



Kenora Catholic District School Board

We are a Roman Catholic school system dedicated to excellence in education, the Christian formation of youth, and meaningful partnerships with family, community and Church.

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 7, 2019

MEETING DATE:	Tuesday, May 7, 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:	Monday, June 10, 2019, 4:30 PM, Catholic Education Centre

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 type="checkbox"/>	Gianna Poltronetti	St. John School Parent Representative
4.	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paul White	Superintendent of Instructional Services
8.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hilary Aitken	Ecole Ste. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Vice Principal, KCDSB Representative
9.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anne Sweeney	Trustee Representative
10.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Christine Wayne	Recording Secretary
	Guests	Mariette Martineau Isobel White	KCDSB Religious Education and Family Life Coordinator KCDSB Elder in Residence

1. **Prayer** – Mariette Martineau and Isobel White opened the meeting with a meaningful prayer, bringing everyone into the presence of the Lord.
2. **Roll Call** – Corinna Glazier and Gianna Poltronetti absent with regret.
3. **Journeying in Hope and Reconciliation** – Mariette Martineau and Isobel White
A video was shown highlighting KCDSB events Journeying in Hope and Reconciliation March 4th to May 3rd including respect, humility, wisdom, honesty, love, forgiveness and courage.

Hearts of Hope – if you travel through downtown Kenora, KCDSB students have planted Hearts of Hope posters around the community. Whys is this important? It's important as to who we are. The conversation We Are One people is our message; we are about inclusivity and this partnership is very important.

Paul – the inclusive piece is very important. KCDSB is very fortunate to have Isobel who is very educated. KCDSB is very interested to see partnerships build. Thank you to Mariette and Isobel for all their hard work.



Kenora Catholic District School Board

We are a Roman Catholic school system dedicated to excellence in education, the Christian formation of youth, and meaningful partnerships with family, community and Church.

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 7, 2019

Derek – thanks to Mariette, Isobel and Paul for all their hard work. We need to recognize ourselves in our schools. Looking at all faiths is important and we have heard that message loud and clear. This is only the beginning and a continuation.

4. Parents Reaching Out Grant (PRO) Conversation – Derek Haime

The Ontario provincial government delayed rolling out budget announcements. We think PRO grants will continue for next year, we are waiting for the application form. Will provide more information in June.

Mariette – last year we received funding to go visit communities instead of them coming to us. This year we went to Wauzhushk Onigum.

5. The Future of KCDSB Parent Engagement – Derek Haime

In September, each school principal will receive a package regarding parent council. Parents must be the majority on the CPIC to have quorum. Staff members can be on CPIC but must declare at the beginning of the year.

Looking for suggestions times to hold CPIC meetings. Does lunch hour work or would like evening meetings? Parents prefer lunch hour meetings, would like to stay away from evening meetings and will look at an electronic means to communicate with parents. Challenging for parents to volunteer their time for committees. We need our parents to feel welcome to be engaged and value their voice.

In September, information regarding CPIC will be sent to schools, looking to invite each school council chair and members. CPIC is a very important committee, it is important to reach families to serve our students to the best.

Handout –Parent Engagement listing resources on relationships, student success, teens, math and planning parent engagement.

6. Once Around the Table

Northwestern Health Unit

NWHU staff can support school councils

As you may recall, NWHU collected information last year on how to best engage parents in healthy schools. The findings are now posted on our [website](#) – full report and infographic summary are both available in English and French. Health unit staff are sharing these documents with school councils that provided feedback. Staff can also support relevant parent engagement initiatives in schools. Thank you to the (PIC/CPIC) for participating in the research project also. Please see the ‘top tips’ section on the infographic for some important things we learned from parents through this process.

Safe Needle Pick-up Campaign

With spring weather here, and communities and schools starting to clean up what is left behind, the Northwestern Health Unit would like to use this opportunity to educate parents, students and school staff about what to do if needles or other sharp objects are found. Public Health Nurses are available for presentations on safe needle pickup (grades 7-12) and “Don’t Touch” presentations for young children (JK-grade 6). Students receiving the presentation in their classroom are given a resource for parents to take home. Parents wanting a copy of this resource can request it from your local health unit anytime.



Kenora Catholic District School Board

We are a Roman Catholic school system dedicated to excellence in education, the Christian formation of youth, and meaningful partnerships with family, community and Church.

