



# CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

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## PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING Monday, April 9, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Greg McNally Boardroom

### Minutes of Meeting

#### Present

Kathryn Ferguson	Laura Gerow
Joe Lalonde	Robin Reil
Jennifer Cooney	Tom Jordan

#### Regrets

Julie Ann Marshall  
John Cameron

#### Recording Secretary

Stephanie Keyes

1. Prayer & Welcome
  - Tom Jordan welcomed committee. Committee joined in opening prayer.
2. Review Meeting Minutes from January 29, 2018
  - Minutes passed.
  - Mr. Jordan will follow up with Mr. Mantha, Principal of RFLE regarding further discussion around Sacramental preparation in schools.
3. PIC Symposium – April 20 & 21, 2018
  - Attendee list was reviewed. Six parent attendees from CDSBEO will be in attendance at the Symposium. Five from Catholic School Councils and one from Parent Involvement Committee. Committee pleased with number of attendees from CDSBEO.
4. PRO Grant Regional/Provincial Project Applications 2018-2019
  - Committee stated interest in applying for the 2018-2019 school year. Ideas noted - Technology related initiatives, supporting parents of secondary age students, enhancing communication between school and parents through technology.
  - Committee members will brainstorm ideas through email prior to the application deadline on June 5, 2018.
5. Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Membership - CDSBEO Donation
  - Mr. Jordan advised the annual membership fee is currently \$2772.00. Do we want to continue with this? Mr. Reil noted due to the constant threat against Catholic Education, there may be some good in donating to this organization.
  - Mr. Jordan to follow up and obtain detailed financial statement from this organization which will be reviewed by the committee prior to donating.
6. Dr. Amy Cheung – Wednesday, May 2, 2018
  - Poster given to members. Noted that this falls the week prior to Catholic Education Week.
  - Dr. Cheung will be speaking from the Kemptville Board Office with three satellite sites.

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- Mr. Jordan asked, “where do we want to go with this type of event in the future?” Mr. Jordan feels we are not leveraging technology the way we should. Going to ask Dr. Cheung if we can record her talk on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Mr. Reil inquired about the possibility of having adequate technology to livestream to six school sites? Mr. Jordan noted yes but we could not livestream to every school at this time. Mr. Jordan will explore six sites for future events. Brockville was one of the six locations noted.
- The geography of our Board will always be challenging but making it more accessible to parents may show a larger turn out.
- Committee happy with the timing of this event in early May.

7. Budget

- Mr. Jordan reviewed the current budget. PIC currently has \$27,000.00. In a good position financially.
- Dr. Cheung will cost approx. \$4000.00. This includes her honorarium, travel, accommodations etc. Her expenses will come off the \$27,000.00.
- Discussion around spending funds on technology. Mr. Jordan noted Mr. James Proulx, Chief Information Officer, has ideas around cell phone apps. This is something we will explore further in the fall 2018. Mr. Jordan will invite Mr. Proulx to our next meeting in June 2018.
- Discussion relating to an attendance app for parents as well as a board wide app for all CDSBEO staff & CDSBEO families.
- Mr. Jordan advised our current Empower App. is not being utilized.

8. Other Business

- Discussion relating to teens and their responsible use of technology, managing emotions, involvement in physical activity, marijuana and vaping, regulations around smoking areas, experimenting in teens years and finding balance in their lives.
- Mr. Jordan advised Mr. Harps has stepped down from the committee. Inquired if any committee member has interest in the position of PIC Chair to please let him know.
- Mr. Jordan noted we are actively looking for a member from Prescott-Russell. Hope to fill before the end of the school year.
- Ms. Laura Gerow advised she will be stepping down from the committee at the end of this school year.

Next Meeting Date - June 2018

- Committee decided on Monday June 18, 2018.