



REGIONAL CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, October 26th, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
Catholic Education Centre & Microsoft Teams Meeting

Members: Carol Luciani (Trustee), Phil Wilson (Superintendent of Education), Marcia DeDominicis (Principal Lead), Marie Teskey (Co-Chair), Melodie Spencer (Co-Chair), Alix Consorti, April Taylor (Senior Social Worker), Bryan Spencer, Danette Dalton, Dianne Wdowczyk (Mental Health Lead), Emily Van Hooren, Giovanna Oviedo (Vice-Principal, St. Gabriel), Gregory Wilson, Heather Graham (Principal, St. Joseph), Jeff VanLeuvenhage (Vice-Principal, St. Joseph), Jenn Hopkin, Jennifer McLaren Gibbons (Principal, St. Gabriel), Kayla Arsenault, Kevin Greco (Superintendent of Education), Kimberly Doyle, Laura Dickson, Lorrie Ann Temple (Superintendent of Education), Megan Flexman, Melanie Montague, Orazio Caltagirone (Principal, St. Patrick (B)), Rebecca Johnson, Stephanie Marr, Tammy Pogorzelski, Tatiana Smith

Guests: Thanh-Thanh Tieu (Research Associate), Krystal Snider (Collaborative Community Solutions)

1. Opening Prayer

Marie Teskey led the attendees in an opening prayer.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Melodie Spencer provided the land acknowledgement by recognizing the Indigenous land on which we gather and the importance of the One Dish, One Spoon Treaty and recognized the Indigenous resilience and ties to their community.

3. Welcome and Opening Comments

Superintendent Wilson welcomed all attendees to the meeting and congratulated Trustee Luciani on her recent election win. He welcomed Superintendent Greco and Superintendent Temple and thanked them for supporting parent involvement. He introduced Marcia De Dominicis, and the important role she plays in RCPIC. He welcomed Marie Teskey and Melodie Spencer, RCPIC Co-chairs. Welcome to our School Council Chairs and commented how the hybrid format is perfect as it all inclusive. Thank you to Debbie Cotter, my Executive Assistant. Thank you to Thanh-Thanh Tieu who is our research associate here to present and a thank you to Krystal Snider for being here to do a presentation on Anti-Human Sex Trafficking.

Superintendent Wilson introduced himself and explained the importance of RCPIC and parent engagement and congratulated everyone on the amazing past work that has been done.

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Melodie Spencer thanked Phil for doing the hybrid model and welcomed Phil to the meeting and committee.

4. Approval of Agenda – October 26th, 2022

Moved by: Marie Teskey

Seconded by: Laura Dickson

THAT the RCPIC approves the agenda of the October 26th, 2022, meeting.

Carried

5. Declaration of Interest - Nil

6. Approval of the Minutes – May 25th, 2022

Moved by: Marie Teskey

Seconded by: Tammy Pogorzelski

THAT the RCPIC approves the minutes of the May 25th, 2022, meeting.

Carried

7. Update from the Co-Chairs

RCPIC Co-Chairs Marie Teskey & Melodie Spencer welcomed the attendees to the meeting and thanked the guest speaker for joining the meeting. They are quite excited about RCPIC this year. They previously sent out a survey and found reflective topics that people were interested in, including faith formation, Breaking the Gap, and Math Up. RCPIC is the voice of the parents. The co-chairs thanked Tracey Austin, Manager of Communications and Community Relations, as they were able to assist Tracey with the new website and gave a parent's perspective on how the website would be easier to navigate. Marie welcomed all the new parent council members.

8. OAPCE Update

No update.

9. Student Demographic Survey Information Session

9.1 Introduction of Thanh-Thanh Tieu

Marie Teskey welcomed Thanh-Thanh Tieu and thanked her for making time to introduce and provide information on the Student Survey.

