



**Huron-Superior Catholic**  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**Parent Involvement Committee**  
**Agenda**

**Date:** Monday, November 27th, 2023

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** [Google Meet](#)

**Attendance:**

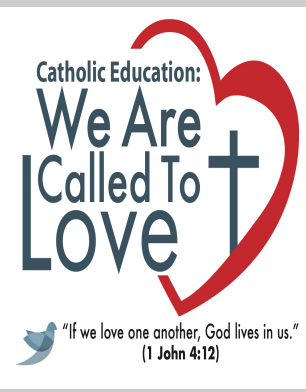
Linda Barone (Parent - SMC), Chalias Caldwell (Parent - Our Lady of Fatima Chapleau), Tony D’Agostino (Trustee), Stephanie Francella-Stephen (OECTA), Nadia Zanatta (CPCO), Anthony Oraziotti (Parent - St. Mary’s F.I.), Leeandra Piche (Parent - St. Mary’s Blind River), Kathleen Rosilius (Trustee), Franca Spadafora (Superintendent), Danny Viotto (Director of Education)

**Regrets:** Paul Best (CPCO), Tiziana Palumbo (CPCO), Randi Ducharme (Parent - St. Basil White River), Erin Haman (Parent - St. Mary’s Blind River), Cristhian Lorena Lomeli Hdez (Parent - St. Basil SSM)

**Chair:** Franca Spadafora

**Minutes:** Nadia Zanatta

AGENDA ITEMS		DISCUSSION POINTS	LED BY
1.	<b>Welcome, Land Acknowledgment</b>	<p>Franca welcomed all members and led the group through a Land Acknowledgement.</p> <p>Today we meet on Turtle Island in the area governed by the Robinson-Huron Treaty of 1850. It is the traditional land of the Batchewana First Nation, the Garden River First Nation and the Metis settlement at Bawating. We commit ourselves to work on the TRC’s Calls to Action that focus on education. We hope to one day know and understand the true history of Canada so we can live into reconciliation with Indigenous peoples on the land. Let us journey together in a good way.</p>	F. Spadafora
	<b>Prayer</b>	<p>Franca led the group through the Board Prayer.</p> <p><b>Catholic Education Week Prayer</b></p>	

	 <p>Catholic Education: <b>We Are Called To Love</b></p> <p>"If we love one another, God lives in us." (1 John 4:12)</p>	<p>God who is love, Love is our calling, and the goal for which you have made us. As we celebrate Catholic Education Week, may our love in action reveal to our world that we are people of justice and mercy. May our daily words and example show clearly that we are people of faith and hope. In the ways we reflect you daily, may everyone recognize us as people of joy. Help us to never forget how much you love us, and to cherish your life within us, which gives energy and direction to our loving. May we hear your call to love generously and inclusively, and may we call our world to be more loving also. All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, our Friend and our Lord.</p> <p>Amen.</p>	
<p><b>2.</b></p>	<p><b>Introductions</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each member in attendance will provide a brief introduction (e.g., school their child attends, role on CSC, etc.).</li> </ul> <p><b>Franca</b> - new Superintendent that oversees Math and is also leading the PIC - shared about the various schools and positions held within her career  <b>Anthony</b> - daughter in Grade 7 at St. Mary's French Immersion, 3rd year on the PIC  <b>Linda</b> - 1 son left at St. Mary's College, 2nd year on the PIC, involvement with Catholic School Council for 19 years  <b>Nadia</b> - current Vice-Principal at Our Lady of Lourdes in Sault Ste. Marie - spent 4 years in Elliot Lake as Vice-Principal at Our Lady of Lourdes French Immersion - member of PIC for 4 years representing CPCO  <b>Tony</b> - Trustee in Sault Ste. Marie with children who attended the HSCDSB  <b>Kathleen</b> - Trustee in Elliot Lake with children who attended the HSCDSB  <b>Danny</b> - Director of Education for 25 years - 2 daughters (one is due to return to SMC for second semester, and one is currently studying in Windsor - former SMC graduate)  <b>Stephanie</b> - teacher with Huron-Superior for 19 years, currently a Kindergarten teacher at St. Mary's French Immersion, OECTA representative with PIC, been involved with local OECTA executive for 13 years and also sits on provincial committees  <b>Leeandra</b> - parent at St. Mary's Blind River (children in Grade 5 and 7) with two older students attending WC Eaket  <b>Chalias</b> - son in JK at Our Lady of Fatima Chapleau</p>	<p>PIC Members</p>

