



Kenora Catholic District School Board

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MINUTES OF MEETING

February 15, 2023

MEETING DATE:	Wednesday, February 15, 2023
LOCATION OF MEETING:	Board Room at CEC and Microsoft Teams
SUBJECT OF MEETING:	Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
TIME OF MEETING:	12:00 PM – 1:15 PM
NEXT MEETING:	11:30 AM Lunch – Meeting 12-1 PM – Wednesday, May 17, 2023

ATTENDED BY:

	ATTENDANCE	PERSON	TITLE
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kathleen Holmstrom	CPIC Chair and St Thomas Aquinas High School Parent Representative
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Angela McEvoy	St. Louis School Parent Representative
3.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tressa Main	St. Louis School Parent Representative
4.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grace Dunford	St. John Paul II School Representative
5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michelle Kurtz	St. John Paul II School Representative
6.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gianna Polronetti	St. John School Parent Representative
7.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amy McCann	École Ste-Marguerite Bourgeys
8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kylie Hughes	St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Principal
9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Richards	St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Vice Principal
10.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Randi Casey	Northwestern Health Unit Community Representative
11.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nicole Kurtz	Director of Education
12.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hilary Aitken	École Ste. Marguerite Bourgeys, Principal, KCDSB Representative
13.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Derek Favreau	Trustee Representative
14.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Angela Biship	Trustee Representative
15.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Teresa Gallik	Trustee - Chair
16.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul Landry	Trustee – Vice-Chair
17.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cathy McQuillan	Recording Secretary

1. **Prayer** – Nicole Kurtz

2. **Roll Call** – Guest: Sue Devlin
Regrets: Kathleen Holmstrom, Teresa Gallik, Paul Landry

3. **Welcome:** Nicole Kurtz

4. **CPIC Nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair - Follow up** – Nicole Kurtz

- At the December 7, 2022, CPIC Meeting Angela McEvoy accepted the position of Vice-Chair. She suggested Tressa Main would be interested in being Vice Chair.
- Tressa Main confirmed she would accept the position of Vice Chair.

5. **Board & Ministry Update** – Nicole Kurtz - **Attached 3**



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6. **Instructions - Year-End Presentation to Trustees – 5:00 PM, June 6, 2023**
Catholic Education Center - Training Room – Cathy McQuillan
 - Cathy will send out instructions and a copy of each school's presentation from last year.
7. **NOW Be Well Passport – Sue Devlin – KCDSB Mental Health Clinical Supervisor**
 - Kenora Catholic District School Board is thrilled to be partnering with Keewatin Patricia District School Board, Rainy River District School Board and the Northwest Catholic District School Board, to launch the third year in a row, the NWO Be Well Campaign. This year the Campaign will start on Bell Let's Talk Day, January 25, 2023 and end During Children's Mental Health Week, May 5, 2023. There are two different passports, one for students and one for classroom educators! Mental Health Workers and Student Mental Health Advisors will be handing out the Passports on Bell Let's Talk Day. All the information you need will be included in the Passport. <https://www.nwobewell.ca/>
8. **School Updates – Hilary Aitken**
 - Festival du Voyageur will be held at École Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoys on February 23.
 - Kindergarten Registration Week will be happening March 27-31, 2023. During this week, families can visit Open House events, tour schools, meet educators, and learn about Kindergarten.
 - We need to find more ways to recruit more parent volunteers. Volunteers need a vulnerable sector check. Is there some way we could help parents with the cost?
 - Parent Council are concerned about the cost of living.
9. **Business arising from last meeting:**
 - Update Winter Open Gyms - **Grace Dunford**
 - It was decided it was not feasible to pull together for this school year.
 - Gyms are booked.
 - Will look at dates for the 2023-2024 school year. We need to book now.
 - Let Early ON know the dates.
 - Pro Grant Spending – **Nicole Kurtz**
 - The \$3500.00 Pro Grant can be used to support Family Events being held in Schools.
10. **Once Around the Table**
 - **Amy McCann - École Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoys**
 - The FDK classes did Christmas Candy Gram fundraiser, collecting over \$600 for TriplePlay Kenora
 - Christmas concerts were back and the gym was packed for each show
 - Parent council doing Make it Sow seeds fundraiser
 - Literacy week - books for breakfast had an amazing turnout of families
 - Choir with Mr. Mark is back for a spring session
 - **Tressa Main – St. Louis School**
 - "St. Louis had a very successful first Christmas concert after COVID.



