

Parent Involvement Committee Minutes

Date: Monday, March 20, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Google Meet

Attendance:

Linda Barone (Parent - SMC), Kasia Ceglarz (SEAC Representative), Nadia Kovacs (CPCO), Fil Lettieri (Superintendent of Education), Anthony Orazietti (Parent - St. Mary's F.I.), Tiziana Palumbo (CPCO), Amy Tolin (OECTA)

Regrets: Paul Best (CPCO), Lindsay Collins (Parent - St. Basil SSM), Tony D'Agostino (Trustee), Randi Ducharme (Parent - St. Basil White River), Shanna Forest (Parent - OLOL Elliot Lake), Kathleen Rosilius (Trustee), Sujatha Venkatapathy (Parent - SMC), Danny Viotto (Director of Education)

Chair: Anthony Orazietti Minutes: Nadia Kovacs

| AGENDA ITEMS | | DISCUSSION POINTS | LED BY |
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| 1. | Welcome, Land Acknowledgment, Prayer | Land Acknowledgment & Prayer Fil led the group through a land acknowledgement, as well as a video, and the Board prayer. | F. Lettieri |
| 2. | Minutes | Review Minutes of PIC Meeting #3 - Mon., Feb. 13, 2023 ➤ The minutes were approved. | PIC Members |
| 3. | Catholic School Council Updates | St. Basil, SSM: Multilingual learners participated in a Board wide Winter Play Day hosted at St. Basil, | PIC Members |

| | | which included both outdoor and indoor activities. Students had a great time. The event provided an introduction to Canada for newcomers. Some activities included coloring a Canadian flag with colours of the flag that are associated with each family. There will be a sunflower seeds fundraiser, as well as a Loonie license fundraiser. St. Basil, White River: | |
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| | | ➤ No update | |
| | | St. Mary's College: ➤ No update ➤ The next CSC meeting is scheduled for March 30th. | |
| | | ■ St. Mary's French Immersion: ➤ No update | |
| | | Our Lady of Lourdes French Immersion: ➤ The next CSC meeting is scheduled for March 31st. ➤ CSC will be finalizing the purchase of permanent outdoor soccer nets. ➤ A Movie Night is the next fundraiser for the spring. | |
| 4. | SEAC Update | Presentations by: (a) Brenda Peacock - Vision Loss Rehabilitation (b) Sergio lacoe, John Policchio and Luisa Coppola - CLA Presentation (c) Stephanie Vendramin - EQAO Presentation ➤ EQAO data cannot be compared to previous years because of the new online format. ➤ The data is public through the EQAO website. Ministry's Advisory Council on Special Education (MACSE) Collaboration Template - March 2023 | F. Lettieri |
| | | Due to the length of the presentations, a number of agenda items were deferred to the next meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29th. SEAC principles are published as the Board website warder Creatial Education and are | |
| | | SEAC minutes are available on the Board website, under Special Education, and are approved by the Board of Trustees at their monthly meetings before being posted online. | |

| 5. | Student Census | The consultation process concluded on Wednesday, March 15th. The Student Council at SMC was very receptive to the Student Census. The Student Census will be administered between the dates of March 20th and April 6th. Additional details (i.e., administration dates, accessing the link, etc.) will be shared later this week. Letters will be distributed to families next week (elementary and secondary notes will be different). Participation is voluntary. The census link is specific to each child. Parents/Guardians with multiple children (K to Grade 8) will be required to complete each child's census. The link to the census will be accessible through the student's board email account. | F. Lettieri |
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| 6. | Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant | Update: The Report Back template provided by the Ministry of Education was updated with our Board logo and emailed to applicable principals, who were then asked to share it with their PRO Grant Lead on CSC. The report will be submitted as a Google Form. It is due Friday, June 23rd. The Google Form will allow us to consolidate the data and organize it. | F. Lettieri |
| 7. | PIC Project | STEAM Event Update: Feedback from schools on proposed In-Person Family STEAM Night OPTION A - Host a local event at each East/North school (i.e., provide resources and materials to schools to run STEAM activities) OPTION B - Offer a hub model (i.e., group schools by region and provide transportation to designated site) All East and North Principals responded and chose OPTION A. The City events are tentatively scheduled for May 8th and May 11th. A Google Form was distributed to City families to indicate their interest in this event. There were 104 responses, and 100 respondents were in favour of the event. SMC will host their own session in their own building to highlight their school. | F. Lettieri |
| | | Next Steps (e.g., Parent Engagement Station, Resource Development, etc): Fil will reach out to the STEAM Team for next steps and guidance on materials to outfit the North and East schools. Amy will work with Jim to create the flyer for the event. Linda and Tiziana will work on a 5-minute generic presentation about parent engagement that can be used at each event. | PIC Members |

| | | Kasia will brainstorm ideas for a flyer that we can give out to Welcome to Kindergarten events to promote parent engagement. Nadia will create the online registration form for the STEAM event. Nadia also suggested a door prize for each event. We can discuss further ideas at our next meeting. Swag ideas (e.g., magnets, keychains, tote bags, pencils, pens, notepads) Fil will follow up with Jim on this. | |
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| 8. | New Business | There were no new business items. | |
| 9. | Adjournment | The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. | |

Next Meeting: Monday, April 17, 2023