



Kenora Catholic District School Board

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MINUTES OF MEETING

February 16, 2022

MEETING DATE:	Wednesday, February 16, 2022
LOCATION OF MEETING:	Microsoft Teams
SUBJECT OF MEETING:	Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
TIME OF MEETING:	11:30 a.m. – 12:06 p.m.
NEXT MEETING:	11:30 am – May 4, 2022

ATTENDED BY:

	ATTENDANCE	PERSON	TITLE
1.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kathleen Holmstrom	Chair – St Thomas Aquinas High School Parent Representative
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chrysti Savage	St. Louis School Parent Representative
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chrystal Wilson	St. John Paul II School Representative
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gianna Poltronetti	St. John School Parent Representative
5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Janet Paulson	École Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoys
6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Corinna Glazier	St. John School Principal, KCDSB Representative
7.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kylie Hughes	St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Principal
8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Richards	St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Vice Principal
9.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Randi Casey	Northwestern Health Unit Community Representative
10.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paul White	Director of Education
11.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hilary Aitken	Ecole Ste. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Vice Principal, KCDSB Representative
12.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anne Sweeney	Trustee Representative
13.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul Landry	Trustee Representative
14.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Teresa Gallik	Chair - Trustees
15.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michael Favreau	Vice Chair - Trustee
16.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frank Bastone	Trustee Representative
17.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cathy McQuillan	Recording Secretary

1. **Prayer** – Paul White
2. **Roll Call** – Paul White
3. **Welcome CPIC Members:** P White
4. **Review of December 15, 2021, Minutes** – Paul White



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5. Board Update – Paul White

On February 17th, we are going to have some new guidelines from the province in regard to COVID. Staff and students will continue to do the daily self attestations. Mask will continue to be worn and proper hand washing encouraged. They have started to open some extra curricular.

The student trustees reported at last night's Board Meeting how much they appreciated that they are able to go back to a semester system.

We do have to be very conscientious of COVID within our area. Dr. Kit Young Hoon stated on Kenora Online today that we are one of the highest areas in the province for COVID at this time.

Kindergarten Open Houses at each of our schools will be coming up in March. We will be working with the Northwestern Health Unit to ensure we are following all the regulations when we are hosting these events.

EQAO will happen this year. It will be a new digital format. After two years of Covid many of our students are behind academically. The EQAO results will be a benchmark to show us where our students are so we can work on bringing them back to where they should be.

SMB will be hosting Festival du Voyageur on February 23rd. This is a free event which is open to the whole community.

On February 9, Greg Rickford announced we will receive approximately \$400,000 for early years capital project for 15 childcare spaces at Saint Louis Living Arts School. This means each of our KCDSB elementary schools will have a childcare center. KCDSB is partnering with Kenora District Services Board on this project.

Erin Hercun has started in her new role as vice principal at St. Thomas Aquinas High School. We now have two vice principals, Mark Richards and Erin Hercun working with the principal Kylie Hughes.

Paul White shared with the CPIC committee that he will be retiring as the Director of Education at the end of August. We have strong candidates within our system, but the trustees have also hired a recruiter who are reaching out across the province to see who may be interested in the position. This will close on March 4th. The trustees will then make the decision on who our next Director of Education will be.

Mr. White wanted to thank all the CPIC committee members for all their hard work and support on this committee and in our schools.



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Mr. White also wanted to remind our CPIC members about the year end presentations to the KCDSB Trustees. It will be held at 5:00 pm on Tuesday June 7th. Your report will include the amount of money fundraised this year and what it was used for and if there is any money being carried forward for next year

6. **School Updates** – Not available this month due to shortage of supply teaching staff in the schools.

7. **Once Around the Table**

Anne Sweeney: The trustees are preparing to attend the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association AGM and Conference in Ottawa in April.

Janet Paulson: The SMB January Parent council meeting was cancelled so she does not have an update at this time.

Kathleen Holmstrom:

The students at St. Thomas Aquinas High School are very excited to be able to do extracurricular activities again. Grade seven and eight started band last week. They are also very happy to be back in a semester system again.

The grade 8 students and their parents will be having their presentation about entering high school.

Randi Casey – NWHU - Attached

8. **Meeting Adjournment** – Paul White
9. **Next Meeting:** 11:30 AM, Wednesday, May 4, 2022

CPIC Meeting Schedule 2021-2022 School Year	
September	Wednesday, September 15, 2021.
December	Wednesday, December 15, 2021
February	Wednesday, February 16, 2022
May	Wednesday, May 4, 2022
Year End Presentation to Trustees – 5:00 PM – Tuesday, June 7, 2022	

***Location to be determined.