



Parent Involvement Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: [Google Meet](#)

Attendance:

Paul Best (CPCO), Fil Lettieri (Superintendent of Education), Jennifer Mihailiuk (Parent - St. Basil SSM), Anthony Orazietti (Parent - St. Mary's F.I.), Tiziana Palumbo (CPCO), Adam Pinder (Parent - St. Mary's F.I.), Amy Tolin (OECTA), Danny Viotto (Director of Education), Nadia Zanatta (CPCO)

Regrets: Jennifer Angus (Parent - St. Augustine F.I.), John Caputo (Trustee), Rose Burton Spohn (Director Emeritus)

Chair: Anthony Orazietti

Minutes: Nadia Zanatta

AGENDA ITEMS		DISCUSSION POINTS	LED BY
1.	Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Prayer 	A. Orazietti
2.	Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the minutes from Feb. 8, 2022 Meeting No comments and/or omissions 	A. Orazietti
3.	Catholic School Council Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Augustine French Immersion: No Update 	PIC Members

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Holy Family: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three surveys (Students, Parents and Staff) were conducted to determine how to direct fundraising efforts. - Parent and student results aligned more than the staff's on priority items; both wanted outdoor equipment. - A discussion was had about fundraising ideas and next steps with purchasing outdoor equipment for recess. ● St. Basil: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The school has been offering Popcorn and Pizza Days. - Students are asking for a Pasta Day. - PRO Grant activity with the school garden is underway. CSC is trying to incorporate the graduates in some capacity. - Rico's is a fundraising idea that CSC is exploring. - The creation of a cookbook was also an idea that was presented from the perspective of students. ● St. Mary's College: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CSC's focus has been on planning for the PRO Grant and finalizing items for the multicultural evening (i.e., dancers, setting up booths, fashion show, highlighting various cultures, dancing, etc.). - They have been collecting recipes for the cookbook which will be launched at the PRO Grant event. - The online spirit wear store for the parent community is in the process of becoming available. ● St. Mary's French Immersion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CSC meeting is scheduled for March. - Adam will provide an update at the next meeting. ● Our Lady of Lourdes French Immersion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PRO Grant project, entitled Flames Family 5, has been a success. - two events were held (Bingo + Popcorn / Minute To Win It + Cookies). - Pink Shirt Day took place - Hockey Night in Elliot Lake was a sponsored event for marketing/promotion, whereby rally towels were distributed. 	
4.	SEAC Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 23rd over Google Meet 	F. Lettieri

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New Superintendent of Special Education, Fil Lettieri, was welcomed, and the outgoing Superintendent, Joe Chilelli, was thanked for his service; he provided an overview of the gains that were made in Special Education during his five years as Superintendent. ● Superintendent of Education responsible for Safe Schools, Christine Durocher, presented school suspension and violent incident data. ● A question was asked about the suspension/violent incident data and whether there was an increase or decrease in the total number. Fil explained that overall there was a decrease in suspension totals, however, there are several variables to consider when analyzing the data, such as the school closure period and the process by which violent incidents are reported. ● SEAC suggested that the report include school enrollment next to the suspension totals. 	
5.	PIC Funding Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Update from each Sub-Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Parent Involvement In Catholic School Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Led by T. Palumbo and F. Lettieri on Thurs., April 7 - Guest Speakers, Father Daniele and SMC parents Mr. and Mrs. Barone, have been secured. - Each participant will receive a gift basket, which will include notebooks, plaques, inspirational signs, bookmark, pen, etc. - The gift baskets are intended to encourage families to continue growing in faith. ➤ Monitoring Children’s Mental Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Led by A. Tolin and A. Pinder on Mon., April 11 - Different focuses within the presentation (elementary + teens + parents). - Met with the school board’s Mental Health Leader, Jared Lambert, and he agreed to be a guest speaker. Someone from APH will present with Jared. - There are no costs to the guest speakers, therefore the group will use the allotted funds to provide resources to the participants. - The subcommittee and guest speakers will meet in person after the March Break in order to sort out the details of the package (i.e., what to include). 	Sub-Committee

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Indigenous Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Led by N. Zanatta, P. Best and A. Oraziatti on Thurs., April 21 - Joanna Vautour is the guest speaker for this presentation. - The three focuses of discussion include: Education in the Home - Wellbeing - Taking Up Space. - An order of 30 smudge kits was placed through The Family Tree so a virtual smudge can be incorporated into the presentation. - A t-shirt was also an idea for consideration to send to the participants following the session. The budget for this presentation is from the BAP. ➤ Cyber-Safety and Anti-Sex Trafficking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Led by D. Viotto and J. Mihailiuk on Wed., April 27 - Danny met with the Anti-Sex Trafficking Committee to discuss the P.D. Day for employees in May. This presentation would come before employees receive training, and therefore the recommendation is not to move ahead with the topic as a PIC event in April. - A discussion about presenting Cyber Safety instead was shared with the group. - We also discussed moving the date to Mon., April 25th as Fil and Danny will be away on April 27th. ● Budget and Purchasing Procedure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide a quote to Anthony and Fil for approval. - A Purchase Order will be created, and items will be paid directly by the school board. - Honorariums can be decided within the group. - It is recommended that groups do not purchase LCBO gift cards. ● Registration Flyer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide details in the shared Google Doc. - Complete the information for your event within the document pertaining to your presentation by March 18th. - Amy and Nadia will create the flyer and registration form. It will be launched on March 21st. 	<p>F. Lettieri</p> <p>A. Tolin and N. Zanatta</p>
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6.	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No items were brought forward. 	
7.	Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tuesday March 29th, 2022 (date change) at 6:00 p.m. via Google Meet 	F. Lettieri
8.	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anthony adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m. 	A. Oraziotti