



REGIONAL CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, May 12th, 2025 – 6:30 pm

Virtual - Microsoft Teams

Members: Michael Lawlor (Superintendent of Education), Humberto Cacilhas (Principal Lead), Carol Luciani (Chair of the Board), Sarah Lebel (Parent Co–Chair), April Taylor (Senior Social Worker), Dianne Wdowczyk (Mental Health Lead), Francesca Pace (Recording Secretary)

Guest: Jessica Zelem, REACH, Julie Pilon, Woodview

1. Land Acknowledgement

- Humberto Cacilhas provided the land acknowledgement.

2. Opening Prayer

- Superintendent Michael Lawlor led with prayer.

3. Welcome and Opening Comments

- Humberto Cacilhas welcomed all parents and guests.

4. CEW Update

- Superintendent Michael Lawlor gave an update on Catholic Education Week and activities that were going on throughout the week at all elementary and secondary schools.
- He spoke about the Catholic Student Leadership Awards held at Assumption College School, the Celebration of the Arts night held at the Sanderson Center and the 60th Anniversary of Blessed Sacrament School.

5. Introduction

- Humberto Cacilhas introduced Dianne Wdowczyk-Meade, Mental Health Lead for BHNCDSD.

6. Caregiver Child and Youth Mental Health Resources

- Dianne Wdowczyk-Meade spoke about Wayfinder a resource for social emotional learning activities that can be used in the classroom introduced to our Educators.
- Dianne Wdowczyk-Meade spoke about the Ministry Policy Program called Miranda PPM 169. Also, the new parent/caregiver resource, which is a learning Hub called By Your Side, is available through School Mental Health Ontario.



7. Community Mental Health Resources for Children & Youth

- Jessica Zelem from REACH Haldimand/Norfolk spoke about the services offered at REACH for children, youth and their families ages zero to 18.
- Showed PowerPoint with resources and services at REACH.
- Julie Pilon from Woodview (Brant) spoke about Woodview being the lead agency for children and youth mental health.
- PowerPoint showed resources and services offered at Woodview,.

8. Student Achievement

- Chandra Portelli is the Student Achievement Lead at BHNCD SB. She gave an overview of the Student Achievement Plan.

9. Closing Remarks/Adjournment

- Humberto Cacilhas thanked all members and guests for their continued support throughout the year and wished everyone a wonderful summer.
- The group will reconvene in September.
- Meeting ended at 7:50pm