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- In January St. Louis has gotten back into the swing of things. Gr. 4-6 has started hockey academy again and kids are enjoying it.
- February we started our culture days. We have learned about Scandinavian culture, learned about Festival du Voyageur, later this month will experience "A Taste of Philippines" and "A Taste of Colombia".
- Our workshops are still going strong with this month having cross-country skiing, family cook along via zoom, chocolate making, poetry cafe, and shadow puppets.
- Our kids have had the chance to experience snowshoeing which has proven to be an extreme success.
- We're preparing for the lent season with preparation for Shrove Tuesday with pancakes around the world and Ash Wednesday prayer at 9 am.
- Children experienced Pow wow island dog sledding and Bannock.
- St. Louis School Council Raffle was an extreme success with prizes of a Pizza Oven, Pontoon Day Rental, and 50/50 draw."
- **Grace Dunford – St. John Paul II School – Attached 11**
- **Gianna Poltronetti – St. John School**
 - Celebrated Family literacy day with a week of activities. (Progressive story, guest readers, literacy bingo, etc.)
 - Over 20 Gr. 8 students had a transition visit at the high school.
 - Feb 13: SJS Family event- Mariette and Julia visit SJS to share teaching with our families about the Lenten season, providing a meal and crafts.
 - Feb 15- 100's day will see Primary classes celebrate 100 days of school!
 - Gr. 8 travel team has been busy preparing for their upcoming trip to Winnipeg. They are currently participating in two fundraisers. The March Break cash draw and a Purdy's chocolate order
 - Parent Lighthouse team is working hard to fundraise for musical equipment for St. John School students. Make it Sow seed fundraiser is going home to families this week. Other fundraising initiatives for the year include a coffee fundraiser, and a spring basket raffle.
 - Parent Book Club is going great. Always well attended and feedback from parents has been positive.
 - We will begin our Lenten season next week with our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast and Ash Wednesday Prayer Service.
- **Northwestern Health Unit – Randi Casey - Attached 12**

11. **Meeting Adjournment – Nicole Kurtz**

12. **Next Meeting – Wednesday, May 17, 2023**

Month	Dates
May	Wednesday, May 17, 2023
Year-End Presentation to the Board of Trustees	
	5:00 pm, June 6, 2023

CPIC Meeting

February 15th, 2023

Ministry & Board Updates

- A new Computer Studies curriculum, beginning with a new Grade 10 course to be implemented in September 2023.
- A new Technological Education curriculum, beginning with revised Grade 9 and Grade 10 courses to be offered in September 2024.
- Literacy Team – Reading Screening
- Ministry CPIC meeting – February 22nd
- Pro-Grant Funding (\$3500)
- Videos from EQAO to Parents/Caregivers
 - [EQAO - Grades 3 & 6](#)
 - [EQAO - Grade 9 Math](#)
 - [EQAO - Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test](#)

Pink Shirt Day on February 22

Ski and Snowboarding Program for Students in Grades 4 – 8 running from February 24 – March 10

Kindergarten Registration Week

2023: https://www.kcdsb.on.ca/news/central_news/kindergarten_registration_2023

Director's

Report: https://www.kcdsb.on.ca/news/central_news/2022_director_s_annual_report

KCDSB APP – we have incredible feedback and participation with our new KCDSB just in the past 30 days we've had 126 people download the App. We have over 4,089 active users and close to 800 downloads across the system. CPIC members are asked to spread the word about the new communications tool for families, students and

staff: https://www.kcdsb.on.ca/parents/k_c_d_s_b_a_p_p

Calendar Decision

Draft 2 as of: January 4, 2023

2023 - 2024 School Year Calendar

 SCHOOL HOLIDAY	 PD DAY	 EXAMS
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20 Instructional Days
September 2023

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

20 Instructional Days
October 2023

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

21 Instructional Days
November 2023

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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16 Instructional Days
December 2023

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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31						

August 2023

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27	28	29	30	31		

20 Instructional Days
February 2024

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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15 Instructional Days
March 2024

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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20 Instructional Days
April 2024

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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22 Instructional Days
May 2024

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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17 Instructional Days
January 2024

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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14 Instructional Days
June 2024

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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All students begin school on August 30, 2023 and end on June 21, 2024

