



Kenora Catholic District School Board

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MINUTES OF MEETING

December 6, 2017

MEETING DATE:	Tuesday, October 17, 2017
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, December 6, 11:30 AM – 1:00 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	Gianna Poltronetti	St. John School Parent Representative (meeting minutes only)
7.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Charles	Northwestern Health Unit Community Representative
8.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Phyllis Eikre	Director of Education
9.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paul White	Superintendent of Instructional Services
10.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maureen Frankcom	Principal Representative
11.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anne Sweeney	Trustee Representative
12.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Christine Wayne	Recording Secretary
	Guests	Shelly Tom Dallis Novelli	KCDSB FNMI Coordinator KCDSB Curriculum Coordinator

1. **Prayer** – Phyllis Eikre opened the meeting with a meaningful prayer, bringing everyone into the presence of the Lord.
2. **Introductions and Roll Call** – Once around the table introductions. Ashley Larson, Crystal Leighton, Lori Sellner absent with regret.
3. **Video Premier** – Deferred to next meeting
4. **FNMI Program and Traditions** – Paul White, Shelly Tom
KCDSB does not have very many self-identified Inuit students. Recently the Metis Association presented at a Director's Council Meeting for senior administration on what they have to offer KCDSB. Paul indicated the Ministry of Education provincial priority is on inclusion with a focus on Black Racism, Islamophobia and First Nations Racism. Shelly Tom and Mariette Martineau attended a Ministry meeting in Thunder Bay to participate in changes to the curriculum. Shelly shared resources for CPIC members to borrow.



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Paul and Shelly shared a PowerPoint presentation from KCDSB Dean Demers, Northern Studies Teacher on First Nations, Metis & Inuit Program. The FNMI Program develops an understanding of the cultural significance in our area. Dean Demers is implementing activities in schools for grade 4 students such as healthy lifestyles, importance and significance of the drum and prayer in teachings, hands on learning of harvesting and preparing wild meat, the celebrations of the seasons, cultural medicines, building traditional and modern shelters, all while learning respect and the other Grandfather Teachings.

Shelly and Mariette have been working together on a project looking at the similarities to be inclusive, which will be presented to the Ministry at a future date.

5. **Reading for Parents** – Dallis Novelli, Curriculum Coordinator

Dallis will be holding a Parent Night in Reading in the New Year. Information to be provided to principals and school councils. The committee provided Dallis with information they would like to see at the event.

6. **Once Around the Table**

Northwestern Health Unit

NWHU Parents Reaching Out Grant Project

The health unit, in partnership with area school boards, has received a PRO grant to collect and share information on how to best engage parents in the healthy schools movement. There will be several ways that parents can provide information during the month of February – a survey, online focus group (Citizen's Panel on NWHU website) and in-person focus groups with parent councils and community partners throughout the region. The information collected will be used to create a tool for schools to use to increase parent engagement at their school. The health unit will also report on the findings. Please share the survey link at your school, and help us get parents involved in the focus groups.

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 secondary schools implement the Survey for students in grades 9-12 across the region. This is year 6 of 9, and surveys will take place from Dec. – May. Individual school results are shared with principals, and regional results with all schools data combined is shared with the health unit. Over the next few months regional data reports on the grades 6-8 SHAPES survey data (a similar survey but for younger students and completed last year) and COMPASS will be available on the health unit website.

Northern Fruit and Vegetable Program Update – Elementary

Schools have received fridges (if requested) and coordinators are in place in schools to begin receiving deliveries once per week starting in January. NFVP provides a serving of vegetable and a serving of fruit once per week, per student. It also includes educational resources for students and parents. We're excited to see this program roll out across the region!



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You're the Chef Update – 5-8

Many leaders were trained this fall to deliver this 6-session cooking program! Since then, many programs in schools and community locations have started or are planned. One-time honorariums were provided to all participants who took the training to purchase supplies needed to run the program for the first time.

Healthy Kids Community Challenge – Elementary

Theme 4 is "Power Off and Play" and information packages have been shared. Similar to the past 3 themes, schools can partner to run activities and implement policies related to reducing screen time. For more information visit www.northweststrong.ca

St. Louis School – Christmas concert schedule December 13 & 14 at 1:15 PM and December 14 at 7:00 PM. Christmas Parent Council luncheon is on December 19th; bottle drive coming in January; school choir sang at the lighting of the Christmas tree downtown Kenora.

Pope John Paul II School – Local restaurant Bob's Burgers held a fundraiser the month of November; donated \$1.00 from every burger sold – raised total of \$924.00. Christmas concert schedule December 20 at 12:00 and 6:30 PM.

Phyllis – Enterprise Canada Group is leading focus groups for KCDSB about what is our catholic system known for and will be developing a brochures. Random sample of parents will be attending a session Tuesday December 12, 4:30 to 5:30 PM. The intent is to collect feedback and perception about our schools and the board. Onsite babysitting and dinner to be provided. CPIC parents are invited to attend.

Paul – Please pass on to your school parent council the message that your voice is being heard and we want to hear your voice.

Anne Sweeney – Provided positive feedback regarding the child care centre at PJP II School.

7. **Next Meeting Date**: Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM, Catholic Education Centre

8. **Meeting Adjourned** - 12:56 PM