



Thunder Bay Catholic
District School Board

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

MEETING NO. 1 – 2012-2013

DATE: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 **TIME CONVENED:** 7:00 pm **TIME ADJOURNED:** 7:50 p.m. **SECRETARY:** D. Sebesta

PRESENT: Pino Tassone, Joan Powell, Eleanor Ashe, Susan Nistico, Alma Provenzano, Jan Bazluk, Jana Matikainen, Dawnette Hoard, Ludit Villegas, Tracey Miceli, Diane Berube, Hanni Vale, Erick-Robin Kaminsky, Pam Wilke, Jennifer Clace, MaryBryn Raymond, Rima Cieslik, Bryanna Scott

REGRETS: Tanya Covello, Jen Meservia, Michelle Woods, Chantal Vandermale, Catherine Pelletier

NEXT MEETING: December 5, 2012

AGENDA ITEM	DECISION / ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	DEADLINE
1. Opening Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pino led in opening prayer. • Pino welcomed everyone and provided some background about himself and asked everyone to introduce themselves. 	Pino Tassone	
2. Review of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pino reviewed the Agenda. 	Pino Tassone	
3. OAPCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanni Vale, Regional Director for the Ontario Association for Parents of Catholic Education (OAPCE), provided an OAPCE update. OAPCE usually meets an hour or before the CPIC Meeting. Hanni has cards for anyone that would like one and can add anyone to the list. 	Hanni Vale	
4. Commissioning Ceremony – November 6, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Commissioning Ceremony invitation is provided in the packages. The Ceremony is at St. Ignatius High School in the Auditorium and the Bishop is planning something a little different this year as part of the commissioning. 	Pino Tassone	
5. Review of CPIC Procedural Handbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pino briefly reviewed the important points in the Handbook. The majority of CPIC must have trustee qualifications to sit on CPIC. • Three people advised they are members of the Board – MaryBryn Raymond (supply teacher), Jana Matikainen (secretary) and Dawnette Hoard (early childhood worker). 	Pino Tassone	

<p>6. Parent Tool Kit – Building Parent Engagement - Focus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Parent Tool Kit was provided to everyone. Copies of this kit will also be provided to every school. • Pino reviewed the information contained in the kit. There are some excellent tips to parents and a lot of the information is available electronically. • Building Parent Engagement is going to be the focus for CPIC this year. Committee members are asked to come up with some of their own focuses you might want to use in your school. The Committee will come up with our own focus as well. It is helpful to get insights from you as to how you connect with your school. • Email Pino (ptassone@tcdsb.on.ca or Dawn (dsebesta@tcdsb.on.ca) any parent strategies you might have for engaging parents in your schools. 	<p>Pino Tassone</p>	
<p>7. School Climate Surveys</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School climate surveys are going to be sent to schools and parents within the next month. Parents are going to be asked to complete surveys along with students and staff. • Ideas are needed as to how we can get parents to complete the survey once it is developed and on the Board website. This will take place during Bullying Prevention Week (between November 12 & 16th). • Pino would like you to share this information with your school councils. • Another opportunity or idea for parents to complete the survey would be to provide the information and link at parent teacher conferences. If parents do not have a computer at home, they could go on line at the school and complete the survey. Parents must know why this is important so they will complete the survey. There is a concern regarding parents completing the survey and being aware of the factors that may prevent this from occurring, e.g. not having a computer, computer not hooked up to internet, unable to read, etc. 	<p>Pino Tassone</p>	
<p>8. 2011-12 EQAO Results</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pino reviewed the EQAO Results. • Overall the Board did extremely well this year. 	<p>Pino Tassone</p>	
<p>9. 2012-2013 Meeting Schedule</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In package is the meeting schedule that has all the CPIC Meeting dates. • CPIC is asked to think about who they may want as a keynote speaker for the Networking Dinner in May. • Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and last no longer than an hour and a half. 	<p>Pino Tassone</p>	
<p>10. Selection of Chair(s)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanni Vale was nominated by Diane Berube and nominated by Pam Wilke. • There were no other nominations. • Hanni Vale is the CPIC Chair. 		

11. Closing Prayer / Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pino mentioned that the Board has hired a Mental Health Lead – Mirella Fata. Mirella has vast knowledge and experience and will be developing a mental health strategic plan for the Board. The Board added an additional counselor in the high school so there is one in each high school. Also there is a counselor being shared between the senior elementary schools. A mental health nurse is going to be hired in November.• Pino led the closing prayer.	Pino Tassone	
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