

Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (PIC) AGENDA

November 11, 2020
 VIA Google Meet
 6:00p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Attendance: Paul Best (CPCO), Rose Burton Spohn (Director of Education), John Caputo (Board Trustee), Kirsty Carson (parent - St. Basil Elementary S.S.M.), Ryan Chalifoux (parent - St. Basil Elementary S.S.M.), Kate Guzzo-Foliaro (parent - St. Basil Elementary S.S.M.), Bazlur Rasheed (parent - St. Paul), Amy Tolin (OECTA), Kelli Verdecchia (parent - St. Francis), Danny Viotto (Superintendent of Education), Nadia Zanatta (CPCO)

Regrets:

Minutes: D. Viotto and N. Zanatta

Chair: K. Verdecchia

	ACTION	LED BY
Welcome	Danny welcomed all members who joined the meeting	D. Viotto
Prayer and Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Prayer • K. Verdecchia led the group with the board prayer. 	K. Verdecchia and D. Viotto
Introductions	Kelli V. - Co-chair, parent at St. Francis Amy T. - Catholic Curriculum Coordinator, OECTA Representative, parent at Our Lady of Lourdes SSM Nadia Z. - CPCO Representative Paul B. - CPCO Representative Kirsty C. - parent at St. Basil's SSM Ryan C. - parent at St. Basil's SSM Bazlur R. - parent at St. Paul's School John C. - Trustee Kate G. - parent at St. Basil's SSM Danny V. - Superintendent of Education Rose B.S. - Director of Education	K. Verdecchia
Mandate of PIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy 4001 - Parent Involvement Committee, Policy 4001 - Procedural Guidelines • D. Viotto used the policy and procedural guideline to outline the mandate of the PIC. 	D. Viotto
Review of Minutes from Feb. 10, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIC Minutes - Feb. 10, 2020 • K. Verdecchia reviewed the minutes from Feb. 1, 2020. 	K. Verdecchia

Catholic School Council Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Holy Family: The CSC at Holy Family has not been well attended at this point, although several attempts were made to reach out to parents. The Vice Principal has reached out again to parents to encourage them to be a part of the committee. There is a feeling that parents are hesitant to use a virtual platform to conduct CSC meetings. ● St. Paul: The CSC discussed ways to still provide hot lunches to students at St. Paul within the parameters of the restrictions in place because of COVID-19. ● St. Basil Elementary School: There was a great turn out at the meeting. The meeting lasted about 4 hours and the focus was mainly on the outdoor recreational design of the school. There was a plan designed by a professional designer which outlines the many projects that would have to be completed over the years to make the plan come to life. ● Our Lady of Lourdes - Elliott Lake: There has been one meeting and the focus was on a discussion regarding fundraising and long term thinking since the board announced that there would no longer be consideration for an amalgamation of Our Lady of Lourdes and Our Lady of Fatima in Elliott Lake. The CSC is excited to look at projects long term. 	All
SEAC Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Special Education Advisory Committee meets several times a year. The committee continued to meet during the shutdown. There have been approximately 5 meetings since March. SEAC is focussed on direction from the Ministry focussing on students with special needs. All updates were sent to the committee from the Director of Education as they were received. Mental Health was one area of concern from the SEAC and the HSCDSB has a wonderful Mental Health Leader and as a result gave updates and also ensured that online counselling took place during the shutdown to support all students with mental health concerns. ● The principal and vice principal from the OLOL virtual school presented to the SEAC to offer them an overview of how our students are being supported in the virtual learning environment (e.g., Educational Assistants, ECEs, counsellors, academic online supports). The presentation was very well received. 	R. Burton Spohn
New HSCDSB Logo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● D Viotto introduced the new board logo and the rationale that the logo and rebranding has taken place to align with the new multi-year strategic plan which is to take effect January 2021. ● R. Burton Spohn explained the meaning/ideas behind the logo (colours, layout) 	D. Viotto and R. Burton Spohn

Review of draft MYSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Draft - MYSP 2020-2025 ● R. Burton Spohn and D. Viotto offered an overview of the MYSP Draft Document. Some feedback included that the circle is a wonderful visual for engagement and inclusiveness as opposed to the pillars on the last MYSP. Members of the PIC are asked to delve further into the document and offer any additional feedback to D. Viotto or K. Verdecchia by November 30. ● One additional note is that principals will also be sharing the draft MYSP with their Catholic School Councils to seek feedback. 	R. Burton-Spohn, D. Viotto
Parents Reaching Out Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Schools are submitting proposals by November 20, 2020 to access PRO grant funds. The PIC committee will review the proposals and decide on distribution of funds. The board was given \$4,840.54 to fund PRO grant school projects. ● PRO Grant Guidelines 2020-2021 	D. Viotto and K. Verdecchia
PIC Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The PIC budget for the 2020-2021 school year is \$5,700. ● Last year the plan was to welcome a guest speaker to address students and parents on cyber safety. D. Viotto presented this idea and also asked for other ideas from the group. ● Several members of the PIC shared the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We are fortunate to now have such great resources in our school board with respect to technology that would allow our students from across our board geographically. This could be a cost savings so that the travel and accommodation costs would be removed since the students can now be reached virtually. ○ This also aligns with the importance of being a responsible global citizen. The timing is even more important considering that our students are online even more for learning and social media. ○ Parents would appreciate how to properly navigate social media and online communication. ● K. Verdecchia indicated that for our next meeting we should review a list of brainstorming ideas created by the members of the PIC about what they feel are important areas of focus for a guest speaker. This would help provide more of a focus on our search for a guest speaker. ● K. Verdecchia will create a google document and share it with the PIC so that everyone can include their ideas prior to the next meeting. ● It was also suggested that a resource guide be created and included on the parent portion of the website. 	D. Viotto and K. Verdecchia

PIC Meeting Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• December 2, 2020 January 13, 2021• The remaining dates will be decided at the upcoming meetings. The time will remain from 6:00pm-7:30pm.	K. Verdecchia
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The meeting ended at 7:50pm.	