



Thunder Bay Catholic  
District School Board

## Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

### MEETING NO. 1 – 2013-2014

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**DATE:** Wednesday, October 30, 2013      **TIME CONVENED:** 7:00 pm      **TIME ADJOURNED:** 8:05 p.m.      **SECRETARY:** D. Sebesta

**PRESENT:** Pine Tassone, Hanni Vale, Eleanor Ashe, Kevin Byce, Jane Chassé, Rima Cieslik, Ludit Granadillo-Villegas, Crystal Herman, Dawnette Hoard, Annette Klement, Tracey Miceli, Susan Nistico, Bryanna Scott, Pam Wilke, Zoie Yurick

**REGRETS:** Alma Provenzno

**ABSENT:** Jan Bazaluk, Jennifer Clace, Michelle Woods

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, December 4, 2013

AGENDA ITEM	DECISION / ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	DEADLINE
1. <b>Opening Prayer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pino led in opening prayer.</li> </ul>	Pino Tassone	
2. <b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pino gave a short introduction of himself.</li> <li>All CPIC members in attendance introduced themselves and what school they represented.</li> </ul>	Pino Tassone	
3. <b>Review CPIC Procedural Handbook</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pino suggested to the Committee that they take home the CPIC Procedural Handbook and if they have any questions to email him. He reviewed certain points in the handbook – purpose of CPIC, membership, chair, meetings etc. Pino announced and congratulated Hanni Vale for accepting the position as CPIC Chair for the second year.</li> </ul>	Pino Tassone	
4. <b>OAPCE Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hanni provided an Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) update. OAPCE meets 5 times a year usually right before the CPIC Meeting at the Catholic Education Centre. The final meeting is a large conference. Anyone interested in sitting on OAPCE, let Hanni know by email.</li> </ul>	Hanni Vale	
5. <b>Commissioning Ceremony</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every year there is a Commissioning Service for all council members. This year it will take place on November 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Ignatius High School in the Auditorium beginning at 7:00 p.m.</li> <li>GCK Consulting will be there to gather information for developing the Board's multi-year strategic plan. The session will involve an activity that will take approximately 30 to 45 minutes after Commissioning Service.</li> </ul>	Pino Tassone	

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<p>6. <b>Review 2012-13 EQAO Provincial Results</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pino provided the Board EQAO results to the committee; this included the Gr. 3 and 6 Assessment, the Gr. 9 Math Assessment and the Gr. 10 OSSLT. Overall we are very proud of our results in comparison to the region and province. This is in large due to the parents and the hard work they do with their children at home. High school results were excellent as well.</li> <li>• The Board's focus this year will be numeracy.</li> <li>• For more in information see EQAO website: <a href="http://www.eqao.com">www.eqao.com</a></li> </ul>	<p>Pino Tassone</p>	
<p>7. <b>Parent Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ We All Belong Multimedia Tool Kit</li> <li>➤ Bullying – We can Help Stop It</li> <li>➤ Creating Safe and Accepting Schools for Parents</li> <li>➤ Parents Matter – Parent Engagement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CPIC has been provided with the following Parent Resources:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ We All Belong Multimedia Toolkit. Pino reviewed what was in the toolkit. Schools were provided with this toolkit as well. Pino suggested members review it and may want to bring some ideas back to this committee.</li> <li>➤ Bullying – We Can Help Stop It, A Guide for Parents. This is an excellent book that we will be ordering for all our schools. An excellent read that defines bullying and bullying intervention and prevention.</li> <li>➤ Creating Safe and Accepting Schools for Parents. This is a good read as well. Each school has a safe school team and a parent must sit on this committee. This team develops the school bullying plan. A school climate survey was done last year; the results of this survey are used to develop this year's plan. Bullying prevention plans should be in place by November. A new school climate survey will be done this year, but will be piloted only in some of our schools. We hope to have this survey out just before or after Christmas. This survey will most likely only focus on staff and students and may be delivered in all schools next year.</li> <li>➤ Parents Matter – Parent Engagement. A lot of information can be accessed through <a href="http://Ontario.ca/EDU">Ontario.ca/EDU</a> parents. Hanni mentioned that you can obtain more information through People for Education as well.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Pino Tassone</p>	
<p>8. <b>2013-14 New Initiatives</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secondary School Technology Pilot: This year we are piloting the Apple computer within our secondary schools. 13 teachers have been trained in each high school. 6 classroom carts of Ipad mini computers are housed each school as well. The purpose is to train our teachers with good pedagogy in using technology. The pilot will be assessed throughout the year. If the pilot does work, we may incorporate more technology in our schools. We are leaning towards students bringing in their own devices. The PC platform will continue in high schools.</li> </ul>	<p>Pino Tassone</p>	

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<p>9. <b>2013-14 New Initiatives</b>                      (continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer Days in High Schools: Volunteer hours are a graduation requirement for students, each student must accumulate 40 volunteer hours to graduate. The Board has assigned 4 Early Release Days during the year to support students in obtain their volunteer hours. The Early Release Days will take place on October 30, November 27, March 27 and May 7. We are working with Volunteer Thunder Bay to support students with volunteer placements.</li> <li>• Parent Engagement Project: St. Jude and Our Lady of Charity Schools are involved in this project which is coordinated by renowned researcher, Dr. Ken Leithwood. The project focuses specifically on Aboriginal families.</li> <li>• Strength-Based Programming: Dr. Ed Rawana psychologist from Lakehead University has developed a program to provide strength-based training for the teachers. The program is aimed at enhancing school climate and supporting student success. Three schools have been identified and Pino will provide this information at the next meeting.</li> <li>• Elementary Day Treatment Program: The Elementary Day Treatment class will offer mental health services to young children who are experiencing mental health issues. This program is currently being housed at St. Vincent School and is affiliated with Children's Centre Thunder Bay for providing counseling services.</li> <li>• St. Ann received a grant from Future Shop of just under \$20,000 to upgrade their technology. They purchased Smartboards and iPads.</li> </ul>		
<p>10. <b>2013-2014 Meeting Schedule</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CPIC has been provided with meeting schedule. Next meeting will take place on November 19, on this day we will have our Commissioning Service.</li> <li>• For the June 4th meeting, which is a Networking Session/Dinner, please think about ideas for a presentation.</li> <li>• Please come up with parent engagement activities that are being done at your schools to share with this Committee at the next meeting and information regarding schools that apply for PRO grants.</li> </ul>	<p>Pino Tassone</p>	
<p>11. <b>Closing Prayer / Adjournment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pino led the closing prayer.</li> </ul>		