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Parent Involvement Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 1st, 2019

Teleconference meeting – 1-877-314-1234

Attendance – Trustee Jennifer Cooney, Co-Chairs Katy Ferguson and Julie Ann Marshall, Jessica Colwell, JoAnn Da Silva, Norma McDonald.

Regrets: Director John Cameron, Aimee Vida, Keri-Lyn Fletcher, Aynsley Gabriel-Buchanan.

1. **Prayer** – Catholic Education Week Prayer – *Living as Joyful Disciples*
2. **Review of minutes from January 16th, 2019** meeting – **Action items** from previous meeting:
 - a. Good discussion around having PIC included in the welcome back events at schools held typically the second week of September.
 - i. Purpose:
 1. PIC members should attend September welcome back events to explain what the Parent Involvement Committee does and how to get involved. Most parents don't know about the system wide PIC Committee.
 2. At our next meeting on May 28th, we will draft a presentation and speaking notes to be used by PIC members at these school events.
 3. It was shared that schools need to ensure the school Chaplain, Chaplaincy Leaders or Faith Ambassadors be given time to speak at the welcome back evenings to explain CDSBEO's Religious Theme and faith-based events happening throughout the school year. More time on the religious elements in our schools needed at September welcome back meetings in schools.
 - b. One of our PIC members, Jessica Colwell, attended the CEC Planning Committee meeting held at St. Thomas Aquinas in Russell. There needs to be more work done around inviting PIC members to be part of these meetings and CEC events. Not all PIC members were invited to the CEC planning meetings as requested. More consistency needed throughout board.

- c. Trustee Cooney also suggested that the Catholic School Councils' guide that is being created by Trustee Wilson and Superintendent McDonald will be a great resource to be shared with schools and parents to ensure consistency across the CDSBEO.
3. **Catholic Education Week 2019** – reviewed the events of the week. Thanked Katy Ferguson and her two children who have agreed to be gift bearers at the CEW Mass in Kemptville on Monday, May 6th.
 4. **Reviewed Catholic Education Coalition Events for 2019** – Norma reviewed the planning meetings held in each region and who was in attendance. Chart of events was provided electronically with our agenda and previous meeting minutes.
 5. **Budget** - \$28,099.92 remaining in PIC account. Suggested for the next school year we offer financial support to schools for parent transportation to school and regional events. Good use of funds to help with parent engagement in our schools.
 6. **Meeting dates** – this year PIC has met on November 1st, 2018, January 16th, 2019 and electronically on May 1st, 2019. Our next meeting is at the Kemptville Board Room on Tuesday, May 28th at 6pm. By-laws require us to meet four times per school year.
 7. **Other** – Katy Ferguson will provide Norma with details of an event for parents taking place at St. Michael CHS in Kemptville to be included in our minutes. Please see information below.