3.	Guidelines of PIC	<p>Franca reviewed the guidelines of the Parent Involvement Committee with the group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Policy 4001</a> and <a href="#">Procedural Guidelines for Parent Involvement Committee</a></li> <li>● The purpose of PIC is to support, encourage and enhance parent engagement at the Board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being.</li> <li>● <b>Mandate:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Supporting and enhancing meaningful, inclusive, and constructive parent involvement</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Facilitating communication among Catholic School Councils and the Director of Education and Trustees</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Seeking the advice and ideas of Catholic School Councils, other parents, parishes and community partners as they plan and implement strategies to involve more parents</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Proclaiming and promoting the distinctiveness and value of Catholic education in our community</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Approving the expenditures for activities or projects funded with the Ministry's Parent Involvement funding</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reporting regularly to the Board through minutes of its meetings</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	F. Spadafora
4.	Election of Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Chairperson shall be elected for a two year term.</li> </ul> <p>Chalias Caldwell and Anthony Oraziatti have been elected as Co-Chairs for the 2023/2024 school year.</p>	F. Spadafora
5.	Catholic School Council Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Our Lady of Fatima, Chapleau:</b> The Council has met twice, started a Facebook group chat to keep in contact, fundraiser as a Halloween Dance, Movie Night, Christmas Party - applied for the PRO Grant to purchase some new swings because they do not have any playground structures.</li> <li>● <b>St. Basil, SSM:</b> n/a</li> <li>● <b>St. Basil, White River:</b> n/a</li> <li>● <b>St. Mary's College:</b> SMC Football at OFSAA in Windsor, Parent-Teacher Night - CSC was a part of this, refreshments and treats, recruited about 8-10 new members to the Council - Open House for Grade 8 students, Newcomer Night, only had 1 meeting, extension on the PRO Grant, Christmas Parade float, upcoming event, Heaven Cent Dinner, Christmas market</li> </ul>	PIC Members

		<p>with vendors from 5-7pm, launching Game Nights Delights during the Boys Basketball season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>St. Mary's French Immersion:</b> talk of a Family Game Night, Pasta Dinner, BBQ event, and other fundraising ideas, only had 1 meeting. Shawn Spurr is the Chair</li> <li>● <b>St. Mary's, Blind River:</b> one meeting was held - Leeandra will connect with Andrea and Tammy for an update at the next meeting</li> </ul>	
6.	<b>SEAC Update</b>	<p>Franca shared the recommendations of SEAC from last year.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>SEAC Recommendations Report</u></a></p>	F. Spadafora
7.	<b>Parent Engagement Funding</b>	<p>Anthony spoke about the funding provided to the PIC and the committee reviewed the PRO Grant Applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#"><u>Funding to Support Parent Engagement 2023/24</u></a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ For the 2023-24 school year, the total Parent Engagement allocation has three components, calculated as follows, per Board:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PIC component (\$5000 + \$0.17 per average daily enrolment of pupils) - <b>\$5,705</b></li> <li>2. School Council Component - <b>\$8,500 (Each CSC to receive \$500)</b></li> <li>3. PRO component (\$1500 + \$500 per school) - <b>\$10,000</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>➢ Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant funding is included in the Grants for Student Needs (GSN)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>PRO Grant Applications:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Applications for PRO Grants were due Friday, November 24th. Some schools have asked for extensions.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The remaining PRO Grant applications will be submitted by the end of this week. The PIC decided to meet again on December 11th to briefly review all of the applications and make a final decision on the funding amounts requested.</p>	<p>F. Spadafora A. Oraziatti</p> <p>PIC Members</p>
8.	<b>PIC Project</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PIC budget for 2023-2024 is \$5, 705.</li> <li>● Last year, PIC hosted STEAM Family Night Nadia will provide the feedback from this event at our next meeting to use for planning purposes.</li> </ul>	PIC Members

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Project ideas for this year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Locations of St. Kateri and/or St. Mary's College was suggested as exclusive features of our Board - highlighting the unique aspects of Huron-Superior</li> <li>- Danny highlighted past events that were well attended - such as Cyber Safety</li> <li>- Franca will generate a Google Doc to share ideas</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
9.	<b>Meeting Dates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Proposed Meeting Dates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Meeting #2 - Monday, January 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.</li> <li>➢ Meeting #3 - Monday, February 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.</li> <li>➢ Meeting #4 - Monday, April 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.</li> <li>➢ Meeting #5 - Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The proposed meeting dates were confirmed by the members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Continue meetings virtual or in-person? Meetings will continue virtually.</li> </ul>	F. Spadafora A. Oraziotti
10.	<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There is no new business.</li> </ul>	
11.	<b>Adjournment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm</li> </ul>	