



CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

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PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING Monday, January 29, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Greg McNally Boardroom

Minutes of Meeting

Present

Kathryn Ferguson Laura Gerow
Julie Ann Marshall Robin Reil
Jennifer Cooney Tom Jordan

Regrets

Jason Harps
Joe Lalonde
John Cameron

Recording Secretary

Stephanie Keyes

1. Prayer
 - Mr. Jordan led opening prayer.
2. Welcome and Introductions
 - Mr. Jordan introduced his Administrative Assistant, Stephanie Keyes.
 - Updated copy of PIC members was reviewed. One change to the membership was noted, Julie Ann Marshall represents St. Mary Catholic High School.
3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from October 26, 2017
 - Minutes passed.
4. 2018-2019 DRAFT School Year Calendar
 - DRAFT 18/19 School Year Calendar was reviewed. Mr. Jordan noted CDSBEO in conjunction with the UCDSB, align school year calendars. Mr. Jordan noted that as we share transportation with the UCDSB, costs are affected if the two boards have different PA days.
 - Committee member asked, following secondary exams, why not start the 2nd semester at beginning of a week? Mr. Jordan advised that both semesters are supposed to be same number of days.
 - Mr. Jordan advised there was some concern raised by school principals with the PA day being held the end of June. August PA Day is much more effective for teachers and administrators. Mr. Jordan welcomed feedback following this meeting, should committee members wish to do so.
5. Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Membership Fees
 - Mr. Jordan reviewed the letter Mr. Gartland received from OAPCE in December which discussed the donation VS membership fees. Mr. Jordan recommended that the Board continue to give donation as the Board received an invoice in the amount of \$1670.00 which is full payment. Will investigate the donation currently given by CDSBEO.

Learning and Growing Together in Christ

6. 2017-2018 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant for Regional/Provincial Project – Parent Involvement Committee Presentations, \$10,000 – PIC Speaker Series Welcomes Dr. Amy Cheung
 - Mr. Jordan advised he spoke with Dr. Amy Cheung. Booking a date in April or May. Responses from committee members as follows: Ms. Gerow – Thursday evenings are not good. Ms. Cooney proposed the end of April. Decided on a possible date, Wednesday, April 25th. Mr. Jordan will follow up with Dr. Cheung.
 - Mr. Jordan noted that Dr. Cheung would be speaking from a central location with satellite sites broadcasting her presentation.
7. Catholic Education Coalition Event – Thursday, February 22, 2018
 - Mr. Jordan reviewed memo with committee.
8. Sacramental Preparation in Schools
 - T. Jordan reviewed the Sacramental Prep. information received. Parishes for the most part do not charge. Will follow up with those that have not responded. Much discussion relating to the link between the parish and the school. Non-Catholic students not included in retreats/preparation. Preparation at the schools would create more work for the teachers involved. Mr. Jordan advised it is to be a parish event. Mr. Paul Mantha, Principal of Religious and Family Life Education could attend one of our meetings and discuss further.
 - Questions raised, number of Catholic vs non-Catholic students in our schools. Mr. Jordan responded that Catholic elementary students is high in elementary but secondary is open access. We will investigate the percentage.
9. CDSBEO 20th Anniversary Gala – Saturday, March 3, 2018
 - CDSBEO celebrating 20th Anniversary. Specifics for the event given to the committee.
10. Budget
 - Reviewed budget. Discussion relating to how remaining funds should be spent. Ideas brought forward are as follows: continue with the PIC Summit in the fall, Faith based speaker, preparing for post-secondary, math license.
 - Price list of what was purchased in the past will be made available to the committee and what they can spend the money on as per the agreement.
11. Other Business
 - Mr. Reil inquired about the number of schools within our system that have access to a hockey rink and schools involvement in the Santa Claus Parade in their community.
12. Next Meeting Date - June 2018 (TDB)