



Parent Involvement Committee

Agenda and Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 20, 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), Nadia Zanatta (Vice Principal), Kasia Ceglaz (SEAC), Tony D'Agostino (Trustee), Megan Devlin, Linda Barone


Regrets: Anthony Oraziatti, Awaaw Macristina, Tiziana Palumbo (Vice Principal)

Chair: Anthony Oraziatti

Minutes: Nadia Zanatta

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	AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION POINTS	LED BY
1.	Welcome, Message from the Chair	Joe welcomed all of the Committee members and introduced the guest presenters: Anita Turcotte and Danielle Dupuis.	Joe Chilelli
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

<p>3.</p>	<p>Prayer</p>  <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>oe Chilelli</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Review of Parents Reaching Out Grant Applications (Updates)</p>	<p>6 applications were submitted and all were approved. The following schools were notified of their successful allotments:</p> <p>St. Mary's French Immersion 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>Communications Department Update and Discussion with PIC</p>	<p>Danielle introduced herself to the members. She shared her portfolio of responsibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of policy - Relations with news outlets - Updating website - Kindergarten Registration - Social Media: supporting the schools student safety as a top priority (no names or locations) - but still highlighting activity <p>Danielle discussed the importance of standardizing communication for intended audiences.</p>	<p>Danielle Dupuis Communications Officer</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Update Regarding</p>	<p>Standardization of Communication</p>	<p>Fil Lettieri</p>

	Standardization of Communication Tools and Work of the AI Sub Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conversation at Digital Steering Committee about the implementation of a standard tool for communication - providing consistency across the Board - Currently - the communication tools in schools are varied (ex: Dojo, Remind, SeeSaw, Aspen) <p>Piloting Messenger in Aspen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One school is piloting the tool for usage and feedback before full implementation - Reviewing the tool with stakeholders (especially teachers as they are the main communicators within a platform) - The purpose of the tool is to relay information - standardizing the practice among all schools within the Board <p>Fil provided an update from the Digital Steering Committee, specific to AI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shared a presentation from OCSB Director - sharing a framework for planning, monitoring, and implementation - Partnership with 4 regional Boards **joint PLC around AI - Teaching practical approaches - Levelling the playing field - creating equitable outcomes 	
7.	Catholic School Council Updates	<p>St. Mary's College:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - meeting next week - wrapped up Basketball and Volleyball seasons with the Canteen - SMC Small Ball is up next - Feel the Energy Wellness Fair - April 2nd - 20 vendors + guest speaker <p>St. Basil SSM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School and Council partnered to provide a Shrove Tuesday pancake lunch partnered with the school to serve pancakes - planning a Spring Cleanout + Bake Sale - received a lotto license for some draws 	PIC Members
8.	SEAC Update	<p>Justin Pino attended the last SEAC meeting to provide a financial report.</p> <p>A focus is to host SEAC meetings within schools. The January SEAC meeting was held at St. Mary's College. Heidi Zagordo shared a presentation and there was an opportunity to meet students - seeing them in action.</p>	Joe Chilelli and Kasia Ceglarz, SEAC Representative
9.	Update on PIC Project Survey and Finalizing Project Theme, Title and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIC budget for 2024-2025 is \$5, 735. <p>Results of the PIC Survey (19 responses) indicated the most popular choice was STEAM. The Committee will proceed with that theme for a Sault Ste. Marie in-person event, along with</p>	PIC Members Nadia Zanata Joe Chilelli

	Next Steps	<p>implementation tools for North and East schools who wish to participate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Location: The STEAM Lab - Date TBA **communicated from Joe in the next days 	
11.	Update on Family Literacy Night and EQAO Parent Webinar	<p>Anita introduced herself and her role in the Curriculum Department. She indicated that she was a co-presenter with Early Interventions Lead, Beth West, at the Family Literacy Night.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PIC sponsored a read aloud of all families who attended: The Word Collector - supports comprehension and vocabulary development - Purpose was understanding the reading screening - mandated this year based on the Right to Read report - Implement a screener to provide support to students who require - SK-Grade 2 administered twice per year - Reviewed the tool - 84 parents sign up and 28 attended **recorded the session and is available on the Board website - continuously updated with resources <p>EQAO Webinar next week for parents ** on EQAO website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information for Grades 3 and 6 assessments **answers commonly asked questions - Assessment dates are May 7th - June 11th <p>Summer Learning Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - July 2025 - Literacy focus - Incorporation of Math and STEAM components 	Anita Turcotte Curriculum Coordinator
12.	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
13.	New Business	There is no new business to report.	
14.	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.	