

**Parent Involvement Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2011 – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Lakeside Inn, Kenora**

Present: Charlotte Brown, Murray Delorme, Phyllis EikreCharlotte Caron,
Brenda Bye, Crystal Alcock, Sarah-lynn Klassen (recorder)

New Items for Discussion:

1. Environmental Film Festival
The Second Annual Environmental Film Festival is being hosted at Pope John Paul II School on April 11, 2011 with a Community Presentation for the public in the evening (6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.). Students have created seven short films to be presented. Proceeds and fundraising prior to this event are going towards Tsunami Disaster Relief Fund.

2. Year End Celebration
The theme this year is Bullying Prevention. Within the next two weeks there will be surveys posted on the board website to engage parents in providing feedback on this issue. Through School Council and school newsletters and calendars, parents will be encouraged to participate in this important survey. School staff and students (grade 4-12) will also be asked to complete surveys on this topic.

Tentative date for the Year End Celebration will be June 8th to coincide with the Arts Council Banquet as it was last year. Murray will look into whether the Arts Council is willing to coordinate with us again to make a successful event.

3. OAPCE Conference
The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education is holding a conference on May 13-14, 2011 in Burlington. There is funding available for two individuals to attend. Deadline for registration is April 11th. School Councils will be notified to get the word out to members who may be interested in attending.

4. Parent Involvement Committee Conference
Brenda Bye and Charlotte Brown will be attending this conference on April 8-9, 2011.

5. Full Day Kindergarten for Four and Five Year Olds
The Ministry is continuing to implement this initiative over five years.
Year One – one class at St Louis, one additional for St Louis funded by our board
Year two – no new classes
Year three – two classes for PJP, one additional for PJP funded by our board
Year four and year five – classes for St John's and SMB

6. Dress Code
There is interest from some parents at SMB to implement a dress code. All School Councils are asked to bring this up for discussion to gauge interest.

7. Pinecrest Rink
There continues to be efforts made for the school board to take over the operation of the Pinecrest Rink. Phylis reported that the city is not against this idea but the barrier remains with the school boards' insurance and liability issues. Solutions will continue to be explored.

8. Next Meeting
Thursday, May 12, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Location to be announced.