



Regional Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

Monday, November 10, 2025

Minutes

Members: Sarah Label, Chairperson, Sadeki Simpson, Vice-Chairperson, Michael Lawlor, Superintendent of Education, Carol Luciani, Chairperson of the Board, Joe Persia, Elementary Administrative Representative, Mary Bradford, Secondary School Administrative Representative, Dianne Wdowczyk, Mental Health Lead and Non-Teaching Representative

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement:
 - Michael Lawlor welcomed all guests who logged on.
 - Joe Persia delivered the Land Acknowledgement

2. Prayer and Board Spiritual Theme:
 - Michael Lawlor, Superintendent of Education spoke about the Board theme, Pilgrims of Hope designed by the Ontario Catholic Trustees Association and the Jubilee Year Theme proclaimed by the late Pope Francis.
 - Michael Lawlor also spoke about the BHNCDSD Faith Day held on October 7th and some of the activities that took place in some of our schools.

3. Greetings from the Board of Trustees:
 - Carol Luciani, Chairperson, welcomed and thanked everybody for attending the meeting.

4. Overview of the System Student Achievement Plan:
 - Chandra Portelli, Vice-Principal of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, gave an overview of the Student Achievement Plan for 2025-2026 school year, detailing ministry priorities, and targeted strategies for literacy, numeracy, graduation rates and student engagement.

5. Overview of the Religion and Family Life Program:
 - Keri Calvesbert, Religion and Family Life Consultant, spoke about the new Family Life Education Program, Blessed and Beloved, implemented in our schools. Explaining its structure, curriculum alignment and communication

6. Overview of the System Special Education Plan:

- Sandra DeDominicis, Vice-Principal of Inclusive Learning and Special Education gave an overview of the BHNCD SB Special Education Plan which is available on the board's website. She spoke about equity, individualized supports, and the process for identifying and addressing student needs.

7. Overview of the Board Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Action Plan:

- Dianne Wdowczyk, System Mental Health Lead, outlined the ministry directives, board priorities, available resources, and initiatives to support the students, families and staff.

8. PIC and PRO Grant Examples:

- Joe Persia and Mary Bradford, School Administrators spoke about the use of PRO & PIC grants for school councils and gave examples of how to use the grant money to strengthen parent engagement and home/school relationships. They also spoke about application deadlines and eligible activities.

9. Closing:

- Michael Lawlor, Superintendent of Education, thanked everybody for joining the first RCPIC Meeting of the 2025 School Year.
- Meeting ended at 7:33pm.