



Kenora Catholic District School Board

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MINUTES OF MEETING

December 15, 2021

MEETING DATE:	Wednesday, December 15, 2021
LOCATION OF MEETING:	Microsoft Teams
SUBJECT OF MEETING:	Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
TIME OF MEETING:	11:30 a.m. – 12:06 p.m.
NEXT MEETING:	11:30 am – February 16, 2022

ATTENDED BY:

	ATTENDANCE	PERSON	TITLE
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kathleen Holmstrom	Chair - Pope John Paul II School Parent Representative
2.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chrysti Savage	St. Louis School Parent Representative
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chrystal Wilson	St. John Paul II School Representative
4.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gianna Poltronetti	St. John School Parent Representative
5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Janet Paulson	École Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoys
6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Corinna Glazier	St. John School Principal, KCDSB Representative
7.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kylie Hughes	St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Principal
8.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Richards	St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Vice Principal
9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Randi Casey	Northwestern Health Unit Community Representative
10.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paul White	Director of Education
11.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hilary Aitken	Ecole Ste. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Vice Principal, KCDSB Representative
12.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anne Sweeney	Trustee Representative
13.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul Landry	Trustee Representative
14.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Teresa Gallik	Chair - Trustees
15.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michael Favreau	Vice Chair - Trustee
16.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul Landry	Trustee Representative
17.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frank Bastone	Trustee Representative
18.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cathy McQuillan	Recording Secretary

1. **Prayer** – Paul White
2. **Roll Call** – Regrets, K Holmstrom, Randi Casey
3. **Welcome CPIC Members:** P White
4. **Introductions:**
Janet Paulson: École Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoys Representative
5. **Review of September 15, 2021 Minutes** – Paul White



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6. Board Update – Paul White

- St. Thomas Aquinas High School will return to semester system and has approval from the Board of Trustees, the Ministry of Education, and the Northwestern Health Unit. With Covid we may have to adjust.
- NWHU has issued a travel advisory to stay in Northwestern, Ontario unless for essential travel. If travel is necessary, upon return to limit your exposure to other people for 10 days.
- The Prime Minister is meeting with Provincial Premiers regarding travel outside of Canada.
- We have alternate plans in place if we need to pivot after the Christmas Holidays.
- Voluntary Rapid Antigen Tests are being sent home with all Ontario students over the Christmas break.
- When the students return to school after Christmas they will be required to do a attestation of screening. JK to grade 6 will be sent home and done by the parents and grade 7 to 12 will be done in school by the students.

7. School Updates – Hilary Aitken

- Candy Cane Lane is happening December 13, 14, 15. Last night was the first night with 555 visitors.
- Kindergarten Registration will begin in the new year.
- We are ready to pivot to online learning if necessary in the new year.

STAHS Update – Mark Richards

- The year has been going well here at STAHS. Sports and clubs are running as much as they can with all the COVID restrictions. Kids are enjoying the opportunity to get back out onto the field, ice, trails, and back into the music room. That is great to see.
 - Our Parent Council have had two meetings this year. Our formula is a little bit different in the secondary panel. We do informative sessions where parents can learn about different things that are happening in the school, as well as ways to support their students.
 - In September we provided a COVID update. Illustrating some of the key differences from this year to last year with the different freedoms and restrictions that were in place.
 - Then in November we provided an update regarding the student census, Mariette Martineau, the KCDSB Religious Education, Family Life and Equity Lead from the Board office, spoke to Parent Council regarding the student census that the Ministry has asked all Ontario schools to complete. We were able to gather some very important information on equity from our students.
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8. Once Around the Table

St. John School – Gianna Poltronetti

- It has been busy here at St. John School with our Advent season in full swing. Beginning on November 29, and every Monday in December we have an advent prayer service led by students, in which we light our Advent candle in preparation for the birth of Jesus. We had students attend Mass at St. John the Apostle Church to sing the Advent song.
- The students and staff participated in the Red Lake Christmas Parade on Friday December 3rd, Students sang Christmas Carols, rode on a float, and collected non-perishable food items for the Red Lake Family Food Bank.
- The kindergarten classroom organized and planned their service-learning project, Santa Paws. It was a great success with many families coming to take their Pet's photos with Santa for a good cause. Kindergarten delivered a cheque in the amount of \$300.00 for Chukuni Christmas Cheer Board.
- On Friday December 10, eighteen families participated in a fun online workshop with Madame Krummenacher. She taught families how to make a no-fail chocolate fudge recipe that was delicious. A special thanks to the Zhukrovsky family, who donated supplies for each family that participated.
- Classes have been preparing winter art to showcase during our Family Light Celebration on Tuesday December 14th. This year's theme is Nature in Winter and will showcase everything students have been learning and participating in during their 100-minute block at Nature School.
- Students are also busy preparing for the in-school Christmas concert, which will be performed for the school on Thursday December 16th. Families will be emailed with a link to watch the video on Friday!