9.2 Presentation – Student Survey Information Session

This evening's presentation on the BHNCD SB Student Survey: Valuing Your Voice provided a concise overview of the project. This Ministry of Education mandated survey will invite all BHNCD SB students to provide information about themselves and their experiences in school. The information collected in

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the survey will work toward providing accurate data to allow for informed decision making in the district and in schools that is reflective and accountable to the needs of students and their families. The presentation discussed the Ministry and Board rationale for the survey, the collaborative process that was undertaken to develop the survey through consultation and collaboration with key stakeholders, and the types of questions that will appear in the short 10-minute survey. It was highlighted that participation in the survey is voluntary, so that students and families could choose not to participate or could elect to skip questions they are uncomfortable answering. There was also a brief discussion of the privacy impact assessment completed, which highlighted the Board's policies and processes in managing data security, and the Board's compliance with all privacy legislation. We also discussed the administration process for the survey:

Secondary: November 14-18, in class, through Brightspace

Elementary: November 21-December 4, at home with families, through Brightspace

Superintendent Greco thanked Thanh and explained how she has researched every possible factor in making this survey align with the Catholic school view as well as compliance by the ministry of education. The hope is to get as many responses as possible. The more we know about the learner the better we can plan for our system. The questions were designed to be unintrusive and allow comfortability of the participant. The BHNCD SB has grown by 1000 students over the past few years, so we want to know our communities.

If there are any questions about the survey, they can be sent to studentsurvey@bhncdsb.ca

Many questions were asked, and it was assured that confidentiality was important, and the results would be shared once compiled.

9.3 Thank You to Thanh-Thanh Tieu

Phil Wilson thanked Than and Kevin for their presentation and invited questions to be sent via email.

10. Anti-Human Sex Trafficking Consultation Session

10.1 Introduction of Krystal Snider

Superintendent Wilson thanked Krystal Snyder for being with us to discuss this very important topic.

10.2 Presentation – Anti-Human Sex Trafficking Consultation Session

Krystal thanked everyone for allowing her to be here.

She explained that 75% of Canadians do not know what human trafficking is. She explained this is sometimes difficult information to listen to as we may recognize that there is someone or ourselves that were trafficked. When people think about what human trafficking is they think of the movie "Taken". A lot of people use this as their reference and think of trafficking as international. Most of the time it happens to people here in Canada.

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Trafficking means someone has lured or groomed you and limits your movements. Sixty six percent of people trafficked come from Ontario. Brantford has unique ways of moving people through as it has a lot of highway access. Minors are uniquely vulnerable. Human trafficking of Indigenous people is very high. Average age of recruitment is 13 years old. At least one person in the room tonight may have had an interaction with a trafficker.

Who is at risk? Who are the traffickers? Most of the time the trafficker is in a relationship, makes this connection and then the exploitation happens. Online trafficking went up 47% during the pandemic; other places of trafficking include gathering places such as schools, youth groups, and malls.

There are four stages of Human Trafficking:

Stage 1: look for vulnerabilities and try to flatter; and see who they can engage with. Some indicators include new people in your life, an online obsession, new comments, may be posting new types of photos sometimes sexually suggestive, focus on new relationship, and new gifts and presents.

Stage 2: Figure out what unmet needs are physical and emotional to create a dependency.

Stage 3: After meeting these needs, the trafficker will start to pull away affection and gifts. The person being trafficked is then left feeling like “I will do anything to get this back again”. It becomes survival based and the person being trafficked begins to compromise who they are. Manipulation and confusion will happen including an increase in anxiety, a depression type state and a change in baseline behaviour.

Stage 4: They say to the person being trafficked, “Remember all that stuff that I gave you?”. They manipulate and promise it back if they do this this one thing this one time and it is usually sexual. Everything around trafficking is controlled including malnourishment and abuse.

Website for help and information link: [Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking](#)

Krystal thanked everyone and said it is something we need to talk about.

Superintendent Wilson thanked Krystal and thanked her for her presentation and her strength and deepening our understanding of Human Trafficking. Thanked Dianne Wdowczyk and April Taylor for their work on this. The message resonates with our school board to provide safe spaces and compassion.

11. Closing Remarks/Adjournment

Superintendent Wilson thanked all members, guests and presenters for their continued support and taking time to attend the meeting. The next RCPIC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 7:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:11pm.