



Thunder Bay Catholic
District School Board

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

MEETING NO. 4 – 2012-2013

DATE: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 **TIME CONVENED:** 7:00 pm **TIME ADJOURNED:** 8:30 p.m. **SECRETARY:** D. Sebesta

PRESENT: Pino Tassone, Hanni Vale, Diane Berube, Rima Cieslik, Jennifer Clace, Dawnette Hoard, Jana Matikainen, Jen Meservia, Tracey Miceli, Alma Provenzano, MaryBryn Raymond, Chantal Vandermale, Pam Wilke

REGRETS: Eleanor Ashe, Les Austin, Susan Nistico

ABSENT: Jan Bazaluk, Rima Cieslik, Tanya Covello, Ludit Granadilo-Villegas, Eric-Robin Kaminsky, Catherine Pelletier, Braynna Scott, Michelle Woods

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 29, 2013 (Network Dinner)

AGENDA ITEM	DECISION / ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	DEADLINE
1. Opening Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pino led in opening prayer. 	Pino Tassone	
2. Review of Minutes – February 12, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pino reviewed the Minutes. 	Pino Tassone	
3. Bill 13 Key Changes – Information for Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pino hoped that principals have shared some of the information that has come from Bill 13 with School Councils. • Pino reviewed the key changes with committee. 	Pino Tassone	
4. Parent Engagement – Best Practices in our Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPIC members have been sending in ideas and would like everyone to share these ideas. • Hanni Vale - St. Elizabeth School: Trying to do parent math and reading nights as much as possible where parents can bring their children into the school. Teachers and parents volunteer. • St. Ignatius High School: Send out Parent Engagement packages to all parents. These packages went out to all the schools. Pam asked if the purchase of these could be covered through PRO Grants. Maybe access a couple of the small booklets in the package. • Alma Provenzano – St. Bernard School: Through the Thunder Bay District Health Unit at St. Bernard: Literacy/Health Evening. Students were involved. 	Pino Tassone	

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<p>4. Parent Engagement – Best Practices in our Schools (continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dawnette Hoard – Holy Family School: Holy Family School did something like St. Bernard School as well. There were stations that involved technology, and a vast number of things. Also held a Literacy Lunch. • Jen Meservia – St. Ann School: Every year we try to do an activity – this year its numbers. Last year the school did technology, e.g. Smartboard. There are stations as well. • Pam Wilke – St. Francis School: St. Francis has a Family Mass – everything is prepared by the teachers in the school. Regular Sunday mass and reception after. School tries to keep church involved. • Jana Matikainen – Corpus Christi School: Host an evening and have the Thunder Bay District Health Unit talk about body image, etc. Good newsletters that come out as well. • Jen Clace – St. Margaret School: Held a literacy night already in January. Thunderwolve’s reading books, technology in another room, constable presentation on cyber bullying, Book Fair, Thunder Bay District Health Unit making smoothies, raffle with bike donated by Sportcheck. In February held a family fun night – skating, college recreation program running everything. • MaryBryn Raymond – St. Martin School: School is having difficulty getting parents to come out to literacy or numeracy nights. One way is to get parents to come and see their kid’s performances. At least once a year there is Help Your Child with Numeracy or Literacy booklets come out. With the Newsletter there is a one sheet with parent tips. Calendar with events coming out for the next month is also available. There is a great reading program and a Greening Committee that several parents sit on. There is a family picnic in June which is a great way to get parents to come out. • Tracey Miceli – Pope John Paul: No parent engagement activities to report and that there is a need for councils to develop a better understanding of what the goal of parent engagement is. Many of the activities done at schools are driven by the schools themselves and while councils often provide support for these activities, we can strive to identify even one idea in a year for which PRO grants would be useful to apply for and which the school council can implement. • Rima Cieslik – St. Pius X School: Everyone touched on a lot of things. Hard to get someone that is really passionate and wants to do something. Principal does a great job keeping the newsletter up to date and keeping everything in it. Planting a tree in the school yard. • Hanni Vale spoke about applying for a grant on behalf of CPIC. 	<p>Pino Tassone</p>	
<p>5. Year of Faith Committee Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eleanor Ashe brought this to the last Board Meeting. A Board Ad Hoc Committee has been formed. Pino reviewed Eleanor’s report. If anyone is interested in sitting in on meetings, email Eleanor. 	<p>Pino Tassone</p>	

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6. OAPCE Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None at this time.		
7. May 29th Year End Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pino and Dawn have started to arrange the Network Dinner. Pino has someone in mind to speak on strength based training – Dr. Ed Rawana. Dr. Rawana also brings in bullying and what parents can do at home. He delivers a beautiful presentation on Strength Based Training. Pino will speak with him first thing in the morning and confirm his attendance.	Pino Tassone	
8. Next Meeting – May 29, 2013			
9. Closing Prayer / Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pino led the closing prayer.		