



# CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

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## PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Virtual Meeting - 2:00 p.m.

### Minutes

**Attendance:** Trustee Jennifer Cooney, Co-Chair Katy Ferguson, Co-Chair Julie Marshall, JoAnn DaSilva, Superintendent Norma McDonald

1. Prayer & Welcome – Norma
2. “We Got This” series of YouTube videos by Dr. Jean Clinton (Child Psychiatrist and Advocate) and Ann Douglas (Parenting Author)

#### Overview of the COVID19 Pandemic:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0G241pG\\_Xnw&list=PLmQyh7PtxBXWH7TnC9cHqqo2rMAvF\\_WT3&index=2&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0G241pG_Xnw&list=PLmQyh7PtxBXWH7TnC9cHqqo2rMAvF_WT3&index=2&t=0s)

#### Overwhelmed about Home Schooling:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BMssUZxmifw&list=PLmQyh7PtxBXWH7TnC9cHqqo2rMAvF\\_WT3&index=4&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BMssUZxmifw&list=PLmQyh7PtxBXWH7TnC9cHqqo2rMAvF_WT3&index=4&t=0s)

PIC committee looked at our PIC Committee page on our CDSBEO website and decided on the following:

- Sharing space under PIC Links – add the Dr. Jean Clinton and Ann Douglas videos for parents. List the titles of the YouTube series so parents can see what is available.
  - Also add the Curriculum PIC document supporting parents with virtual learning platforms that was created after our April PIC Chairs provincial meeting.
  - Use Pandemic Supports as title so people see the title as supports during this COVID19 closures time. Highlight in red and center under description of PIC.
  - Share with school principals for websites and CSC.
  - Do we have anyone highlighting PIC in social media? Who can do this? Facebook/Instagram/Twitter. Choose one piece to share out to parents – have it posted with minutes by Amber. Let people know we exist.
3. Budget –
    - Parents Reaching Out Grants - \$9,201.28 has been allocated to CDSBEO to support: Parent Workshops, Parent Information Sessions including guest speakers, Parent Resources. Norma sent memo on March 10<sup>th</sup> but realize with COVID19 school closures CEW events to

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engage parents did not happen. Ministry has not sent an update on the use of these funds for the 2019-2020 school year.

- PIC Funding Update - \$29,758.18 Expenses paid to date include Welcome to Kindergarten lunch bags and fridge magnets for parents and new students. OAPCE dues paid by PIC totaling \$3,430 paid every September.

4. PIC Membership – 2020-21 – Most PIC members have completed their assignments this June 2020. Principals have been informed for the areas who need a new PIC representative. Many thanks to our Co-Chairs, Katy Ferguson and Julie Marshall for extending their membership to June 2022!!! Thanks also to JoAnne DaSilva for her years of support on our PIC and best wishes as she and her child graduate this year. You will be missed!
  - a. Prescott Russell – **Vacancy**
    - i. Schools – St. Jude, St. FX, St. Pat’s Rockland, St. Thomas Aquinas, Pope John Paul II and Mother Teresa.
  - b. Alexandria/Cornwall South Glengarry – **Vacancy**
    - i. Schools – St. Finnan’s, Iona Academy and Holy Trinity.
  - c. Prescott/Kemptville – Katy Ferguson (**Will remain until June 2022**)
    - i. Schools – St. Mark, Holy Cross and St. Michael CHS.
  - d. Almonte, Carleton Place and Lanark – **Vacancy**
    - i. Schools – Holy Name of Mary, St. Mary CP, St. Gregory, Notre Dame and Sacred Heart Lanark.
  - e. Perth, Smith Falls – **Vacancy**
    - i. St. John Elementary, St. John CHS, St. Francis de Sales, St. Luke CHS.
  - f. Cornwall, Ingleside, St. Andrews West, Chesterville, Morrisburg – **Vacancy**
    - i. Schools – Bishop Macdonell, Sacred Heart, St. Anne, St. Peter, St. Matthew, St. Joseph, Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Andrew’s, St. Mary Chesterville, St. Mary-St. Cecilia.
  - g. Brockville, Gananoque, Toledo, Westport – Julie Ann Marshall – (**extended to June 2022**).
    - i. Schools – JL Jordan, St. Francis Xavier Brockville, St. John Bosco, St. Mary CHS, St. Joseph Gan, St. Joseph Toledo, St. Edward.
5. **Regional Events** – will attempt to do this again in 2020-21 school year. Lots of interruptions in 19-20! Brainstorming for next year:
  - a. Lots of ways to support parents and families for next year.
  - b. Mental Health – trauma from COVID closures topics for presentations.
  - c. Carousel style presentation celebrating parents who survived COVID19 closures: self-care, mental health, each CSC meet – send out survey to CSC telling them, want to provide – survey to parents choosing central location or regional sites.
  - d. Guest speakers – Dr. Jean Clinton – reach out to book her for February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Topic of presentation: self-care, love, family, could this be a virtual session?
  - e. Try Virtual PIC meetings for 2020-21. Allows more people to be involved.
  - f. PIC attendance at CSC meetings through TEAMS a possibility.