

Minutes of the November 4, 2019  
Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting

Catholic Education Centre  
Monday, November 4, 2019  
165A D'Youville Street  
Time: 6:00 p.m.

**In attendance:** Kristian Gareau – St. Paul  
Popoola Tayo – St. David  
Jason Michelutti – Holy Cross  
Lori Holden – Marymount Academy  
Paola Stefanuto – St. Benedict  
Stephanie Manarin – Marymount Academy  
Susan Traverse-Wong – Immaculate Conception  
Kristin Hall – St. Francis  
Andryanna Gonko – Pius XII  
Louise Franklin – Pius XII  
Sherry Jordan – St. Charles College  
Devon Crossgrove-Garland – Holy Cross  
Mia Gedye – St. James  
Shannon Morin – Marymount Academy  
Marsha Lowe – St. Benedict  
Julie Brazier – St. Charles Elementary  
Angela Polischuk – St. Charles Elementary

**SCDSB:** Michael Bellmore – Chair of the Board  
Joanne Bénard – Director of Education  
Joan Yawney-Matz – Curriculum Consultant

## 1. Prayer and Welcome

Shannon Morin (PIC Chair) began the meeting with a prayer and invited all participants to introduce themselves.

## 2. Board Update

Michael Bellmore, Board Chair, provided an update:

- a. Enrollment: We projected 5,773 students for September of 2019. We welcomed 6,181, that is an increase of 408 students above projections for a total of 4,368 elementary students and 1,813 secondary students. What is important to note is that between April of last year and the end of October this year we welcomed 198 students from outside of Canada, including Germany, Bahamas, United Kingdom, Spain, Mexico, Peru, Italy, however our largest influx of students are from Nigeria. We are thrilled to bring greater diversity into our schools.

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**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.

- b. We are committed to continuing to ensure that all of our schools are welcoming, safe spaces for both students and staff. Each year we identify our priority projects. The capital projects this past summer included:
- Pius XII Classroom Renovation phase II
  - Immaculate Conception Roof Section Replacement – The school has now been completely renovated
  - Marymount Academy Phase III LED Retrofit and Classroom/ Corridor Renovation/ Breakfast Hub
  - St Charles College Gym Humidification
  - St Charles College Corridor/ LED Lighting and Electrical
  - St Charles Roof Section Replacement
  - St James Playground Enhancements with the support of the Catholic School Council
  - St Benedict LED retrofit
  - St Benedict Food Room Renovations
  - St John Boiler Retrofit
  - St Francis Corridor/ LED Lighting/ Electrical

Note. The LED retrofits are reducing energy costs and enhancing classroom space.

- c. New Superintendent of School Effectiveness: We are pleased to welcome our Superintendent Peter Prochlio who comes to us from Thunder Bay Catholic. His main responsibilities include Secondary programming and International Education. He also supervises all secondary schools as well as Holy Cross.
- d. St. Albert Learning Centre: We have been completing many upgrades to the school and will be welcoming the French Catholic School Board into our facility where they will house their adult education program. We are very pleased to enter into this partnership as it will be more cost effective and will allow us both to offer excellent programming for students 16 years of age or more. St. Albert's offers alternative programming for students ages 16 to 18, adult education, as well as the Personal Support Worker program.
- e. Collective Bargaining: Bill 122 - *The School Boards Collective Bargaining Act, 2014 (SBCBA)* provides a "framework for two-tiered bargaining for collective agreements between school boards and their employees" under which the provincial government and trustees' associations directly participate in central collective bargaining as co-management partners. Under the SBCBA, trustees' associations are the statutory central employer bargaining agents for school boards in central negotiations with teachers' federations and education worker unions. All processes for central negotiations are established, implemented and monitored at the central table. For both OECTA and CUPE local bargaining will take place only once bargaining is ratified provincially. Members of PIC were reminded that updates with respect to negotiations will be posted on our website and/or through direct communication with parents/guardians.

### 3. Roles and responsibilities of PIC

The roles and responsibilities of PIC was reviewed by Joanne B  nard (see attached power point).

#### 4. The new Health and Physical Education (HPE) curriculum

The new HPE curriculum helps students learn the skills and knowledge they need to lead healthy, active lives and make healthy and safe choices.

Some highlights of Ontario's 2019 elementary HPE curriculum include:

- more learning about mental health including a new section on social-emotional learning (SEL) skills
- new and updated learning about body image, consent and online safety
- new learning about concussions
- sexual health education that is age-appropriate

At Sudbury Catholic every student in Grades 1 to 8 are taught the expectations within the HPE curriculum that cover the topics of human development and human sexuality within our Family Life curriculum approved by our Catholic Bishops. We use the *Fully Alive* program.

Please see the following link for a *Parent's guide to Understanding Family Life in Catholic Schools and how it connects to Ontario's Health and Physical Education Curriculum* produced by the Institute for Catholic Education. [Link to ICE, Parent Resource](#)

You can also visit the Ministry of Education's site for more information regarding the Health and Physical education curriculum. [Link to Ministry of Education](#)

Shannon thanked Joan on behalf of the committee for her excellent and informative presentation.

#### 5. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Shannon Morin (Marymount Academy) was nominated once again and unanimously elected as the Chair for the 2019-2020 PIC. The committee acknowledged and thanked Shannon for her ongoing support and commitment to Sudbury Catholic and for her leadership.

Paola Stefanuto (St. Benedict) was nominated and unanimously elected as the Vice-Chair for the 2019-2020 PIC. The committee thanked Paola for agreeing to fill the position and for her leadership.

#### 6. Next Steps

##### a) Meeting dates

The following PIC meeting dates have been established: January 27, 2020, March 31, 2020 and April 27, 2020. All meetings will be from 6:00 to 7:30 at the Catholic Education Centre.

Suggested topics for the meetings included: Vaping; International Education; Xello (Career Exploration); Experiential learning including the trades; elementary music; student safety; including concussions; supporting our newcomer families; and Indigenous Education.

##### b) Carousel Evening is to be held on February 19 at St. Benedict Catholic Secondary school.

- c) Catholic School Council Annual Event to be held on June 1 at Marymount Academy.
- d) Public presentation by keynote speaker Karl Subban for parents, educators and community partners – June 15, 2020 in the evening (details to follow).

**5. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on January 27, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre