

Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board
PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (PIC)
MINUTES
February 26, 2019



Catholic Education Centre
Meeting Room: 2
6:00p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Attendance: Danny Viotto, Kathleen Zambusi, Tony D'Agostino, Rose Burton Spohn, Paul Best

Regrets: Anick Champagne, John Caputo, Ron Zagordo, Jennifer Craig, Amber Taylor, Irma Di Renzo,

Minutes: Rose Burton Spohn

	ACTION	LED BY
Welcome, Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We said the board prayer together. Jennifer Craig has indicated that she will be unable to remain on the PIC. 	D. Viotto
Review of Minutes from Jan. 29, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes were approved. 	D. Viotto
CSC Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Francis – The CSC did a Valentine's Day candy-gram fundraiser for the Grade 8s to help fund the year-end trip. All students received at least one candy-gram. The CSC is considering doing a spring fundraiser. Holy Family – An Easter Seals representative contacted Holy Family recently. The CSC may be doing a "loonie" fundraiser to help raise funds for Easter Seals. The school recently held a wake-a-thon that involved many parents; some of the funds from this wake-a-thon will go to Diabetes Canada. Plans for creating a wellness committee are underway. The committee will focus on the PRO Grant and will involve students, parents, teachers, and administrators. 	All
SEAC Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the last SEAC meeting, the board's two behavior coaches presented on the work that they are doing in various schools. These behavior coaches focus on two students per school. They observe these students with special needs and develop an individualized plan focused on improving students' behavior. The coaches model and coach staff members to work with these students. Chris Spina also presented the budget to the committee and responded to questions about it. 	R. Burton Spohn
Digital Citizenship Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is some concern about how the digital citizenship presentation will involve parents and students in our northern and eastern schools. A meeting with the police is occurring in March and an update will be provided after that time. We still need to give some consideration to how the presentation will move from a one-off event to something more sustained and sustainable. It is important that principals and teachers have access to materials or learning before and/or after the presentation. Could the PIC tap into the expertise of the local police to set up a sustainable program? Digital citizenship is a key issue and one we must address, for everyone's safety and well-being. 	D. Viotto

	ACTION	LED BY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Esposito has met with Constable Darren Rossetto a few times re: the place of liaison officers in educating and supporting elementary and secondary students. Several members of our Curriculum Department will meet with Constable Karen Kovacs about topics of interest (e.g., cyber bullying, human trafficking, healthy relationships). The Department will be creating some materials that can be used in our schools. 	
PIC Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We discussed some possibilities for using the approximate \$5000 allocated to the PIC this year, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Honoraria for guest speakers re: digital citizenship and other issues (e.g., human trafficking). ○ Food, transportation, materials, and/or babysitting services for parents attending a digital citizenship evening. ○ Developing and/or distributing materials to parents re: digital citizenship. ○ Sending one or more parents to a conference related to parents or digital citizenship. ○ Postage for materials to be sent home to parents re: digital citizenship. ○ Consulting fees for someone with an expertise in one or more areas (e.g., legalities, emerging apps and technologies, search engines and algorithms, social media, tech tips for the home). 	D. Viotto
New Business	N/A	

Next Meeting Dates: Tuesday, March 26 @ 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 30 @ 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 28 @ 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Alternate date if another meeting is cancelled)