School Holidays

September 4, 2023	Labour Day
October 9, 2023	Thanksgiving
Dec. 25, 2023 - Jan. 5, 2024	Winter Holidays
February 19, 2024	Family Day
March 11-15, 2024	March Break
March 29, 2024	Good Friday
April 1, 2024	Easter Monday
May 20, 2024	Victoria Day

First Day of School for Students

August 30, 2023

Last Day of School for Students

June 21, 2024

187 Instructional Days + 7 PD Days = 194

Professional Activity Days

August 28, 2023
August 29, 2023
October 27, 2023
November 27, 2023
January 26, 2024
April 19, 2024
June 10, 2024



KCDSB Festival du Voyageur

Feb 23 4:30 PM · École Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoys

☆ Interested

Early Years Arts Festival – March Saturday March 25 from 10 – 12 at St. John Paul II School – families with young children. Variety of early years arts activities, including new Design and Stem focus for young children – partnership with High School Trades Cooperative Teacher. Back will be Cardboard Creation and a host of other activities. No Registration – completely free.



Leader of Experiential Learning

MNR Heavy Equipment Simulator @ St. Thomas Aquinas School

Click [here](#) to see the
simulator in action!



St. John Paul II School – Feb. 15, 2023

- Fundraising Activities:
 - No-Stress Night Out – Six people will win both a \$100 gift card at one of six local restaurants and FREE babysitting to be redeemed on Friday, Mar. 3rd. Tickets are \$10 each with 500 printed. Participating restaurants are Log Cabin, The Plaza, The LOW Brewing Co., 901 Westside, The Vault and Ristorante.
- School Activities:
 - Our Jump Start grant let us offer the KCDSB Hockey program free to any students who wished to take part. This meant a lot of children were able to participate who previously couldn't.
 - Our students are also excited to take part in the KCDSB Ski and Snowboard program in February and March.
 - Family Skate Date took place on Monday, Feb, 13th. This was a Valentine's themed evening for families to come and skate as well as enjoy some tasty treats and hot chocolate. We held it at the Rideout Rink.
 - Grade 4-6 Art Club has started up as well as a Lego club.
- Additional Comments:
 - We are excited to share that we have decided to go ahead with purchasing new playground equipment for students this year. We are moving forward with procuring quotes from businesses. At this point we are in the very initial phases and will be looking at matching our approximately \$30,000 we have fundraised for the purchase of the new equipment with the goal of making that into \$60,000. We have an ideal date of completion for the Fall of 2023.

Covid-19 Vaccines

- We're now booking all children's vaccines (6 months to 11 years of age) by phone so that we can make sure we have your vaccine available for your appointment. Please contact your local office to book a COVID-19 or flu vaccine for your child.
- The health unit is now providing vaccine clinics through their local offices, instead of community-based clinics. Check our website at www.nwhu.on.ca to find out when the next clinic is in your community. You may also be able to get vaccinated by your primary care provider or at a local pharmacy.

75 Years of Local Public Health

It's Northwestern Health Unit's 75th anniversary this year. Public health helps to keep our communities healthy and safe. To celebrate our anniversary with you, we are doing monthly draws for great prizes for those who enter. Draw information can be found on: <https://www.nwhu.on.ca/about-us/75-years-of-local-public-health/>

The draws ask you to:

- Tell us what public health means to you; and/or
- Submit a 'healthy selfie'

Please share among your school councils. We hope you'll participate!

Welcome to Kindergarten

As a partner in school health, the Northwestern Health Unit provides some key information and resources to school boards to share with parents at time of JK registration. Parents will receive:

- A letter from Dr. Kit Young Hoon, Medical Officer of Health, providing a brief overview of the programs and services NWHU offers in the school setting.
- School Immunization Checklist – an overview of publicly funded immunizations provided by the Northwestern Health Unit.
- Healthy Smiles Factsheet – information about the Healthy Smiles Ontario program, a free dental program for eligible children and youth 17 and under.
- School Lunch Your Kids Will Munch – ideas for packing safe and nutritious meals and snacks.

Northwestern Health Unit staff may also be able to support school Welcome to Kindergarten events on request.

Northern Fruit and Vegetable Program

The Northern Fruit and Vegetable Program for all K-8 schools in the region, operated in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers, began the week of January 9th and will run to the end of June. The program offers two servings of fresh fruit or vegetables to every elementary school student per week. The goal is to increase consumption, awareness of, and provide resources about fruits and vegetables for students and their families. New and colourful posters were provided this year to schools in French and English, to highlight the variety of vegetables and fruits students will be able to enjoy as part of this year's program.