



Parent Involvement Committee Meeting – Agenda

Wednesday, May 7th, in-person/virtual 6:00 pm
St. John Bosco School, Brockville



PIC Members:

Katy Ferguson
Annie Paquette (virtual)
Julia Gauthier
Cathy McNally
Jennifer Cooney, Board Trustee
Karen Torrie-Racine, Board Trustee
Donna Nielsen, Board Trustee (alternate)
Tracy O'Brien, Superintendent

Regrets:
Terrelyn Grant
Ellie Fuller

1. Welcome –Trustee Cooney
2. Land Acknowledgement and Prayer
3. Introductions – Trustee Cooney
4. Minutes from the March 26, 2025 meeting: approved
5. Items for discussion:
 - Planning for 2025-26: the group discussed a variety of topics and themes to cover at each of the proposed workshops for the upcoming year. The group discussed bathroom culture and bringing that item to parents' attention including health and safety. To be called: "Trouble at the Toilets: the Realities of Bathroom Culture in Schools"; other proposed topics included advocacy for school safety zones, addressing racism in schools and on the bus as well as suicide support and grieving measures that the school board undertakes during crisis and how to support our kids during troubling times.
 - Proposed timelines and topics are as follows:
 - Fall (November): Trouble at the Toilets – see that all school councils attend this session in hybrid format
 - Winter (February): Racism in the Schools (Virtual, February to align with Black History Month; asked Bernadette Clement to speak) and aligns with Faith & Equity



- Spring (April): Suicide and Crisis Management support in our schools
 - Tentative Dates and locations, 4 meetings, 3 in person and 1 virtual
 - Fall – in Prescott/Russell
 - Winter – virtual
 - Spring – Kemptville
 - Wrap-up – Perth/Carleton Place
 - Discussion about a Fall 2026 summit was raised and plans for it will continue in Fall 2025. This summit will include an invitation to all chairs for the Catholic School Councils as well as Admin. Topics included: Algonquin Lakeshore CDSB presenting on safety zone advocacy, and Unity Club presentation, addressing competing extra-curriculars and school schedules and how to balance out life demands and commitments as parents for our kids.
6. MOE: May 2025 conversation with PIC Chairs: co-chairs and school board leads: reviewed who can attend the meeting.
7. Closing Remarks: See you in September.