



# CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

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## PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

### Minutes

**Present:** Trustee Jennifer Cooney, Julie Marshall, Katheryn Ferguson, Norma McDonald

**Regrets:** Director Cameron, Aimee Vida, Jessica Colwell, Jo-Ann DaSilva, Keri-Lyn Fletcher

1. **Prayer & Welcome** – Norma. Reflection on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (May 31<sup>st</sup>). Reading from Gospel of Luke 1:39-45. Prayer – Hail Mary.
2. **Review Meeting Minutes from May 1, 2019** –
  - Follow up items from May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting:
    1. PIC members attend welcome back events in September at all schools. Katy Ferguson and Julie Marshall volunteered to create a one page, point form, speaking notes for PIC members to use at all school September welcome back events.
    2. Catholic Education Coalition Events feedback –
      - a. More involvement of Catholic School Council members and PIC members in CEC planning.
      - b. CEC events must be offered at a time when parents can attend. Not during the day. Cornwall concert is an evening event which is well supported by parents. Relay for Life in Perth is also supported by parents and community as it runs until 11pm. Please consider providing same evening opportunities for Leeds/Grenville and Prescott-Russell schools.
    3. May 1<sup>st</sup> electronic meeting feedback – nice option for one of our four meetings per year. Suggested using this format for the winter meeting. It is difficult to join the conversation as there is a delay in hearing the speaker which makes jumping into the conversation awkward.

4. Holy Cross and St. Michael CHS Catholic School Councils event for parents advertised through our May 1<sup>st</sup> minutes and held at St. Michael CHS on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, was well attended. PIC money (\$500) was used to support the event.
  5. Lots of excitement around new Catholic School Council document for principals and councils. With the copy of the CSC document a letter of welcome to PIC and explanation of format suggested. Also want a contact person included in the document to contact if information is needed. Norma agreed to include her contact information.
3. **2019-2020 Approved School Year Calendar** – Lines up with other school boards. First day of school is Wednesday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> as Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> is a PA Day.
  4. **Budget** – remains at \$28,099.92
  5. **PIC events 2019-20** –
    - PIC would like to host a parent information night carousel style in November for high school parents grades 7-12 in all four regions to provide information on:
      1. Trades Fair
      2. University/College application process
      3. Finances for post-secondary – OSAP funding, educational RSP’s, etc.
      4. Apprenticeships
      5. Military – education support
    - Survey will be sent to all Catholic School Councils in September for parent feedback on how PIC can support parents and any input for CEC events.
    - Invite CSC members to PIC meetings and share the PIC minutes with the Catholic School Council Chairs. Requested the minutes be emailed to both principals and CSC Chairs. Improve communication with CSC a goal for next year!
    - Guest speaker suggested by Trustee Cooney – Maggie MacDonald, St. F.X. graduate who spoke at the Trustee AGM in Toronto. Noble Prize winner for work with youth

in northern communities. Good message on mental health, indigenous studies, for all educators, youth and parents. Could PIC funds be used to bring her in. Norma will check on Maggie's availability.

6. **PIC meeting agendas (4) 2019-20** – For each PIC meeting we will feature a guest presenter and invite our CSC members to send a representative. All welcome.
  1. **October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – First PIC meeting** for 2019-20 school year. Guest presentation for this meeting with be helping children with homework. One-hour presentation with visual handout for parents to take away.
  2. **November HS parent event in four regional locations**
  3. **January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020– Second PIC meeting done by Teleconference. January is also when outgoing and incoming PIC members takes place.** Was suggested this be advertised in the fall through the Catholic School Councils to find a replacement for outgoing members.
  4. **TBD**
  5. **TBD**
7. **Next Meeting Date – October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Kemptville Board Office.**