



CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

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PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE Meeting

Greg McNally Boardroom

October 26, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes of Meeting

Present

Jennifer Cooney
John Cameron
Joe Lalonde
Tom Jordan

Andrew Lovett
Jason Harps
Katheryn Ferguson

Regrets

Laura Gerow
Julie Ann Marshall
Robin Reil
Bill Gartland

1. Prayer
 - Associate Director Cameron led the opening prayer.
2. Welcome and Introductions
 - Associate Director Cameron welcomed the committee to the meeting. Mr. Cameron introduced Superintendent Jordan to the committee and Andrew Lovett, CDSBEO Curriculum Consultant.
3. LEGO StoryStarter Presentation – Andrew Lovett
 - Mr. Lovett provided the group with an overview of the Lego Kits that the Parent Involvement Committee recently helped secure for all CDSBEO schools.
 - Using Lego can be a very powerful tool as it is very comfortable, familiar tool yet it can be used to help teach/learn “big” ideas around literacy, numeracy, technology, social skills and self-regulation for all learners.
 - Lego can help unlock a student’s imagination (connections+ engagement=empowerment)
 - The Pillars of using Lego
 - Abstract concepts to concrete
 - Individual/collaborative
 - All voices matter!

- Whatever you say it is, it is!
 - Fits in well with the Ministry of Education's goals for all learners in Ontario
- PIC members experienced a hands-on with the kits
- Build a model which represents an ideal learning environment for students
 - The group shared their creations and explained their thinking/choices
 - Connections to assessment and evaluations were explored
4. Approval of the Minutes from September 13, 2017:
 Moved by: Joe Lalonde
 Seconded by: Jennifer Cooney
 Carried
5. PIC Committee Members, 2018-2020
- This year 2017-2018 – Joe Lalonde, Julie Ann Marshall and Jennifer Cooney are willing to stay on the committee.
 - Current list (attached) was reviewed.
6. 2017-2018 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant for Regional/Provincial Project – Parent Involvement Committee Presentations, \$10,000 – approved
- PIC Speaker Series - \$10,000 was approved
 - Amy Cheung has been booked for the PIC Symposium in the Spring of 2018
7. 2017-2018 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant for Schools – summary of approved grants
- List of CDSBEO school proposals approved by the Ministry was shared.
8. Ministry of Education, feedback request: Engagement on governance supports
- Integrity Commissioner and Trustee Code of Conduct – no input shared
 - Trustee Honoria – no input shared
 - Electronic participation in Board Committee Meetings
 - PIC has utilized this form of meeting in the past and the group continues to support the utilization of the technology
 - Our geography challenges us as a Board so it is nice to be able to have this as an option when needed
 - Winter travel was highlighted as a time when it is very affective
 - The use of Satellite sites for some events encourages better participation
 - Student Trustee Term of Office and Election Process – no input shared
 - Broadening the Director of Education Qualifications – no input shared
9. Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education – Financial information and update
- Director Gartland requested and did received information from the Ontario Education of Parents.
 - What was received is a little vague of questionable value to us.
 - We did receive a bill for \$1670 from this group but full payment is not mandatory, a donation is appreciated.
 - A concern was raised about how much we have paid vs how many students we have (is the present system equitable)
 - 4.66 % of the total membership fees they collect
 - How many Boards are fully participating their full invoice? **Follow-up required.**

- A question was raised about what exactly does the CDSBEO PIC get in return for our membership fees? ***Follow-up required.***

10. Budget

- Invoice has been received for \$1,453 for 33 additional LEGO Kits (for our exceptional and youngest learners)
- CDSBEO PIC Budget was shared with the committee.

11. Other Business

- Jason Harps shared Parent Expo Virtual Event flyer relating to what comes after high school & preparing children for post-secondary journey.
- Sacramental preparation in schools
 - Fees are charged, and numbers are decreasing
 - Principal of RFLE, Paul Mantha is researching this and RFLE, Mr. Mantha and Ms. Morgan, RFLE Consultant will be sharing information at next PIC meeting.
Follow-up required.

12. Closing Prayer

13. Next Meeting Date – To Be Determined