



Huron-Superior Catholic  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Parent Involvement Committee  
Agenda and Minutes

Date: Monday, January 22nd, 2024

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: [Google Meet](#)

Attendance:


Carol Amadio (Trustee), Tony D'Agostino (Trustee), Linda Barone (Parent - SMC), Paul Best (CPCO), Chalias Caldwell (Parent - Our Lady of Fatima Chapleau), Erin Haman (Parent - St. Mary's Blind River), Marnie McDonald (OECTA), Anthony Oraziatti (Parent - St. Mary's F.I.), Leeandra Piche (Parent - St. Mary's Blind River), Franca Spadafora (Superintendent), Nadia Zanatta (CPCO)

Regrets: Cristhian Lorena Lomeli Hdez (Parent - St. Basil SSM), Stephanie Francella-Stephen (Parent SMC and SMFI), Tiziana Palumbo (CPCO), Danny Viotto, Randi Ducharme (Parent - St. Basil White River)

Co-Chairs: Anthony Oraziatti and Chalias Caldwell

Minutes: Nadia Zanatta

AGENDA ITEMS		DISCUSSION POINTS	LED BY
1.	Welcome, Land Acknowledgment	<p>Franca welcomed the members and led the group in a Land Acknowledgment.</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> <p>There were new members on the Committee who were not present at the first meeting. These members were introduced: Carol Amadio - new Trustee - excited to work with schools - parents - and government to support student learning</p>	F. Spadafora

		<p>Marnie McDonald - Vice President of local OECTA  Paul Best - Principal at St. Paul - acts in the capacity of a CPCO representative.  Erin Haman - parent at St. Mary's in Blind River  Stephanie Francella-Stephen is now a member in the capacity of parent at SMFI and SMC.</p>	
	<p><b>Prayer</b></p> 	<p>Chalias led the group - reciting the Board Prayer.</p> <p>God of Love and Compassion, we are created in your likeness and you call us to love. As people of hope, may we see beyond our struggles. As people of faith, inspire us to believe in your intimate presence with us in our world. As people of mercy, may we forgive willingly and often. As people of justice, help us to find solutions to situations of inequity that bring peace. As people of joy, let us celebrate your life within us, for as you do, we are called to LOVE.</p>	C. Caldwell
1.	<b>CSC Update</b>	<p><b>St. Mary's French Immersion:</b> Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance fundraiser is upcoming - there is also a meeting this week</p> <p><b>St. Paul:</b> 2 meeting this year - conducted various fundraisers (Chocolate Bars, Poinsettia and Halloween school dance) - meeting is scheduled this coming week to discuss additional fundraisers</p> <p><b>Our Lady of Lourdes SSM</b> – 3 meetings this year – conducted various fundraisers (Chocolate Bars, Poinsettia) - involved in the Healthy School Certification process, and actively seeking/promoting Kindergarten registration for next year. PRO Grant event planning is underway</p> <p><b>Our Lady of Fatima Chapleau</b> - 1 meeting this year – hosted a family Christmas Dance that was very successful. A meeting is scheduled for this coming week</p> <p><b>St. Mary's College</b> - 2 meetings this year - PRO Grant meeting next week. Heaven Cent Pasta Dinner was a sell out and CSC organised over 20 vendors to attend the evening. The Knight's Delight Canteen is new to SMC and offers different snacks at school events</p> <p><b>St. Mary's Blind River:</b> next meeting is February 13th - conducted a Poinsettia fundraiser and host Hot Dog Days each Friday</p>	
2.	<b>PRO Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>PRO Grant Applications: Total Funding - \$10,000.00</b></li> <li>● <a href="#">PRO Grant Summary of Applicants 2023/24</a></li> </ul> <p>Anthony reviewed the summary of applications. Schools have been notified of their funding allocation. Planning is underway for these projects, and all funds have been accounted for.</p>	A. Oraziotti

<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Parent Engagement Funding</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Parent engagement allocation for 2023/24 – \$5, 735 <b>(NEW \$5,185)</b></li> <li>● Early Years Team – Parent Literacy Night on Jan. 23 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm</li> <li>● Virtual Parent Literacy Night will be held in February</li> <li>● Funding approval of \$600.00 to cover the cost of refreshments and literacy kits for the parents</li> </ul> <p>This was approved with Chalias as the mover of the motion. Franca will communicate this to Beth. The kits included support for reading, decoding, books, letters, tips for parents at home, as well as learning to read strategies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Brainstorm of activities for this year</li> </ul> <p>Nadia reviewed the feedback received from last year’s STEAM Event. It was very well attended and people enjoyed the variety of activities/choice to participate in. Challenges that continue to be presented: more families register than attend. Providing something tangible on-site, as well as sending out constant reminders may be helpful.</p> <p>A Multicultural event was suggested. An event associated with Math was also suggested - pertaining to a Ministry/Board focus.</p> <p><b>PIC EVENT: MATH FOCUS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Using St. Mary’s College as the location</li> <li>- Providing a modified approach to the event for our East/North schools - in collaboration with members of the Math Team</li> <li>- Incorporating various aspects of SMC as they pertain to Math: culinary, shops,</li> <li>- Carousel approach</li> <li>- Focus: Math is all around us</li> <li>- Indigenous component</li> <li>- Experiential learning component</li> </ul> <p>Tentative dates: last week of May - consideration of 2 nights</p> <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Franca will follow up with the Math Team re: availability for event(s), as well as SMC for location space</li> <li>- Franca, Paul, and Nadia will meet and discuss potential topics/categories, number of activities, for the event prior to our next meeting</li> <li>- She will report her findings at the next meeting</li> </ul>	<p>A. Oraziatti C. Caldwell</p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm. <b>Next Meeting Date:</b> Monday, February 26, 2024</p>	