

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

6:00 p.m., Holy Trinity CSS, hosted by PIC member Ellie Fuller

Minutes

In person PIC event with 35 people in attendance

1. Land Acknowledgement, Prayer – Norma McDonald
2. Welcome and emcee – PIC Chair Ashley Walker
3. Guest Speaker: Senator Bernadette Clement
 - Focus for Senator Clement’s keynote address was her personal story as a Black woman in politics and her hope to inspire other Black students to live out their dreams. She spoke of being a good neighbor, volunteering, message of welcome, diversity, and intersectionality.
 - Thanked by Trustee Karen Torrie-Racine
4. Parent Discussion – facilitated by PIC Chair Ashley Walker
 - Requested input from parents on how PIC can support, ideas for parent engagement and workshops.
 - [PIC Regional Meeting Parent Discussion November 14th 2023.docx](#)
5. Membership Update –
 - Danielle McFadden and Launa Moore have resigned
 - One position from Lanark County to be filled
6. Review of Minutes from May 2023 meeting
7. Next PIC meeting will be held in Kemptville, waiting for confirmation of guest speaker to determine date.
8. Parent Involvement Committee Handbook – please click on the link provided to review role of PIC [PIC Handbook.pdf](#).





PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Virtual Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Attendance: Ellie Fuller (Glengarry), Launa Moore (Lanark), Katy Ferguson (Grenville), Chair Ashley Walker (Stormont and Dundas), Trustee Neilsen, Trustee Torrie-Racine and Trustee Cooney and Superintendent McDonald.

1. Land Acknowledgement & Prayer – Norma McDonald
2. Welcome and introductions – Chair Ashley Walker
3. Reviewed details for the Virtual Presentation for Parents by Dr. Jen Forristal founder of ***The Umbrella Project***:
 - a. May 31, 2023, 6:30 p.m. – Parenting to Build Resilient Children – A Workshop for Parents
4. PIC meetings for the 2023-24 school year – Norma McDonald
 - a. It was agreed that the structure of PIC meetings will change for the next school year. The meetings will be held in person with a possible virtual option.
 - b. Meetings will be hosted in the various regions of CDSBEO and by PIC members in their local school with the family of schools Catholic School Councils invited to attend. Each meeting will be held in a different region throughout the school year.
 - c. Ellie Fuller has agreed to host the first PIC meeting **Wednesday, October 18th at 6pm** in Glengarry. Details will be shared closer to the date. Thank you Ellie for agreeing to be the first to host!
5. Questions/Sharing from regional PIC members –
 - a. Katy Ferguson – Mental health and students not engaging in school still a concern for her Catholic School Councils. Large CSC at Holy Cross Catholic in Kemptville. Small at St. Michael and St. Mark in Prescott.
 - b. Ellie Fuller - Shared fabulous experiences from Indigenous Education Day. Discussed how St. Finnan's hosted Catholic Education Week Mass this school year. Beautiful celebration!
 - c. Launa Moore – Returning to in-person school events such as barbeques, field trips and getting back to normal. Students still struggling and need for more EA support noted.
 - d. Trustee Cooney – Lots of changes this year with new PIC members and Board of Trustees. Mentioned standardized school safety zones and guidelines for safety as a concern for some school areas.





- e. Ashley Walker – Happy in person events are back such as field trips – Upper Canada Village, outings in the community, school clubs and choirs.
 - f. Trustee Neilsen – Shared St. Joseph CSS and Holy Trinity CSS plays fabulous productions! Nice to see the involvement of parents, staff and students in first communions. Importance of school, home and parish triangle. Successful Sacramental Retreat with 57 students at St. Peter Catholic School in Cornwall.
6. PIC membership for the 2023-24 School Year –
- a. 2-year term positions were filled in the fall of 2022 for two school years: 2022-23 and 2023-24.
 - b. **Please notify Norma if you are not planning on remaining on PIC for the 2023-24 school year. Particularly those who were not able to join any PIC meetings this school year.**
 - c. Thank you to Launa Moore for being a member of our PIC group representing Lanark (Carleton Place, Lanark and Almonte) this year. Launa will not be returning in September, and we wish her and her family all the very best.

Standing Items for Information

1. Parent Involvement Committee Handbook – [PIC Handbook.pdf](#)
2. Each year schools have an opportunity to utilize Parent Reaching Out Grants – Please click on this link for frequently asked questions: [PRO FAQ](#)
3. General PRO Grant information for schools - [PRO Grant Information](#)
4. Provincial PIC Meeting information - [PIC Parent resource_Eng_2022_AODA.pdf](#)
5. [PIC Ministry Presentation Deck November 2022 Final.pdf](#)