



**REGIONAL CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, May 13, 2019 – 7:00 pm – Boardroom**

Present: Lindsay Blasdell, Megan Flexman, Charmaine Hanley (Principal Lead), Ashley Malo, Marcel Perras, Stéphane Rouleau (Co-Chair), Anita Santos, Michelle Shypula (Superintendent of Education), Marie Teskey, Greg Wilson

Guest(s):

Regrets: Carol Luciani (Trustee), Colin Phee (Chair)

1. Opening Prayer

Superintendent Shypula opened the meeting with a prayer from Catholic Education Week.

2. Welcome and Opening Comments

Superintendent Shypula introduced Co-Chair, Stéphane Rouleau who will be acting Chair for the meeting. Superintendent Shypula welcomed the group and led a round of introductions for the benefit of all members.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Megan Flexman

Seconded by: Greg Wilson

THAT the RCPIC approves the agenda of the May 13, 2019 meeting.

Carried

4. Declaration of Interest- Nil

5. Approval of Minutes – March 25, 2019

Moved by: Ashley Malo

Seconded by: Megan Flexman

THAT the RCPIC approves the minutes of the March 25, 2019 meeting.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes- Nil

7. Review of Executive Summarization from Parent Survey

Charmaine Hanley, Principal Lead for the Regional Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (RCPIC) and Principal for Christ the King School, updated on the RCPIC Executive Committee meeting held on April 9, 2019. The Executive Committee reviewed feedback received from the surveys sent out to all principals and Catholic School Advisory Committees (CSAC) in January and April. Charmaine shared the feedback that was received from the following questions:

1. What Can be Done to Improve System-Wide Skype Meetings?
2. What Day & Time are Best Suited for Meetings to Occur?



3. How Can we Increase the Number of Parents Participating in the System-Wide Skype Meetings.
4. What Can be Done to Improve the Effectiveness of our RCPIC Meetings?
5. How Can we Increase the Number of Parents Who Participate in the RCPIC Board Meetings.

From the data collected, some recommendations for the 2019-20 school year include but are not limited to:

- Enhance the interactive nature of System-Wide Skype Meetings;
- Continue to align meeting goals for Regional Meetings with CSAC goals; and
- Offer Regional Meetings in all three counties.

The invites for the 2019-20 calendar year have now been sent to all Principals and current CSAC Chairs. Additionally, the information will also be sent in 2019-20 to capture any new chairs/vice-chairs and OAPCE representatives. Meeting locations will be determined using a short survey that will be sent out near the beginning of the next school year.

8. OAPCE Provincial Meeting Review

Co-Chair Stéphane Rouleau updated on the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) conference celebrating its 80th Anniversary on April 5 to 6, 2019. The conference is an annual event where parents and guests gather to network, attend workshops, and strengthen relationships and to celebrate the award honorees. The theme was “Celebrate the Past, Appreciate the Present, Advocate for the Future”. Stéphane shared that parents were able to connect and engage at the conference and to celebrate as a community with His Eminence Cardinal Collins and Bishop Dabrowski. “Catholic teaching has always upheld that parents are their children’s primary teachers of the faith. Parent involvement in school is essential for children to thrive and mature as disciples of Jesus”, reiterated Cardinal Collins.

9. BREAK

10. Group Breakout Session

Charmaine held a round discussion on the following five questions:

1. How do you engage in effective communication with your parent community?
2. How do you address welcoming/inviting parents to engage in your community?
3. How do you recruit new volunteers or council members?
4. How do you promote family oriented events in your school community?
5. What are your most effective fundraising ideas?

Members engaged in active discussions and shared many ideas to the group. Charmaine asked that members send her any additional ideas to the above questions to her attention by the end of the week. All the feedback received will be shared with RCPIC members and Catholic School Advisory Councils in the fall.



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11. Closing Remarks/ Adjournments

Superintendent Shypula thanked members and guests for their continued support and for taking the time to bring their valuable input to the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Next Meeting:

Monday, October 28, 2019 (7:00 p.m.) - Regional Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting