



Huron-Superior Catholic
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Parent Involvement Committee
Minutes

Date: Monday, February 13, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: [Google Meet](#)

Attendance:

Linda Barone (Parent - SMC), Paul Best (CPCO), Kasia Ceglarz (SEAC Representative), Tony D'Agostino (Trustee), Randi Ducharme (Parent - St. Basil White River), Shanna Forest (Parent - OLOL Elliot Lake), Fil Lettieri (Superintendent of Education), Anthony Oraziatti (Parent - St. Mary's F.I.), Tiziana Palumbo (CPCO), Danny Viotto (Director of Education), Nadia Zanatta (CPCO)

Regrets: Lindsay Collins (Parent - St. Basil SSM), Kathleen Rosilius (Trustee), Amy Tolin (OECTA), Sujatha Venkatapathy (Parent - SMC)

Chair: Anthony Oraziatti

Minutes: Nadia Zanatta

AGENDA ITEMS		DISCUSSION POINTS	LED BY
1.	Welcome, Land Acknowledgment, Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Acknowledgment & Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Fil led the group in a land acknowledgement and prayer (video and Board prayer). 	F. Lettieri
2.	Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Minutes of PIC Meeting #2 - Mon., Jan. 16, 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ The minutes were approved. 	PIC Members
3.	Catholic School Council Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Trinity Virtual Academy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ The school was unable to establish a CSC this year. • St. Basil, SSM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ No update 	PIC Members

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● St. Basil, White River: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Library upgrades are underway. ➤ CSC is leading a seeds fundraiser for the school. ● St. Mary's College: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CSC will be assisting with Shrove Tuesday celebrations. ➤ The PRO Grant event is planned for April 20th. It will include a workshop with student leaders during the school day and a parent workshop in the evening, facilitated by Sam Demma. ➤ Parent Appreciation Night is scheduled for May 3rd, during Parent-Teacher Interviews. ➤ A Paint Night will be discussed at the next meeting in an effort to build community. ➤ CSC will be supporting the Student Council Carnival in June. ● St. Mary's French Immersion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CSC is hosting a Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance at the Grand Gardens on February 15th. ➤ Pancakes will also be served to the school on Shrove Tuesday. ● Our Lady of Lourdes French Immersion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Winter Wonderland Dance Party was a very successful fundraiser for CSC. ➤ CSC has been discussing the purchase of some new outdoor equipment. ➤ The school hosted a Family Literacy Day event on January 27th that was very well attended. ➤ They are also working on details of their PRO Grant event, which will support the implementation of the Leader in Me. 	
4.	SEAC Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>SEAC Financial Report</u> presented by Justin Pino, Superintendent of Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The SEAC Financial Report was reviewed. The Ministry of Education has increased funding; however, the school board continues to spend over two million dollars more than what is allocated for Special Education services. ➤ The Board has accessed additional funding to expand services in our East and North schools with the addition of a Communicative Disorders Assistant (East) and a Student & Family Counsellor (North). ● <u>Response to SEAC Recommendations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The SEAC Recommendations, presented through the Board's Four Strategic Directions, was reviewed. The recommendations are outlined from the perspective of the SEAC and a response from the Board is provided on the status of the goals. 	K. Ceglarz

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Election of Chair/Vice-Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Teresa Coccimiglio (Chair) Erma DiRenzo (Vice-Chair) were elected. 	
5.	Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Schools were informed of their allocations and were provided with access to the funds through their School Budget. ● <u>Sample PRO Grant Report Template</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A report to the Ministry of Education is no longer required because these funds were included in the Grants for Student Needs (GSNs). The report will be for the PIC and Board. ➤ It was recommended that the information in the template be shared as a Google Form to generate data. Fil will provide the applicable Ps/VPs with the template to share with their CSC. 	F. Lettieri PIC Members
6.	PIC Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● STEAM Event Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fil met with the Board's STEAM Team to discuss the possibility of hosting a Parent Engagement event in the spring ➤ STEAM Lab can accommodate approximately 90 people ➤ Tentative dates are Monday, May 8th and Thursday, May 11th ➤ Options for East and North schools include equipping them with resources to facilitate a STEAM event in their respective school and/or providing gas cards to offset the cost of travelling into Sault Ste. Marie ➤ EarlyONN site at Holy Angels may be accessed for childcare options ➤ Next steps would involve determining number of potential participants to inform stations and number of dates ● Recommendations from PIC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Acquire feedback from school administrators. Fil will email Ps/VPs to share the PIC's proposal for an In-Person Family STEAM Night. ➤ Consider providing transportation (i.e., busing) to hub sites in East and North instead of offering gas cards to those interested in travelling to the STEAM Lab. ➤ Bus travelling to North/East - Perhaps offer two North sessions to accommodate the geographical locations. ➤ Survey Families - Create a Google Form to gather interest for planning purposes. 	F. Lettieri PIC Members

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent engagement presentation/resource ideas to incorporate during the event? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We will discuss this at our next meeting when we have decided on the date(s)/method(s) of delivery. 	
7.	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No new business to report. 	
8.	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m. 	

Next Meeting: Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.