



REGIONAL CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, November 16, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
Virtual - Microsoft Teams

Members: Althea Allen, Bryan Spencer, Carol Luciani (Trustee), Dianne Wdowczyk, Giovanna Oviedo, Heather Graham, Holly C., Jack MacDonald, Jen Charnish-Currie, Jessica Spencer, Kimberly Doyle, Lindsay Blasdel, Lorraine Purgret, Lorrie Ann Temple (Superintendent of Education), Marcia DeDominicis (Principal Lead), Marie Teskey, Michael Skrzypek, Orazio Caltagirone, Philip Wilson (Superintendent of Education), Melodie Spencer, Tamara King, Tatiana Smith

Guests: Chandra Portelli (Student Achievement Lead), Adam Gesjorskyj (System Teacher – Math), Andrea Perras (Board Consultant – Early Years), Barb Mitchell (Child Care & Early Years Coordinator), Keri Calvesbert (Board Consultant – Religion)

1. Opening Prayer

Marie Teskey led with a prayer.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Melodie Spencer provided a land acknowledgement.

3. Welcome and Opening Comments

Superintendent Wilson welcomed all parents and Special Achievement Team (SAT) members.

4. Approval of Agenda – November 16, 2022

Approved by: Marie Teskey

Seconded by: Kimberly Doyle

THAT the RCPIC approves the agenda of the November 16, 2022, meeting.

Carried

5. Declaration of Interest - Nil

6. Approval of the Minutes – October 26, 2022

Moved by: Marie Teskey

Seconded by: Kimberley Doyle

THAT the RCPIC approves the minutes of the October 26, 2022, meeting.

Carried



7. Update from the Co-Chairs

Marie Teskey will be attending a Parent Symposium in May 2023 for OAPCE.

8. OAPCE Update - Nil

9. Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO)

Chandra Portelli, Student Achievement Lead for Kindergarten to Grade 12, explained that EQAO testing was first introduced in 1996 and the first elementary assessment was administered in 1997. EQAO has students write four assessments, in Grades 3, 6, 9, and 10. The assessments focus on reading, writing, and mathematics and are part of the Ontario curriculum. There are no trick questions or extra preparation needed. EQAO was not administered in 2020 or 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic but will be administered in 2022 - 2023 in a digital text format. Math is a focus for the BHNCD SB. EQAO is only one part of understanding of our learners.

10. De-Streamed Math Curriculum

A presentation was given by Adam Adam Gesjorskyj, System Math Teacher on the de-streamed math curriculum. Math has been de-streamed to ensure all students have equal opportunities and pathway opportunities are not limited. The Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board is committed to the de-streamed math curriculum to promote student thinking, and ensure students have effective delivery, engaging content, classroom setup, and dialogue is encouraged. Thinking classrooms are being used to create an environment where the students can take risks, make mistakes, and supports thinking.

11. JK/SK Information Session

Barbara Mitchell, Child Care and Early Years Coordinator, and Andrea Perras, Early Years Consultant, explained that the kindergarten changed to a two-year program in 2010 and was designed to look at the viewpoint of the child. Children are capable, confident, complex thinkers who are rich in potential. The kindergarten program is created to allow play-based learning. Through play children learn a multitude of skills. Spiritual development is also an important part of the program to create a sense of community. Parents are a child's first teacher, and BHNCD SB understands that all children and families are different. Through the program, Kickstart to Kindergarten, families are welcomed into the classroom and the connection is made between the classroom and student.

Self-regulation has been an important tool for BHNCD SB and the JK/SK program. Self-Regulation allows adults and children to remain calm and recognize what it means to be calm. The end goal is to help children recognize and manage their own stress. We are better equipped to assist children with their own self-regulation if we learn to manage our own.



12. Plenary Session – Faith Formation

We recognize God has gifted you as parents to these beautiful children. The board theme is “Catholic Education: We are Many, We are One”. On October 4 to 7, 2023, system wide faith days were held. Visual art pieces have been placed in school sites that were created by our staff.

In Catholic schools, the greatest teachings for students are through religion and family life programs. BHNCD SB provides faith-based education through community worship, prayer, retreats, social justice, and outreach. Each school has a campus ministry program that acts as liaison to our community parishes. All religious documents can be accessed through www.iceont.ca

13. Closing Remark/Adjournment

Superintendent Wilson thanked all members, guests, and presenters for their continued support. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.
