

Minutes of the January 27, 2020
Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting

Catholic Education Centre
Monday, January 27, 2020
165A D'Youville Street
Time: 6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Kristian Gareau – St. Paul
Lori Holden – Marymount Academy
Paola Stefanuto – St. Benedict
Susan Traverse-Wong – Immaculate Conception
Kristin Hall – St. Francis
Louise Franklin – Pius XII
Shannon Morin – Marymount Academy
Marsha Lowe – St. Benedict
Julie Brazier – St. Charles Elementary
Angela Polischuk – St. Charles Elementary
Matt Demers – Holy Trinity
Liz Larochelle – Immaculate Conception
Amanda Hayward – St. Charles Elementary
Natasha Folino – St. Francis
Jenna Serafini – Holy Cross

SCDSB: Joanne Bénard – Director of Education

1. Prayer and Welcome

Shannon Morin, Chair of PIC, led the prayer and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Board Update

J. Bénard provided a brief update on the following:

- a) Labour Relations: Updates with respect to job action will be posted on the Board website and shared through direct communication. The two-tiered system was explained.
- b) St. Albert Learning Centre has welcomed the Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario to their site. This partnership will help both Boards continue to offer excellent adult education programming. The official launch of the new partnership will be on Thursday, January 30.
- c) Enrolment continues to grow across the School Board. In June, we projected 5773 students and our current enrolment is 6229 students (an additional 456 students). We are very excited about this growth.

Vision: Leaders in Learning and Faith.

Mission: To realize each student's potential within our inclusive Catholic learning community by nurturing and developing their mind, body and spirit.

3. Presentation by the YMCA on Welcoming Newcomers to our School Communities

Jasmine Gervais and Jean Bah from the YMCA provided an excellent presentation on welcoming newcomers to our School Communities (see attached presentation).

We reviewed the various immigration services, tips for working with immigrants, and welcome activities.

These tips included getting to know them and learning to pronounce their name, asking questions, learning about their culture and setting up a buddy system at the school for the parent(s) and for the child(ren).

Next steps: We will be organizing welcome folders to be handed out to our new families when they register at our schools. Board staff will facilitate this with the assistance of the YMCA.

4. Carousel Event

The Annual Carousel Event is scheduled for April 7, 2020 at St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School.

Possible topics include:

- Vaping
- Immigration (YMCA)
- Human Trafficking
- Social Media, including new tools being used by students (YOLO, Snapchat)
- Cybercrime and how to protect our youth
- Gaming Addiction
- Xelo
- Secondary pathways, including HSM
- Student Senate
- Coding

5. Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre. The focus will be on Indigenous Education with Joel Agowissa.