



Huron-Superior Catholic  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Parent Involvement Committee  
Minutes

Date: Monday, May 13, 2024

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: [Google Meet](#)

Attendance:


Tony D’Agostino (Trustee), Chalias Caldwell (Parent - Our Lady of Fatima Chapleau), Paul Best (CPCO), Marnie McDonald (OECTA), Anthony Oraziotti (Parent - St. Mary’s F.I.), Franca Spadafora (Superintendent), Nadia Zanatta (CPCO) Stephanie Francella-Stephen (Parent SMC and SMFI), Tiziana Palumbo (CPCO), Brenda Rankin (EA - St. Paul)

Regrets: Carol Amadio (Trustee), Linda Barone (Parent - SMC), Erin Haman (Parent - St. Mary’s Blind River), Danny Viotto (Director of Education), Randi Ducharme (Parent - St. Basil White River), Cristhian Lorena Lomeli Hdez (Parent - St. Basil SSM), Leeandra Piche (Parent - St. Mary's Blind River)

Co-Chairs: Anthony Oraziotti and Chalias Caldwell

Minutes: Nadia Zanatta

AGENDA ITEMS		DISCUSSION POINTS	LED BY
1.	Welcome, Land Acknowledgment	<p>The schools and buildings of the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board are located on the traditional lands of Indigenous peoples who have been its stewards for thousands of years.</p> <p>As people who now reside in the 1850 Robinson-Huron Treaty territory, the 1850 Robinson-Superior Treaty territory and Treaty 9 territory, we give thanks to our ancestors from the seven generations before us who took care of the land, water and air for us to enjoy the bounty of the territory of which the Creator has graciously provided without hesitation.</p> <p>May we journey together in a good way.</p>	C. Caldwell

	<p><b>Prayer</b></p> 	<p>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>	<p>A. Oraziotti</p>
<p><b>1.</b></p>	<p><b>CSC Update</b></p>	<p><b>St. Mary's French Immersion:</b> A spring family event is in the planning stages. There are plans to purchase outdoor equipment (mud kitchen) and picnic tables.</p> <p><b>St. Paul:</b> The Bishop visited the school last week - visiting classes and enjoyed lunch. The Bonfire event through CSC was well attended. The Welcome to Kindergarten event will be held on May 14th. The CSC cooked and served pancakes to the school on Shrove Tuesday.</p> <p><b>Our Lady of Lourdes SSM:</b> The CSC supports two meals per year: Shrove Tuesday and a chicken finger/veggie tray lunch in April. The Staff is having lunch with Father Peter tomorrow (catered by The Grand Gardens). The Welcome to Kindergarten event was very successful - with CSC representation - recruited a few new members. The PRO Grant Family Wellness Night was very well attended (59 families / 200 people).</p> <p><b>St. Basil SSM:</b> n/a</p> <p><b>Our Lady of Fatima Chapleau:</b> The PRO Grant Paint Night was a success - with many students involved. Based on feedback and observation, the next event will only be adults. Welcome to Kindergarten is in the planning stages. Hot Lunch fundraisers have been ongoing to support the Library.</p> <p><b>St. Mary's College:</b> Youth Relay for Life is approaching - all elementary schools are involved and all Grade 8 students will be participating. The PRO Grant event (Turtle Concepts) had a very positive turnout (student/class visits throughout the day and 50 people in the evening). It was very motivational and the CSC is now selling bracelets from the event. The Knights Delight Canteen has been very well received and set up for each SMC Small Ball event to generate funds.</p> <p><b>St. Mary's Blind River:</b> n/a</p> <p><b>St. Basil White River:</b> n/a</p>	<p>C. Caldwell And Council Members</p>
<p><b>2.</b></p>	<p><b>PRO Activities</b></p>	<p>3 schools have hosted their PRO Grant event: - St. Augustine, Wawa</p>	<p>C. Caldwell</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Our Lady of Lourdes, Sault Ste. Marie</li> <li>- Our Lady of Fatima, Chapleau</li> </ul>	
3.	<b>Parent Engagement Funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Parent engagement allocation for 2023/24 – \$5, 735 <b>(NEW \$5,098)</b></li> <li>● Virtual Parent Literacy Night held on March 5th - email approval of extra cost (\$86.99)</li> <li>● <a href="#">White boards: 46.99</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Dry Erase Pockets: 30.00</a></li> <li>● Gift Bags from Dollar Store: \$10.00</li> </ul> <p><b>PIC EVENT: MATH FOCUS</b>  Tentative date: Wednesday, May 29th, 2024 – 6:30 - 8:00  Location: St. Mary’s College  Activities: <a href="#">PIC Meeting – Overview for Math Night</a></p> <p>At this time - there are 41 families registered for the event. We will continue to promote this event within our schools.</p> <p>Franca shared the overview of the proposed events and welcomed feedback from the group. Everyone was very pleased with the variety of options. A discussion was had about the layout of the event - spaces - and time frames associated with each activity. It was decided that some stations will be in a come-and-go format (drop-in), while others will have set times to visit (scheduled). This finalising will take place closer to the event - and an email will be shared with registrants - allowing them time to choose where to visit, etc.</p> <p>A map/tour card will be created for participants to gather signatures when visiting. This information will also help us to determine where most of the visits occurred. These cards will be entered into the main prize draws.</p> <p>The North and East schools that wish to host an event may need support. This will be further discussed at the next meeting. OLOF Chapleau has expressed interest in hosting an event.</p>	F. Spadafora
4.	<b>Next Steps</b>	<p>Next steps in planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Purchase the items required for each station</li> </ul> <p>The Relay station will not require any purchasing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Welcome table to be set up at the front foyer of SMC</li> </ul> <p>Refreshments will also be stationed in this area (fruit and vegetable trays) - there was a request of donuts as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Giveaways to be decided and purchased</li> </ul>	A. Oraziatti

		<p>Most stations have a 'take-away' - based on the activity - nothing more will be added for families to take.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Prizes to be decided and purchased</li> </ul> <p>4 door prizes will be assembled (logic games - family activities) - 1 of them being a prize pack of SMC swag - organised by Tiziana. Nadia has 5 packages of Board promotional items to include in the prizes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Purchase of t-shirts for presenters and PIC members</li> <li>- The Committee agreed to purchase t-shirts for all involved members for the event.</li> </ul> <p>Nadia will connect with Danielle to ensure that she is available to attend for marketing/promotion/social media coverage.</p>	
5.	<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.</p> <p><b>Next Meeting Date:</b> Monday June 3rd 2024 at 6:00pm.</p>	