

## Parent Involvement Committee Minutes

2018-19 School Year

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

**Attendance:** Trustee Robin Reil, Director Cameron, Superintendent Cameron, Kathryn Ferguson, Julie Ann Marshall, Superintendent McDonald. **Regrets:** Joe Lalonde (resigned), Aynsley Gabriel-Buchanan, Keri-Lyn Fletcher, Jessica Colwell, JoAnn DaSilva.

1. **Membership** consists of 7 parents from our various regions –
  - a. Joe Lalonde from Stormont and Dundas resigned last Thursday creating a vacancy in these two counties. The application for this vacancy has been posted on our board website as well as the school websites for Stormont and Dundas.
  - b. **Co-Chairs:** Kathryn Ferguson who represents Grenville County and Julie Ann Marshall representing Leeds County. I will continue to take minutes of our meetings.
2. **Focus** for this school year is our Catholic faith and supporting the partnership between Church, School and Home.
3. **Regional opportunities** - Format for PIC this year is to provide parent involvement opportunities in our various regions closely tied to Catholic Education Coalition events. We will be requesting input from our Catholic School Councils and Chaplaincy Leaders throughout our board. I have the list of Catholic School Council Chairs and have committed to sharing the minutes from our PIC meetings.
  - a. It was suggested that Santa Claus parades are an excellent example of parents, school and parish working together to produce an entry in local parades. Valuable advertising as well.
  - b. Another good suggestion based on St. Francis de Sales Catholic School event – school hosts a mass in the gymnasium followed by a community breakfast. Gathers priests, staff, students and families together in school community. Message of welcome from priests.
  - c. Committee discussed sacramental preparation and the confusing inconsistencies and messages that can exist. Encourage schools and parishes to work together.
4. **Follow up items** from last year included creating a *Parent Resource Bank* that is currently being worked on by Curriculum Consultant, Jameson Lee. Also would like to follow up on proposed App (similar to STEO app) for parent resources.
5. **PRO Grants** on hold – application for \$20,000 for this year submitted to the Ministry of Education. There is a Ministry pause.
6. **PIC Committee** – have money in our existing budget
7. **Parent Involvement Committee** – meets 4 times a year. Committee prefers meetings continue to be central in Kemptville Board Office. **Next meeting December 6<sup>th</sup>.**