

Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board
PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (PIC)
MINUTES
January 29, 2019



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

ATTENDANCE: Danny Viotto, Irma Di Renzo, Ron Zagordo, Kathleen Zambusi, Tony D'Agostino, Rose Burton Spohn, Anick Champagne, Paul Best
REGRETS: Jennifer Craig, Amber Taylor, John Caputo
Minutes: R. Burton- Spohn

	ACTION	LED BY
Welcome, Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We said the board prayer together. 	D. Viotto
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We introduced ourselves. 	D. Viotto
Mandate of the PIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Danny outlined the mandate of the PIC. The PIC works with projects at the board level; CSCs work with projects at the school level. 	D. Viotto
Review of PIC 2017/2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last year, the board received a Regional Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grant, which allowed us to offer a session with Dr. Jean Clinton. The evening was very well attended. Several years ago, the board received a very generous regional PRO grant for #youthesoo. There are two types of PRO grants available – one at the school level (approximately \$1,000) and some at the regional level. PICs / CSCs must apply for PRO grants. 	All
CSC Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Francis French Immersion – The playground equipment that parents have been working on raising funds for has finally arrived and the students are loving the new play area. There are many features installed in this playground (e.g., gaga pit, climbing wall). Holy Family – The CSC is now meeting. The school has received a PRO grant related to wellness. The CSC will be meeting more often about rolling this grant out. St. Mary's College – The CSC has gone through the Code of Conduct with school administration. The uniform manufacturer is now providing another option for pants because of some students' sensitivity to materials. The school is trying to meet the needs of families as much as possible. 	K. Zambusi, P. Best, R. Zagordo
SEAC Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the last SEAC meeting, a fair bit of attention was paid to the reductions to government funding announced right before Christmas. Many of those reductions seemed to have targeted students in vulnerable populations (e.g., Indigenous students, students from low socio-economic backgrounds needing tutoring). 	R. Burton Spohn

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Digital Citizenship Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A few situations have come to the board's attention re: some students' inappropriate use of technology (e.g., sending inappropriate photos, posting other people's photos on a social media site, possession of child pornography). • Sometimes, parents call the school in distress to ask for help in trying to remediate troublesome situations involving the internet. • In order to be proactive, we would like to have all our Grade 8 students take part in a presentation related to digital citizenship. The plan is to host an event in June at St. Mary's College that involves the Sault Ste. Marie Police Services (SSMPS) and Roberta Chiarello, who is our board's Technology Enabled Learning Contact Teacher. • One thing to consider is offering a series, rather than a one-shot event. Although an event such as this one might startle or frighten people, without appropriate follow-up, students might forget the message. • There could be two foci: the predator angle and the peer angle. It is one thing to protect children from predators. How can parents and educators protect children from their peers, some of whom may be tempted to bully others? • Attention could equally be paid to those who bully (e.g., don't use technology to bully or harass people); those who are active bystanders (e.g., don't resend offensive posts); and those who are victimized (e.g., remove this person from your list of contacts, tell an adult). Attention could also be paid to parenting techniques and responsibilities (e.g., take the computer away, put limits on Internet use, educate oneself about various platforms and technologies, clone phones, create accounts for your children). • In the past, the SSMPS did presentations to elementary students and to parent groups. The presentation was very effective. Unfortunately, there are no longer police officers in our elementary schools. 	D. Viotto
PRO Grant Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seven schools received \$1000 from the Ministry for a PRO Grant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Holy Family, Sault Ste. Marie ○ Holy Name of Jesus, Hornepayne ○ St. Basil, Sault Ste. Marie ○ St. Basil, White River ○ St. Joseph French Immersion, Wawa ○ St. Mary's College, Sault Ste. Marie ○ St. Paul, Sault Ste. Marie 	D. Viotto
SPEAKUP Grant Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The way the ministry is funding Speak Up grants has changed this year. • Danny will be contacting the schools soon about this. 	D. Viotto
OAPCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The OAPCE Conference is occurring in Toronto on April 5 – 6. • Danny provided Kathleen with the appropriate information. 	D. Viotto

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New Business	N/A	

**Next Meeting Dates: Tuesday, February 26 @ 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
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)**