that it would be best to allocate the remaining funds should the proposal from St. Joseph meet the guidelines set out by the Ministry. Danny will follow up with the principal in Wawa indicating that the PIC committee is open to reviewing a proposal to use the remaining funds in the PRO grant. 	K. Verdecchia, D. Viotto
PIC Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nadia Zanatta and Danny Viotto gave an update on what was presented to the principals on Friday, January 31. Nadia presented the proposal to all of the principals. There was an overall feeling that it would not be feasible for all schools to be able to execute the proposal as it existed. It was proposed whether or not the PIC would entertain the idea of asking individual schools to apply for the PIC funding and the PIC would then decide how to distribute the funds. Rose offered some history on how the funding has been used in the past. One use of funding in the past was to fund any CSC chairs to attend the OAPSE conference. Jessica Zeppa sent an email regarding Turtle Concepts and whether or not we can use funding to bring this organization into the school. Although Turtle Concepts is a good program, the intention of the PIC is to engage parents where the Turtle Concepts program focusses mainly on the students. Rose Burton Spohn offered the possibility of a guest speaker to come to speak with our parents regarding cyber safety. Rose will pass along the contact information to Danny who will then follow up with speaker to find out availability and costs. The name of the guest speaker is Danny Pehar – danny@dannyawesome.com Danny will reach out to the business department to find out if there are any new parameters around the funding; Rose noted that in the past there were no major restrictions other than ensuring the involvement of parents. Tanya Running suggested that an idea would be to bring together a representative from each CSC in the board and have some sort of a retreat and sharing of ideas of best practices. Nadia attended a conference this past summer regarding CSC and supported the idea based on her experience at the conference. When we come together on March 30 it is our hope to decide on a direction to spending the funding after looking into the ideas presented. 	K. Verdecchia

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Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.	

Next meeting: Monday, March 30 @ 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.