



Kenora Catholic District School Board

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MINUTES OF MEETING

May 8, 2018

MEETING DATE:	Tuesday, May 8, 2018
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 11, 2018 , 5:00 PM

ATTENDED BY:

	ATTENDANCE	PERSON	TITLE
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lori Sellner	St. Thomas Aquinas H.S. Parent Representative
2.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kathleen Holmstrom	Pope John Paul II School Parent Representative
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ashley Larson	Co-Chair & Pope John Paul II School Parent Representative
4.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Crystal Leighton	Co-Chair & Pope John Paul II School Parent Representative
5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lana Goodman	St. Louis School Parent Representative
6.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gianna Poltronetti	St. John School Parent Representative
7.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Corinna Glazier	St. John School Principal
8.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Charles	Northwestern health Unit Community Representative
9.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Phyllis Eikre	Director of Education
10.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paul White	Superintendent of Instructional Services
11.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maureen Frankcom	Principal Representative
12.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anne Sweeney	Trustee Representative
13.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Christine Wayne	Recording Secretary
	Guests	Dallis Novelli Jordan Temple	KCDSB Curriculum Coordinator Numeracy Facilitator

1. **Prayer** – Phyllis Eikre opened the meeting with a meaningful prayer, bringing everyone into the presence of the Lord.

2. **Roll Call** – Ashley Larson and Lori Sellner absent with regret.

3. **Ways of Knowing Project** –Jordan Temple

Jordan Temple and Shelly Tom visited St. Louis School in April and worked with the students in Kindergarten and Grades 4/5, making crafts while using mathematic skills: estimation, proportion and measuring. If proportions and spacing was off, worked with students on strategies to make things “look right”. Mistakes were part of the learning process, going back and fixing or starting over was not an issue, students were proud of the work they did.

The students worked on a craft using beads and Shelly explained to the students the significance of the beads - Spirit Beads were gifts from the earth and need to be treated with respect.

The students enjoyed estimating how many beads it would take to finish their pattern as well as how estimating how long it would take to finish the activity.



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4. **Post Literacy Night Update** – Dallis Novelli, Curriculum Coordinator

KCDSB held a Parent Literacy Nights at Pope John Paul II School and St. John School. Parents were provided with early reading strategies to assist them and help their children to become proficient readers. Paul – thanked the committee for suggesting a parent night on reading, the event was well received. Please continue to submit ideas.

Anne Sweeney – commented on how years ago, students were forced to read and ended up hating to read. Strategies have changed for parents reading to their children.

5. **Parents Reaching Out Grant (PRO) Conversation** – Stephanie Charles

NWHU in partnership with area school boards and funded by the Ministry of Education, is seeking feedback from parents of school-aged children across the region to gain a better understanding of the barriers to engagement and discover new ways to increase parent-school connection in Northwestern Ontario.

Three questions asked:

1. What motivates you as a parent to become involved in your child's school and how can we encourage more parents to be engaged in healthy activities at your school?
2. What are some barriers for parents to become involved and how can the health unit create and support parents through parent council?
3. What is a role of parent council to help your child reach their potential?

The goal of this project is to actively engage parents in creating healthy schools and have a positive impact on student success. The primary objective of the project is to collect and synthesize information regarding increasing parent involvement in schools in our health unit catchment area, related to healthy schools and equity. From the information gathered, a resource will be developed that will help school councils and parent involvement committees to engage parents in creating healthy schools in the future. The resource will align with the Ministry of Education Foundations of a Healthy School resource. Information will also be shared back on our website and with each group of participating parents.

6. **Ninth Annual PIC Symposium** – Kathleen Holmstrom, Crystal Leighton

Kathleen, Crystal and SMB Parent Council parent representative Pam Carlson attended the Ninth Annual Parent Involvement Committee Symposium, April 20-21 in Toronto. The symposium was amazing, great guest speakers and sessions. Took away ideas on how to engage parents in school parent council. Breakout sessions included representatives from our region and talked about how we can work together. Moving forward, going to have quarterly phone calls with our region representatives and a Ministry representative to talk about how things are going in each city.

Participants came away with suggestions to reach our parents.

We will be submitting an application for a PRO Grant for transportation for families to come and attend our meetings.

Kathleen suggested a parent council parent information letter to be provided to each family at the beginning of each school year.



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7. Once Around the Table

Northwestern Health Unit – public health standards renewed recently. There will some changes coming September 2018.

St. Louis School – Held a family BBQ; Book Fair, and a student portfolio night. Kindergarten families invited to attend Catholic Education Week school event.

Pope John Paul II School – Strawberry Shortcake Event on May 9th, year end family BBQ to be held on June 20th; building a storage shed, and looking into purchasing new soccer nets.

St. John School – Leadership Day May 9th; door decoration appreciation day; scavenger hunt; book fair; looking at ideas to engage parents

Phyllis – June 11th, 5:00 PM, CPIC and School Council Year-end reports presented to trustees. Draft CPIC report handed out.

Anne Sweeney – Attended a recent FNMI meeting and learned of an opportunity to apply to have a book a month to be delivered to your home.

8. **Next Meeting Date:** Year-end Report and System School Council Meeting, Monday, June 11, 5:00 PM, Catholic Education Centre

9. **Meeting Adjourned** – 12:50 PM
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