



Parent Involvement Committee

Agenda and Minutes

Date: Thursday, January 16, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Teams Meeting and Boardroom

Attendance:

Paul Best (Principal), Vitra Bishop, Joe Chilelli (Superintendent), Stephanie Francella-Stephen, Fil Lettieri (Director) Marnie McDonald (OECTA), Tiziana Palumbo (Vice Principal), Nadia Zanatta (Vice Principal), Anthony Oraziatti


Regrets: Linda Barone/Tony Barone, Kasia Ceglarz (SEAC), Tony D'Agostino (Trustee), Awaaw Macristina, Megan Devlin

Chair: Joe Chilelli

Minutes: Nadia Zanatta

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	AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION POINTS	LED BY
1.	Welcome, Message from the Chair	Anthony welcomed the Committee members.	Anthony Oraziatti
2.	Land Acknowledgment	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.	Nadia Zanatta
3.	Prayer		Joe Chilelli

	 <p>“We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us.” Letter on the Jubilee Year of Hope, February 11, 2022</p>	<p>Loving God,</p> <p>May this Jubilee Year ignite in us a sense of hope for the future.</p> <p>As we place one foot in front of the other, may we do so in faith, hope and joy, so that we may be builders, dreamers and leaders in Jesus’ name.</p> <p>May we listen carefully to those we meet along the way, responding with love to the needs of this world.</p> <p>Guide us towards communion, focusing on what unites us as one human family.</p> <p>Inspire us to pause and see the beauty of creation, making good choices to preserve it for future generations.</p> <p>Fan the flame of hope that has been given to each of us, so that we may choose to serve the common good and recommit ourselves to prayer, service and evangelization.</p> <p>Amen.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Review of Parents Reaching Out Grant Applications</p>	<p>6 applications were submitted and all were approved.</p> <p>St. Mary’s French Immersion - suggestion to remove some funds from the app purchase to enhance the engagement and provide an information session Adjust to \$2500 with \$2000 towards the app + \$500 towards engagement/information</p> <p>The remaining schools will be adjusted accordingly to reflect the full budget of \$8500. Nadia and Joe will finalize school fund allotments and communicate approvals/financial totals.</p> <p>St. Augustine Our Lady of Lourdes SSM Our Lady of Fatima Chapleau St. Mary’s College Holy Name of Jesus</p>	<p>PIC Members</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Update on Implementation of PPM 128</p>	<p>PPM 128 required all boards/schools to update codes of conduct (particularly around mobile device guidelines and anti-vaping)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creation of the school policy was strict at the start - not much change since the implementation of PPM 128 	<p>Tiziana Palumbo</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cell Hotel - students place the devices into the container at the beginning of class - Discouraging teachers from using devices even for educational purposes - laptops are available for use - Situations involving cell phone use are dealt with at the office - following progressive discipline - Vaping - 'Halt the Haze' - in school program to help students quit vaping - engages parents (webinar) - accessing resources to support their children - Suspensions when students are vaping on school property - violating Smoke Free Ontario Act - A decline has been recognized; however, it is still ongoing 	
6.	Update Regarding Standardization of Communication Tools and AI Vision	<p>Update to be provided as a result of a recommendation that stemmed from the first PIC meeting and discussions taking place at the Board's Digital Steering Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Artificial Intelligence - how to use it effectively within the Board to support and enhance student learning - Digital Steering Committee recognizes the various components of AI to support student learning - assessment, students with special needs - Challenge at St. Mary's College - some programs (ex: Grammarly) are reflected as AI - many MLL learners use this as a form of translation 	Fil Lettieri
7.	Athletics Update	<p>Sharing of Athletics offerings at the elementary level. How can parents contribute? The following presentation was shared at the board meeting on December 11, 2024 showcasing elementary athletics. Click here to view.</p> <p>Paul summarized the Board presentation - outlining the various athletic opportunities throughout the year.</p>	Paul Best
8.	Catholic School Council Updates	<p>St. Paul - interest of balanced day</p> <p>Our Lady of Lourdes - Loonie License - Shrove Tuesday - hot lunch on February 12th</p> <p>St. Mary's French Immersion - hot lunch fundraisers (hot dogs, popcorn), Halloween Family Dance, Valentine's Day Pasta Dinner, Book Fair</p> <p>St. Mary's College - nothing new to update</p>	PIC Members
9.	SEAC Update	This item will be deferred to the next meeting.	Joe Chilelli and Kasia Ceglarz, SEAC Representative

10.	PIC Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PIC budget for 2024-2025 is \$5, 735. <p>Project ideas for this year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education Week 2025 **tentative date of May 7th 2025 Joe and Nadia will work on a survey (Google Form) to distribute to all Catholic School Councils to gather data about what they want to see. Click here to see the draft survey. Remove St. Kateri as an option due to construction Joe will share the survey with the Principals 	PIC Members
11.	Meeting Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Meeting Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Meeting #1 - Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. ➤ Meeting #2 - TBA in December to Review PRO Applications(moved to Jan. 16) ➤ Meeting #3 - Thursday January 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. ➤ Meeting #4 - Thursday March 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. ➤ Meeting #5 - Thursday April 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. ➤ Meeting #6 - TBA Possible June Social (Wrap up) <p>We will continue with in-person meetings, with a virtual option.</p>	Joe Chilelli
12.	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Literacy Night - request for funding Beth West - sponsor \$1000 School Year Calendar - survey - closes January 29th EQAO Math Webinar for Parents and Guardians (Jan 28 / Feb 18) **no cost 	
13.	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.	