KENORA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Kenora Catholic District School Board

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MINUTES OF MEETING

May 12, 2021

MEETING DATE:	Wednesday, May 12, 2021
LOCATION OF MEETING:	Microsoft Teams
SUBJECT OF MEETING:	Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
TIME OF MEETING:	11:30 a.m. –12:38 p.m.
NEXT MEETING:	11:30 am – September 15, 2021

ATTENDED BY:

	ATTENDANCE	PERSON	TITLE
1.		Kathleen Holmstrom	Chair - Pope John Paul II School Parent Representative
2.	\boxtimes	Chrysti Savage	St. Louis School Parent Representative
3.		Gianna Poltronetti	St. John School Parent Representative
4.	\boxtimes	Corinna Glazier	St. John School Principal, KCDSB Representative
5.	\boxtimes	Pam Carlson	St. Isidore Virtual School
6.		Randi Casey	Northwestern Health Unit Community Representative
7.	\boxtimes	Phyllis Eikre	Advisor to the Director of Education
8.	\boxtimes	Paul White	Director of Education
9.	\boxtimes	Hilary Aitken	Ecole Ste. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Vice Principal, KCDSB Representative
10.		Anne Sweeney	Trustee Representative
11.		Paul Landry	Trustee Representative
12.	\boxtimes	Teresa Gallik	Chair - Trustees
13.	\boxtimes	Michael Favreau	Vice Chair - Trustee
14.	\boxtimes	Cathy McQuillan	Recording Secretary

- 1. **Prayer** Phyllis Eikre
- 2. Roll Call Paul White

Regrets: Kathleen Holmstrom, Anne Sweeney, Randi Casey

Gianna Poltronetti – Internet issues

3. Introduction New CPIC Members: P White

Chrystie Savage – St. Louis Parent Representative

4. Review of February 10, 2021 Minutes – Paul White

Accepted – T Gallik

Seconded – Hilary Aitken

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CPIC Presentation to the Board of Trustees, June 1, 2021 – Phyllis Eikre

- Phyllis reported that each year the Catholic Parent School Councils and the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee does a year end report to the Trustees of their activities for the school year. This year the meeting will be held virtually at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.
 - Typically, the principal of the school and the chair of the school council and CPIC go to these
 meetings and present their reports. At the next board meeting on June 15th there will be a
 motion to accept the reports from the schools and the CPIC.
 - Normally we would have a meal at this event but because it is being held virtually this year meal vouchers will be provided to all participants.
 - Draft CPIC 2020-2021 Year End Report to Trustees: Attached
 - Phyllis went through the draft report with the CPIC committee and asked if there were any additions.
 - Corinna Glazier added that St. John School also held a Family Winter Night.
 - Next Steps: Goals for the Committee for next year: Discussing goals again in the fall regarding transitioning students, and staff back into face-to-face leaning.

6. Ministry of Education and Province of Ontario Update – Paul White

- Not official yet but it looks like the May 20, 2021 lockdown will be extended to June 2, 2021.
- The board is working very hard to ensure our students are attending classes.
- The Ministry of Education has stated that attendance, assessments, and report cards will remain the same as if students were in school.
- The 2022 graduation class will not require the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test to graduate. It will be a requirement for the graduating class of 2023.
- The 2022 graduation class will only be required to have 20 hours of Community Service.
- The 2023 graduation class will be required to have 40 hours of Community Service.
- The EQOA grade 3, 6, and 9 math for the next year will continue as normal.
- Graduation of the 2021 class will be held virtually this year. We are following the guidelines
 of the Northwestern Health Unit.

7. School Updates:

STAHS: Catholic Education Week Activities were shared with families.

Monday: Community Cleanup Challenge

Tuesday: Sowing seed of Gratitude – A tree was planted at Pinecrest Nursing Home

Wednesday: Promoting Skilled Trades

Thursday: Announcement of plans for a garden project.

Friday: Photo Contest

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SMB: Hilary Aitken

Monday: Prayer service

Tuesday: Dress up day – Star Wars Theme – May the 4th (force) be with you.

Wednesday: Dress up day, students dressed as what they wanted to be when they grow up.

Thursday: Madame Aitken and Sachowski held a virtual bedtime story in the evening.

Friday: Pajama Day

St. John School: Corinna Glazier

• Each day the grade 3 students virtually sent out challenges to the other classes as well as a prayer. All families were encouraged to join.

- The Parent Lighthouse Team at St. John school wanted to acknowledge all the great work that educators and school staff are doing. They created goodie bags with student made cards and some treats and had them sent out to everyone who works in our school.
- Parents were also very supportive in sharing the Catholic Education Week themes but also the BeWell passport for Mental Health Week.

St. Isidore Virtual School: Pam Carlson

- The St. Isidore students also participated in Catholic Education Week.
- There were some audio issues with the prayer service. Hopefully they will be worked out for the next prayer service.

St. Louis: Chrystie Savage

- St. Louis had continued with some fundraising this month, Frosted Food and Colibri (reusable snack bags).
- The Colibri fund raiser also blends into the waste free lunch challenge St. Louis was doing in April.
- February's theme was Heal, March's theme was Build, and for April the theme was Play.
- Living Arts workshops were held by Zoom: Kids Guide to Money, If I Build a Car, Jewery Making, Sour Dough Weekend, Wizard of Oz Radio Show, Harvest Seed Kenora, Little Friends Spring Food Art, Lake of the Woods Museum tour and try, Douglas Family Art Center tour and try.
- Bee Project Update: Students are starting to prepare for the bees! The grade 6 students are painting the hives. The queen bee and the worker bees will arrive in May. Once everything is set up our families will be able to participate in hive checks.
- Online learning is going well. Packages are picked up at the end of each week for the following week.
- As a parent she is very happy with how things are going and how the teachers are keeping in contact with them.

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8. Once Around the Table

Phyllis Eikre: Phyllis commented how hard the students and staff are working to get through this last push to the end of the year in this virtual environment.

Teresa Gallik: She commented that during these challenging times how great it is to see the students being engaged in so many different ways.

Mike Favreau: He also commends the efforts of students, staff and families during this difficult time.

9. **Draft Meeting Schedule 2021-2021 School Year** – Cathy McQuillan

Please be advised that CPIC meetings are held at the Catholic Education Centre Board Room beginning with lunch at 11:30 AM.

The meeting follows lunch 12:00 – 1:00 PM.

Month	Dates
September	Wednesday, September 15, 2021
December	Wednesday, December 15, 2021
February	Wednesday, February 16, 2022
May	Wednesday, May 4, 2022

^{***}Location to be determined.

10. Meeting Adjournment - Paul White - 12:38 PM