

Minutes of the October 26, 2020
Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting

via Zoom
Monday, October 26, 2020
165A D'Youville Street
Time: 6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Tayo Popoola – St. David
Shannon Morin, Chair – Marymount Academy
Cassandra Tenbergen – Marymount Academy
Karen Young – St. Paul
Kristian Gareau – St. Paul
Guy Mathieu – Immaculate Conception
Lori Holden – Holy Cross
Annik Roy – Holy Cross
Devon Crossgrove – Holy Cross
Sherry Jordan – St. Charles College
Laura Kuzenko – St. Benedict
Paola Stefanuto, Vice Chair – St. Benedict
Julie Brazier – St. Charles Elementary
Amanda Demore – St. Francis
Natasha Folino – St. Francis
Christina McMillan Boyles – Remote Learning School
Louise Franklin – Pius XII
Andryanna Gonko – Pius XII

SCDSB: Michael Bellmore – Chair of the Board
Joanne Bénard – Director of Education

1. Prayer and Welcome

Shannon Morin, Chair, welcomed all participants to the first PIC meeting of the 2020-2021 school year.

2. Board Update

M. Bellmore, Chair of the Board, shared Board highlights with the committee. These included the following:

- a) Student enrolment update:
 - i. Face to face – elementary: 3,550 students
 - ii. Remote – elementary: 909 (26%) students
 - iii. Face to face – secondary: 1,407 students
 - iv. Remote – secondary: 423 (30%) students

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) Budget update: In the summer, a balanced budget was presented and accepted. However, in the fall, in order to effectively respond to Covid-19, the budget was revisited and the Board of Trustees approved the use of 1.2 million in reserves to pay for costs related to staffing, PPE and additional cleaning requirements.

The Board has also received funds from the Ministry of Education to assist with the additional expenses resulting from Covid-19. The total amount received to date is \$1,007,196.

- c) M. Bellmore provided an overview of the re-opening plan and thanked administration for all of their work in preparing for a safe return to school.
- d) An overview of the capital projects completed this past summer was presented. This included:
 - i. gym floors at Pius XII, St. James and St. Paul
 - ii. CEC/Marymount Academy roof, ventilation and exterior upgrades
 - iii. LED lighting retrofits at St. Francis and St. Benedict
 - iv. Holy Trinity site plan/parking area enhancements
 - v. St. Charles College interior renovation phase II
 - vi. St. Albert and St. John LED exterior lighting
 - vii. St. Charles Elementary washroom upgrades

- 3. S. Morin provided an update on the provincial PIC activities. She spoke to the varying needs across the province and she emphasized the fact that no one solution would meet the needs of all Boards. She indicated that many parents are struggling with not being able to volunteer or engage in fundraising activities at this time. She emphasized the importance of PIC meetings and maintaining our connection with each other.
- 4. J. Bénard provided an overview of PIC including the purpose, what makes an effective PIC, resources to support the work of Catholic School Council members, as well as the available funds to support parent engagement at the school level. (see PowerPoint attached)

5. 2020-2021 Election

- a) Shannon Morin was nominated as Chair of the 2020-2021 PIC. The committee unanimously supported the nomination and thanked Shannon for her leadership and commitment to Sudbury Catholic Schools.
- b) Paola Stefanuto was nominated as the Vice Chair of the 2020-2021 PIC. The committee unanimously supported the nomination and thanked Paola for her leadership and commitment to Sudbury Catholic Schools.

- 6. J. Bénard provided an overview of the reopening plan, located at <https://www.sudburycatholicschools.ca/school-reopening-information-for-2020-2021-school-year/>, and addressed questions/inquiries.
- 7. P. Stefanuto led a discussion on how we can support families in need at this time. She indicated that many families across the district are experiencing financial challenges and suggested that we work together across schools to raise funds to support families during the Christmas season. The committee fully endorsed this idea. Shannon and Paola are to put a

letter together to send to all school councils, inviting them to participate in this opportunity. Funds raised could go towards gift cards to be delivered to families in need across our system.

8. Next Steps

- a) PIC meeting dates for the 2020-2021 school year. All meetings will go from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.:
 - December 7, 2020
 - February 8, 2021
 - April 12, 2021
 - June 7, 2021
- b) We discussed offering learning sessions for parents over the next school year through Zoom. Suggested topics include the safe use of technology, Mental Health and Well Being, depression, and gaming.

9. Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Focus area: Mental Health and Well Being.