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 7, 2019

Rethink Your Drinking Campaign – Parents Matter

Parents play an important role in their child's decisions around alcohol and other drug use. Learn about six strategies to prevent and reduce use at www.rethinkyourdrinking.ca/parents. For more information or to get copies of these new resources (poster and booklet) for parents at your school, contact Randi Casey at rcasey@nwhu.on.ca 468-3147 ext. 301227.

Plan. Prepare. Be Aware. Emergency Preparedness Week is May 5 – 11, 2019

An emergency can happen to anyone at any time. It is recommended that you have everything you and your family will need for at least 72 hours in an emergency. Are you prepared? Check out these [videos](#) to learn about how to make an emergency plan and prepare an emergency kit.

Derek – can sign up at City of Kenora for up to five alerts.

Hike and Bike Challenge

During the month of June, the Northwestern Health Unit (NWHU) will challenge community members to park the car and walk, hike, bike, roll or stroll instead. Registration details for the 6th annual 'Hike It or Bike It Challenge' will be posted on our website in the coming weeks. Schools will also receive registration information.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Brain development is most rapid in childhood. This is a critical period where experiences have lasting impacts on health and quality of life. Northwestern Ontario children and youth report higher rates of mental and behavioural disorders, when compared to other parts of the province.

Mental Health Awareness Week is May 6-10. *What can I do?* Children and youth are greatly influenced by their family environment. As a parent, you can help support positive mental health in your child by spending quality time, asking questions, and listening. Check out:

<https://ontario.cmha.ca/documents/child-and-youth-mental-health-signs-and-symptoms/> for more information.

St. Louis School

Lana Goodman - Our top fundraisers this year were the Fishing Derby in February, and a draw for a private box at a Manitoba Moose Game. Some of our favourite school family events also help raise money, such as the Fall Festival and the Christmas Concert. Other fundraising events this year included Farm to School, Frosted Food Meat Sale and Grysiuk Honey and Mabel's Labels.

Pope John Paul II School

Katheen Holmstrom – PJP was approved for a PRO grant and used a portion of the funds to transport students to the ski hill. A decision to be made on allocating the remaining balance.

PJP Parent Council parents ask why the school does not do very many field trips. Understand funding is an issue and transportation costs are high. Looking for more funds to be allocated for school field trips.

Would like to see KCDSB school host more events. Not a lot of parents know what CPIC represents.

Ecole Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoys

Hilary Aitken - Catholic Education Week activities – school is very busy

St. Thomas Aquinas High School musical has some SMB students involved, which created a lot of excitement involving KCDSB schools.



Kenora Catholic District School Board

We are a Roman Catholic school system dedicated to excellence in education, the Christian formation of youth, and meaningful partnerships with family, community and Church.

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 7, 2019

Anne Sweeney

Trustees belong to Canadian Catholic School Trustees Association (CCSTA) and was recently on their website and found statistics on Catholic school student enrolment numbers were very alarming. Some provinces within Canada receive no funding, some partial funding, or full funding.

Statistics – Ontario English Catholic enrol 560,302 students; Ontario French 75,797 students, Manitoba receives partial funding for 4800 students; Atlantic provinces enrol 1190 students

Importance to have our children in Catholic schools. Impressed with our school council's involvement within our schools.

There is a CCSTA campaign underway called "Toonies for Tuition". If school parent council would consider this as a fundraising initiative, school boards raise money to help families enrol their children in catholic schools. In BC for example, the cost is \$6,000 per student fee to attend a catholic school.

Paul White

SJS hosting a Leader in Me Leadership Day to celebrate four years being a Leader-in-Me School.

SMB is now a Leader-in-Me School.

STA – May 8 – 10 Musical – amazing production, attend if you can. Band tour coming up. Soccer season is upon us.

Catholic Education Week – new installation at STA foyer.

CPIC Staff Participation – if staff cannot make the meeting onsite, we can bring you in electronically through Microsoft Teams. If you hear of anyone who would like to stream in, let Paul know and he will make it happen.

Parent Meeting Concern – how will my child move on from high school. Daughter at university, marks did not drop; stats indicate will drop 15%, her marks did not drop. We are teaching and preparing our students to post secondary; congrats to STA administration and teachers.

7. **Next Meeting Date:** Year-end Report and System School Council Meeting, Monday, June 10, 5:00 PM, Catholic Education Centre, Boardroom

 8. **Meeting Adjourned** – 1:10 PM
-