

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



Catholic Education Centre
Meeting Room: 2
6:00p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Danny Viotto, Kathleen Zambusi, Tony D'Agostino, Rose Burton Spohn, Ron Zagordo

Regrets: Anick Champagne, John Caputo, Amber Taylor, Paul Best

Minutes: Rose Burton Spohn

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Welcome, Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We said the board prayer together. 	D. Viotto
Review of Minutes from Feb. 26, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes were approved. 	D. Viotto
CSC Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SFFI – The school celebrated Shrove Tuesday by having parent volunteers make pancakes for all the students in the school. The CSC is working in tandem with ARCH to sell their flower baskets. SMC – The school continues to work on increasing parental involvement. The school continues to offer a variety of wellness initiatives, including a breakfast and lunch program. The school counsellors developed a “Come Dine with Me” program that reaches out to students who might find the commons environment overwhelming. Parent-teacher interviews are occurring next week. 	All
SEAC Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new chair was elected at the last SEAC meeting. Theresa Coccimiglio is taking on this position. The highlight of the meeting was learning about the VEER program operating at Our Lady of Lourdes. This program targets students with special needs who need to engage in physical activity as part of their sensory diet. 	R. Burton Spohn
Digital Citizenship Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Originally, our plan was to offer a digital citizenship presentation to Grade 8 students. However, a TEDX speaker, Sam Deema, reached out recently to the board to see how he might share his message with our students. His focus is on taking small, consistent actions. At the same time, Adriano Carota and Rosanna Bernabucci, two special assignment teachers working at the board office, have been working with intermediate students on challenges various workers might face in the workplace. We are hoping to build generations of problem solvers. As a result of all of these initiatives, we are planning on doing the following on Wednesday, May 22: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guest speaker – Sam Deema – Students will learn how small, consistent acts can make a tremendous difference in the world. Lunch in the Commons Career challenge – Students will work with various local employers and learn about their 	D. Viotto

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	<p>workplace challenges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Digital citizenship presentation – Constable Jack Rice – Students will learn how bad choices online might affect their future careers • Adriano Carota and Rosanna Bernabucci plan to speak with the Young Leaders Group before this event. • Maria Esposito has facilitated a meeting with Constable Karen Kovacs and with various members of the Curriculum Department. We would like to see the one-day session be continued through the work they do in aligning this topic with the curriculum. • Schools in the north and east will be connected to the digital citizenship component via Skype. Danny will explore the possibility of these schools being connected virtually to Sam Deema's presentation. 	
PIC Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Might we be able to invite Constable Jack Rice to address parents on the evening of May 22? The PIC funding could be used for an honorarium for him, light refreshments, and possibly even transportation. Free babysitting services could also be offered; high school students could volunteer and get community service hours. • Could we also create a digital flyer that administrators could forward to their parents? The flyer might include key questions that parents ask themselves (e.g., At what age should I let my child have a cell phone?) or that parents might not know (e.g., Did you know that most students cannot sign up for a social media account until the age of 13?). • Could parents possibly be invited to the student session on the afternoon of May 22? • We could also offer the parent session on a different evening, such as during the week of May 13 or May 27. Danny will follow up with Jack to determine his availability. • Ron expressed a willingness to assist with various logistics (e.g., flyers). • Danny will check in with Chris re: what the PIC funding can be used for. • Might we use the funding for some resources as well (e.g., books, online subscriptions, door prizes)? 	D. Viotto
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	

Next Meeting Dates: 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)