



**Kenora Catholic District School Board**  
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**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**December 11, 2019**

MEETING DATE:	Wednesday, December 11, 2019
LOCATION OF MEETING:	Catholic Education Centre Board Room
SUBJECT OF MEETING:	Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
TIME OF MEETING:	11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
NEXT MEETING:	Wednesday, February 20, 2020

**ATTENDED BY:**

	ATTENDANCE	PERSON	TITLE
1.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kathleen Holmstrom	Pope John Paul II School Parent Representative
2.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lana Goodman	St. Louis School Parent Representative
3.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gianna Poltronetti	St. John School Parent Representative
4.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Corinna Glazier	St. John School Principal, KCDSB Representative
5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Randi Casey	Northwestern Health Unit Community Representative
6.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Derek Haime	Director of Education
7.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hilary Aitken	École Ste. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Vice Principal, KCDSB Representative
8.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anne Sweeney	Trustee Representative
9.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cathy McQuillan	Recording Secretary

1. **Prayer** – Derek Haime opened the meeting with a prayer bringing everyone into the presence of the Lord.
2. **Roll Call** – Hilary Aitken was absent with regret.
3. **Parent Engagement Resources** – Derek Haime
  - Have checked with Multi-Disciplinary Team are available to answer any questions Catholic School Councils may have
  - Parent Engagement Resources [http://www.ontariodirectors.ca/pe\\_1\\_Relationships.html](http://www.ontariodirectors.ca/pe_1_Relationships.html)
  - Fall 2020 Parent Engagement will be focusing on math
  - Jordan Temple will share Math Strategies – September 2020
  - Parent Reaching Out grants have changed as discussed
  - Derek shared a document Sustainable Development Goals from the United Nations there are many parent resources available on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram
  - Derek will attend St. Thomas Aquinas High School Catholic School Council next week
  - No provincial events at this time for Parent Involvement Committees, Derek will inform
  - Mariette suggested the NWHU share the elementary and secondary surveys they conduct regularly
  - Anne Sweeney requested the EQAO results for KCDSB be presented at a future CPIC meeting as well as strategies to improve student achievement. Derek will present at a future meeting.
4. **Summer Program** – Derek Haime – Dallis Novelli sent regrets
  - Summer learning is an opportunity for students (grades 1-3) to continue to work on the progress made in the school year. It closes the gap that would normally manifest during the summer months due to lack of exposure to reading, writing, math. Summer learning is also strongly rooted in relationships to self, to faith and to those sharing in the space. Our program offers authentic student



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driven learning that engages and supports their interests. We give students rich experiences and opportunities to share in the excitement of preparing for school in September! We also invest in teachers to show them best practice strategies.

- Summer 2020 Learning Program will focus on math
- Dr. Janice Aurini of the University of Waterloo did a study on students attending summer learning programs. It showed tremendous student achievement gains in those participating.
- Last year received reduced funding, KCDSB modified our budget to accommodate the program
- 54 children grade 1-3 including French immersion students participated
- Students were very active and engaged
- Corinna, Paul and Derek will discuss about a summer learning program for St John School
- Specific expectations and goals are set by the Ministry of Education
- More information to come regarding dates.

### 5. Spirituality Presentation – Mariette Martineau & Isobel White

- Mariette
- 2019-2020 Together Journey Calendar; KCDSB now uses calendar to show that we are on one journey to a good life. The calendar is circular and contains the major prayer and feast celebrations of the liturgical and Anishinaabe year
- Combining the Catholic and Anishinaabe
- Inside is the multi year strategic plan
- Celebrate all events by Catholic and Anishinaabe traditions
- Example fall feast and thanksgiving
- Isobel
- We have our gifts for our life. Our prayers are the same. We all walk on one road.
- We respect each other prayers.
- We have many Anishinaabe children in our schools
- Beginning to feel like Anishinaabe and Catholic Prayer are the same in so many ways
- Wiikondim Feasting and Powwow Book
- Celebrating our many feast
- Published by the KCDSB
- Guides for teachers and pronunciation
- All schools have a copy in the schools
- Working on having a digital copy available
- Isobel and Mariette are considering another book about the 8-grandfather teachings

### 6. Once Around the Table

#### St. Louis School - Lana Goodman

- Parent Council hosting a Christmas luncheon December 13th
- Christmas concert
- Kids Social Justice Club fundraiser, raised \$560.00 and donated it to the Salvation Army

#### Pope John Paul II School - Kathleen Holmstrom

- Parents are looking for resources for EQAO and OSSLT to help their child to prepare.
- Derek to look into resources available for parents.



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- Question – does the NWHU conduct vision screening for students. Randi indicated NWHU does not conduct vision screening.
- Derek advised the Lion's Club has a vision screening program available and will get further information to share.

**St. John School**- Gianna Poltronetti – Nil.

**Anne Sweeney** - Anne Sweeny

- Notre Dame Catholic Women's League donated a copy of the book "Before I Sleep" to Pope John Paul II and École Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoys schools. Will contact St. Louis Catholic Women's League about purchasing a copy for St. Louis School
- Mariette wrote a letter to Red Lake Catholic Women's League regarding purchasing a copy of the book for St. John School
- Ann attended École Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoys School Council meeting; supper and child care provided, so many parents were in attendance. Spoke to parents about the attending CPIC meeting.
- Shared at the December 10<sup>th</sup> KCDSB Trustee Inaugural Meeting, Teresa Gallik, elected Chair and Mike Favreau elected Vice-Chair.

**NorthWestern Health Unit** – Randi Casey

### **Compass Survey at Secondary Schools – secondary**

The COMPASS study is a nine-year, secondary school study from the University of Waterloo about youth health behaviours such as healthy eating, physical activity, substance use, school connectedness and bullying. The health unit is the local partner, helping schools implement the Survey for students in grades 9-12 across the region. This is year 7 of 9, and surveys are taking place from Dec. – May. Parents receive information consent letters prior to survey taking place. Individual school results are shared with principals, and regional results are shared with the health unit. You can [view reports](#) on past years results on our website.

### **Northern Fruit and Vegetable Program Update – K-8**

We are excited to share that this program for all K-8 schools in the region, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers, will begin again in January 2020! 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.

### **Fluoride Varnish**

Fluoride varnish can help prevent cavities. The dental team at NWHU has been in schools across the region painting fluoride varnish on consenting students' teeth. Your child can get a free fluoride varnish at the health unit, it is recommended at least twice per year for children up to 18 years old.

### **Immunizations**

All students in grade 7 are offered the chance to receive hepatitis B and HPV vaccines at school. For both of these vaccines, it is important to immunize people early so that they are protected before they could be exposed to the diseases. Both vaccines might be of interest when the students are older but may not be free of charge later.

In addition, the meningococcal vaccine is also given in grade 7. That vaccine (or a documented exemption), is required for school attendance. It helps prevent meningitis and other severe diseases caused by a group of



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bacteria. Students and parents are welcome to speak to a nurse at the health unit about any questions or concerns about immunizations.

### **Weed Out the Risk**

Recent studies show that nearly early one third of teens don't consider driving while high on cannabis to be as serious as alcohol-impaired driving. To address this issue, trained facilitators have begun doing presentations for grades 9-12 throughout the region. *Weed out the Risk (WOTR)* is an interactive, harm reduction based educational program which informs youth and young adults of the risks associated with using cannabis and driving or being a passenger in a vehicle with a high driver.

With the long-term goal of improved road safety, *WOTR* engages young people through creative games and activities that bridge communication and assists in developing an open dialogue around impaired driving. By sharing what we know about cannabis-impaired driving, we can help the youth in our region make informed choices on their safety and the safety of others.

### **Child Poverty**

City of Kenora has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest child poverty rate in Ontario.

### **Strengthening Families**

NWHU is offering a 9-week skill-building program for families with teens 12 to 16 years old. The program takes a 'whole family' approach that helps parents and teens to develop trust and mutual respect. Each week covers topics like positive attention, communication, clear expectations and supporting goals, fair limits, handling stress and anger, and problem solving.

Parents and teens must commit to attending the sessions together as both must participate in the sessions to gain from the program.

For more information, please contact Randi Casey at the Northwestern Health Unit 807-468-3147, ext. 301227.

### **Ecole Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoys - Absent**

7. **Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, February 12, 2020, 11:30 AM, Catholic Education Centre, Boardroom
8. **Meeting adjourned** at 1:00 PM



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

