



Kenora Catholic District School Board

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MINUTES OF MEETING

April 10, 2017

MEETING DATE:	Monday, April 10, 2017
LOCATION OF MEETING:	Catholic Education Centre Training Room
SUBJECT OF MEETING:	Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
TIME OF MEETING:	11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
NEXT MEETING:	Monday, June 5, 2017 – 5:00 PM

ATTENDED BY:

	ATTENDANCE	PERSON	TITLE
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nicole Burt Temple	Ecole Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoys Parent Representative
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bridgette Burt-McDougall	Pope John Paul II School Parent Representative
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lori Sellner	Pope John Paul II School Parent Representative
4.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ashley Larson	Co-Chair & Pope John Paul II School Parent Representative
5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Crystal Leighton	Co-Chair & Pope John Paul II School Parent Representative
6.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trish Tacknyk	St. Louis School Parent Representative
7.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pam Siemens	St. Louis School Parent Representative
8.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Charles	Northwestern Health Unit Community Representative
9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trudy Cederwall	Principal Representative
10.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Phyllis Eikre	Director of Education
11.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Cunningham	Superintendent of Instructional Services
12.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paul White	Superintendent of Instruction Services
13.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anne Sweeney	Trustee Representative
	Guest	Mariette Martineau Nicole Kurtz Michelle Sawa Victoria Swejda	Religious Education & Family Living Coordinator Principal, Ecole Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoys Principal, St. Thomas Aquinas High School Vice Principal, St. Thomas Aquinas High School

1. Prayer – Paul White opened the meeting with a meaningful prayer, bringing everyone into the presence of the Lord.
2. Correspondence from OAPCE – Phyllis Eikre
Phyllis shared a newsletter from OAPCE (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education) Easter 2017, Talking to our children about Easter. Some examples of books available for parents to talk to children about the Easter story.



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3. Institute for Catholic Education – Mariette Martineau

Ontario Institute for Catholic Education (ICE) Symposium Feedback Session – Mariette Martineau

ICE brings together, works with, and assists organizations that share responsibility for English Catholic education in their efforts to promote and maintain publicly-funded Catholic schools animated by the Gospel and reflecting the tenets of the Catholic faith.

ICE is exploring the critical role of Catholic education in contemporary society and want to hear from you about Catholic education in Ontario! Your input about Catholic education in Ontario – the way it fulfills its mandate as well as the challenges and opportunities of the present moment – will help to guide us for the future.

Our mission and vision for Catholic education have not changed, but our context has changed profoundly. At this time it is important that we come together in conversation, gathering as a community to name and understand the challenges presented by an increasingly complex and secular society today, and to identify and build consensus around the opportunities that will shape our future.

Thought exchange will provide background information and three open-ended questions that you answer anonymously. When the survey closes, responses will be sorted into themes. You will then be invited to look at emerging themes and prioritize them, locally and provincially.

The committee discussed as a group the three questions:

1. How do you see Catholic Education in Ontario supporting students to be living witnesses to their faith in Jesus Christ?
2. What are some current challenges facing Catholic education in Ontario?
3. What are some opportunities for Catholic Education in Ontario that will help shape a positive future?

Your ideas will provide important input for a gathering of the Catholic community later in the year and a group of KCDSB staff will be attending the ICE Symposium, November 13-15, 2017 in Toronto.

Join the dialogue! Go to the link: <http://bit.ly/2nZLhFZ> and submit your email address, then go in to your email, that is how you can gain access. Enter a short summary for the three questions. Then describe why the thought is important to you. Your thoughts will be shared exactly as you have submitted them. When the process is completed, results and analysis will be available for you to go back in and rate the submissions by importance.

4. Reports from Each School - no reports

5. Report from Northwestern Health Unit – Stephanie Charles

- Student Health Surveys Update – Schools Boards, the Northwestern Health Unit and University of Waterloo partnered to collect data on healthy eating, physical activity, tobacco and substance use and mental health of students across our region. Survey results will be shared directly with principals. Contact your local health unit or email healthyschools@nwhu.on.ca for more information on how to use the survey results to plan for a healthier school.



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- Healthy Kids Community Challenge Update – Theme 2 – school activities related to Water Does Wonders encourages children to choose water instead of sugar-sweetened beverages, is underway. The next theme is Choose to Boost Veggies and Fruit. There will be an opportunity for schools to increase fruit and vegetable intake for students in a variety of ways. More information about theme 3 will be shared with principals.
- Safe Needle Pickup Campaign – Melting snow can reveal discarded needles and other sharp objects. Northwestern Health Unit public health nurses are available to educate students about what to do if objects are found. Presentations and resources are available at the local office.
- April is Dental Health Month – Poor oral health can lead to loss of sleep, difficulty concentrating, poor nutritional intake and missing school. In April, a documentary video showing how the Northwestern Health Unit works to improve the dental health of our communities and the link to education will be released. There will also be a video describing how to enroll in Healthy Smiles Ontario – a program for eligible children and youth 17 and under that pays for regular dental check-ups, preventative care and treatment. Visit www.nwhu.on.ca in April to view the videos.

6. Meeting Date: Monday, June 5, 2017, 5:00 PM, Year-end report and system school council meeting - Ecole Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoys