

## Parent Involvement Committee AGENDA Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Google Meet 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Attendance: Anthony Orazietti (parent - St. Mary's F.I.), Adam Pinder (parent - St. Mary's F.I.), Rose Burton Spohn (Director of

Education), Amy Tolin (OECTA), Tiziana Palumbo (CPCO), Danny Viotto (Superintendent of Education), Nadia Zanatta

(CPCO) Paul Best (CPCO), Fil Lettieri (Superintendent of Education)

Regrets: John Caputo (Trustee), Jennifer Angus (parent - St. Augustine F.I. - Wawa), Jennifer Mihailiuk (parent - St. Basil

Elementary)

**Chair:** Anthony Orazietti **Minutes:** Danny Viotto and Nadia Zanatta

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| Prayer                                  | Board prayer   | A. Orazietti |
| Welcome of new member                   | New Superintendent of Education, Fil Lettieri was welcomed to the team. Fil will now be the Superintendent responsible for the Parent Involvement Committee. Danny Viotto will continue to sit on the committee in the capacity of Director of Education.  | D. Viotto    |
| Review of<br>Minutes – Jan.<br>11, 2022 | Minutes were approved  | A. Orazietti |
| Catholic School<br>Council<br>Updates   | <ul> <li>SMFI: The CSC was not able to meet in January but will be meeting in the next month.</li> <li>OLOL: The CSC met in January and is kicking off the first PRO grant activity this Sunday. "The Flames Family Five" – series of five events that support parent engagement. Last week a family literacy day was held. Members of the curriculum team and guest authors came in to read to classes. Also, a "Welcome back breakfast bash" was held to ring in the return to learn in 2022.</li> <li>St. Mary's College: CSC met this past month and began to plan the PRO Grant event. They are launching a cookbook with the parent community. CSC has also initiated an online store where they will be selling spirit wear to parents "Proud Parent" Spirit wear.</li> <li>Holy Family: The CSC would like to fund raise to purchase resources for the school and are seeking input from the parents, teachers and students to best inform their fundraising.</li> <li>St. Basil Elementary (SSM) – CSC met in January and focused on Leader in Me, the school rink and the resubmission of the school's PRO grant. In addition fundraising is underway for school yard enhancements.</li> </ul> | A. Orazietti |

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| SEAC Update                                      | <ul> <li>Meeting held on Thursday January 20. The new Director, Danny Viotto, was introduced, and the outgoing Director was provided a nice send off from the SEAC. The Independent Living Skills class at St. Mary's College presented to the committee about the wonderful programming that is provided for students in the ILS programming.</li> <li>Justin Pino, Superintendent of Business also provided a budget update on Special Education.</li> </ul>   | R. Burton<br>Spohn |
| Parents<br>Reaching Out<br>Grant<br>Applications | <ul> <li>This year the board has received \$12,174.54 for PRO Grants.</li> <li>St. Basil Elementary (SSM) and St. Mary's College provided updated applications and they were approved for the amount requested. The list below has been updated to reflect the final allotments for each school.</li> <li>St. Paul - \$2035.00</li> <li>St. Basil (White River)- \$650</li> <li>Holy Cross - \$1500</li> <li>Our Lady of Lourdes (Elliott Lake)- \$2000</li> <li>St. Augustine - \$1215</li> <li>Holy Name of Jesus (Hornepayne) - \$1045</li> <li>St. Mary (Massey) - \$800</li> <li>St. Mary's College - \$1300</li> <li>St. Basil Elementary (SSM) - \$1500</li> <li>Total remaining balance: \$129.54</li> </ul>   | D. Viotto          |
| PIC Funding<br>Project                           | <ul> <li>Updates from each sub-committee:</li> <li>Parent Involvement In Catholic School Communities – Led by T. Palumbo and F. Lettieri on April 7</li> <li>➤ Working with two of the parents on the SMC Catholic School Council. In addition, Fr. Danieli is making time to work with this committee.</li> <li>Monitoring Children's Mental Health – Led by A. Tolin and A. Pinder on April 11</li> <li>➤ Planning has begun to gather resources and speakers for this event.</li> <li>Indigenous Education – Led by N. Zanatta, Paul Best and A. Orazietti on April 21</li> <li>➤ Nadia connected with Deanna Heyde, our board's indigenous leader. Spoke about guest speakers and Nadia was provided with some contact information. Guests are being selected from our northern, city and eastern school. Focus will be on a "circle of care" and doing some form of a sharing circle. A virtual blanket exercise is also being looked at as an option.</li> <li>Cyber-Safety and Anti-Sex Trafficking – Led by D. Viotto and J. Mihailiuk on April 27</li> <li>➤ Now that the Anti-Sex Trafficking Protocol has been completed and uploaded on the board website, the resources will be used to facilitate the information session.</li> <li>We will be doing an online registration for each event similar to last year. A flyer was created and the links were included. D. Viotto, N. Zanatta and A. Tolin will work on the flyer.</li> <li>School Messenger can also be used to send out a message to the entire board along with sending it to the school principals who can embed the flyer into their school newsletters.</li> <li>Each committee will put together their own swag and the board logo will be attached to the swag which directly connects with the topic (e.g., Huron Superior CDSB supports cyber-safety)</li> <li>Each committee will be allotted \$1700.</li> <li>Each committee will report back with preliminary budgets by February 23, 2022. The budgets are to be emailed to F. Lettieri and A. Orazietti.</li> <li>Anthony w</li></ul> | A. Orazietti       |

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|                   | Information and promotion will be done during March 3 – 9, 2022          |                            |
| New Business      | • None   | A. Orazietti               |
| Closing comments  | Danny offered thanks to Rose and well wishes as she retires on March 31. | A. Orazietti,<br>D. Viotto |
| Next meeting date | March 8, 2022  | A. Orazietti               |
| Adjournment       | • 7:08 p.m.  | A. Orazietti               |