



**REGIONAL CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, February 24, 2021 ♦ 6:00 pm
Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting**

- Present:** Robert De Rubeis (Superintendent of Education), Marcia DeDominicis (Principal Lead), Kevin Greco (Superintendent of Education), Scott Keys (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer), Michael McDonald (Director of Education & Secretary) Lorrie Temple (Superintendent of Education), Ashley Malo, Marie Teskey, Principals, Parent Council Chairs
- Guest(s):** Dr. Tara Bruno (Associate Professor at King's University College), Dianne Wdowczyk (Mental Health Lead)
- Regrets:** Carol Luciani (Trustee), Stéphane Rouleau (Co-Chair)
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1. Opening Prayer / Land Acknowledgement

Marcia DeDominicis, Principal RCPIC Lead from St Basil School, led the group in the opening prayer and provided the land acknowledgement by recognizing the Indigenous land on which we gather.

2. Welcome and Opening Comments

Superintendent De Rubeis welcomed all guests and participants to the meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda – February 24, 2021

Moved by: Ashley Malo

Seconded by: John McDermid

THAT the RCPIC approves the agenda of the February 24, 2021 meeting.

Carried

4. Declaration of Interest – Nil

5. Approval of Minutes - November 19, 2020

Moved by: Charmaine Hanley

Seconded by: Heather Graham

THAT the RCPIC approves the minutes of the November 19, 2020 meeting.

Carried

6. Update on April RCPIC Meeting

Marcia DeDominicis, Principal Lead for the RCPIC updated that the committee will be hosting Kathleen Hilchey, anti-bullying specialist in April. Kathleen specializes in getting to the root of a bullying relationship and assisting all individuals involved in resolving the issue, so it does not continue. Her main strategy is called the **third** way. Her strategy encourages all parties to stop choosing silence or violence as solutions and introduces a third way: problem solving. Through her process, Kathleen has helped students to find their voices and resolving bullying. Marcia updated that additional information would be forthcoming and would reach out before the presentation for feedback on what parents are most interested in learning and any questions they would like to ask.



7. Open Forum – Discussions for future meetings

Superintendent De Rubeis reminded the committee of the upcoming presentation at 6:30 pm with Dr. Tara Bruno on substance use and abuse during the pandemic. There is a separate link to join that meeting that was provided in the calendar invite.

Superintendent De Rubeis inquired to the group on any topics parents would like to hear/learn more about for future RCPIC meetings. The following are topics that various group members provided:

- Computer and online etiquette
- Cyberbullying presentation
- Navigating through the pandemic
- Students' mental health

Superintendent De Rubeis provided additional details on the recent memorandum sent out on Parents Reaching Out Grants for the 2020-21 school year. Parent council chairs were encouraged to speak to their administrators if they were interested in developing a proposal for the request of funds up to \$1,000.00 to promote parent engagement within their communities. The deadline for applications is extended to March 31, 2021.

8. Closing Remarks/Adjournment

Superintendent De Rubeis thanked all participants for joining the meeting and their feedback.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.