St. Louis School – Chrysti Savage

- St. Louis has been busy as well. We have had fundraisers going on for December, poinsettia fundraiser, Frosted Foods, and gingerbread cookies for tonight's virtual Christmas concert.
 - The students have been busy with their online workshops, and they have had some in person workshops as well. The students enjoyed them. They had a family Christmas sing series with Olivia Witten, so they were singing Christmas carols with her. They had a winter amaryllis garden, created indoor Winter Gardens, made Christmas Toffee bars, and had fresh Wreath Making with Sparkling Delia out of Vermilion Bay who sent the kits and did them online with the students.
 - December 7th and 8th we did a Christmas gift sale in support of the Miracle Marathon. People donated gently used items or new items and they were wrapped and put in bags at school. The students were excited about it. They went home with beautiful gifts ready for their parents or siblings.
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- St. Louis students were going to Candy Cane Lane today.
- Tonight, is their virtual Christmas concert, The Nazareth News.

École Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoys - Janet Paulson

- Council has met in September, October and November. We had more engagement from parent and are still recruiting for a co-chair.
- Multiple Teachers have purchased experiential learning items for their classrooms.
- Pie Friday on Thanksgiving with fall feast.
- Hot lunches have been going every week since the beginning of October.
- Fundraising this fall included Colibri & Frosted Foods.
- Council plans to review the budget at January meeting and plan how to spend money. Improvement ideas are the old kitchen and playground equipment.

Hilary Aitken added:

- We had a charity toy drive for a Miracle Marathon. We had a competition and split all the classes into two teams. One team was Madame Sachowski, and another team was Madame Aitken to see who could raise the most toys. The loser gets a pie in the face sometime in January. I'm looking forward to throwing a pie at Madame Sachowski's face! It was just a super fun competition that got the kids really engaged and we ended up providing the Salvation Army with loads and loads of toys, so they students were thrilled about that.

Randi Casey – Northwestern Health Unit

- Randi Casey sent her regrets to the meeting but has sent a report. – **Attached**

Anne Sweeney: KCDSB Trustee

- Anne wanted to report they held their Annual Board meeting on December 14 and Teresa Gallik was re-elected as Chair and Mike Favreau was re-elected as Vice-Chair of the KCDSB Board of Trustees.

9. Meeting Adjournment – Paul White

10. Next Meeting: 11:30 AM, Wednesday, February 16, 2022

CPIC Meeting Schedule 2021-2022 School Year

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.

COVID-19 Clinics

The NWHU is hosting vaccine clinics in December to offer:

- 1st and 2nd COVID-19 doses (for anyone 12+)
- 3rd COVID-19 doses (for eligible populations)
- 5-11 COVID-19 doses. Parental / legal guardian consent is required for a child aged 5-11 to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at our clinics.

The clinics are taking place in community locations across the region. Saturday appointments will be available. To see upcoming clinics in your community and to book an appointment, use our [Book Your COVID-19 Vaccination system](#) or call 1-866-468-2240. We will announce walk-in spots, if available, leading up to the clinics on our website and social media.

Getting vaccinated saves lives and reduces the chance of getting seriously ill from COVID-19. Protect yourself, your family, and your friends by getting your shot.

<https://clinicreservation.com/book-now>

COVID-19 children and youth vaccine resources

The SickKids COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service is a by-appointment phone service that provides a safe, judgement-free space to have an open conversation about the COVID-19 vaccine for children and youth. <https://www.sickkids.ca/en/care-services/support-services/covid-19-vaccine-consult/>

Covid-19 vaccines for youth: Government of Ontario: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccines-youth>

Covid-19: Children and Vaccines, Toronto Public Health: <https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-about-the-vaccines/covid-19-children-vaccines/>

Preventing COVID-19

We have added some new helpful information to our website. Check them out!

Celebrating the Winter Holidays Safely - <https://www2.nwhu.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Fact-Sheet-Celebrating-the-Winter-Holidays-Safely.pdf?x11555>

Staying COVID-safe at a tournament - <https://www2.nwhu.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Fact-Sheet-Staying-COVID-safe-at-a-Tournament-2021-11-01.pdf?x11555>

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