



Thunder Bay Catholic  
District School Board

## Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

MEETING NO. 2 – 2011/2012

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 1, 2012      **TIME CONVENED:** 7:00 pm      **TIME ADJOURNED:** 8:30 p.m.      **SECRETARY:** D. Sebesta

**PRESENT:** R. Kruse, E. Ashe, S. Nistico, A. Provenzano, J. Bazaluk, L. Villegas, M. Zussino, T. Miceli, H. Vale, D. Daigle, J. Clace,  
J. Stewart, M. O'Connor-Sposato

**REGRETS/ABSENT:** D. Berube, D. Jacobson, K. Lento, R. Cieslik

**NEXT MEETING:** April 11, 2012

AGENDA ITEM	DECISION / ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	DEADLINE
1. <b>Opening Prayer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rob led in opening prayer.</li> <li>• Rob distributed and highlighted a handout on Parent Involvement Committees. Presently there is not a CPIC chair, and Rob is requesting parents to let Dawn or Rob know if they are interested in becoming the chair by Friday, February 10, 2012.</li> </ul>	Rob Kruse	
2. <b>Items for Consideration</b>  2.1 PIC Symposium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board received correspondence last week from the Ministry of Education inviting us to send two parents from the Parent Involvement Committee to the Third Annual PIC Symposium in Toronto on April 20 and 21, 2012. Rob asked if anyone is interested in attending, let Dawn know by email; and we will start the planning. Hanni spoke about last year's symposium and advised it was excellent.</li> </ul>	Rob Kruse	
3. <b>Items of Information</b>  3.1 Planning Parent Engagement  3.2 Parent Newsletters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home &amp; School Connection</li> <li>• Parents Make the Difference</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Planning Parent Engagement" is a very new document that came out from the Council of Ontario Directors of Education about three weeks ago.</li> <li>• If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions around this document, bring them back to the next meeting.</li> <li>• There are two Parent Newsletters that last year's Committee approved – Home &amp; School Connection and Parents Make the Difference. The cost for Home &amp; School Connection is \$569 and is up for renewal. One of our initiatives could be to raise awareness of the two newsletters. These are also available through the Board website. CPIC agreed that the newsletters should be renewed.</li> </ul>	Rob Kruse  Rob Kruse	

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<p>3.3 OAPCE Report</p> <p>3.4 CPIC Policy Update</p> <p>3.5 Presentation – Superior Model</p> <p>3.6 Board Gala</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hanni gave an OAPCE report. Hanni has set a goal for herself as Director to visit every school in our Board and Superior North Catholic District School Board to make them aware of OAPCE.</li> <li>• OAPCE meets right before CPIC. An important OAPCE even is their AGM which is being held May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in Whitby. The Conference has a lot of workshops with the information on the workshops available by mid-February. Anyone interested in attending, let Dawn know. The Conference fee is \$40.00 and \$25.00 for dinner. We ask for CPIC to sponsor someone to go.</li> <li>• Currently OAPCE has six members and two from Superior North Catholic District School Board. If anyone is interested in joining OAPCE, let Hanni know as well.</li> <li>• The Policy is still in progress and will be brought to CPIC at a future meeting.</li> <li>• Through PowerPoint Rob did a presentation on the Superior Model. The Superior Model website is a portal that provides a focused search for the programs, services, and resources in our communities that support the mental health of children and youth. This was launched last Fall and developed through the work of a Committee Rob sits on with community partners and school boards. This website assists parents, schools, guidance counselors to help support children.</li> <li>• The Board Gala is being held on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Da Vince Centre. Tickets are \$125.00 each. The Hot Rods will be playing.</li> <li>• The charity that is being sponsored is the St. Joseph’s Care Group – Hospice and the Awards Trust Fund.</li> <li>• Individuals that are interested are asked to let Dawn know.</li> </ul>	<p>Rob Kruse</p> <p>Rob Kruse</p>	
<p>4. <b>Future Agenda Items</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The suggestion was made that it would be useful to have a guest speaker at the parent information nights talking about transitions and issues that will be coming up like attendance. Could this committee host or sponsor this? Rob said we could pass these thoughts on for next year. Put on future agenda – “Discuss recommendations for information nights that could be brought forward”.</li> <li>• Next agenda – “What we can do to bring councils together?”</li> </ul>		
<p>5. <b>Closing Prayer / Adjournment:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rob led the closing Prayer.</li> <li>• The next meeting is Wednesday, April 11, 2012.</li> </ul>		