



Parent Involvement Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 23, 2012

12:00 (noon) – Room #3

MINUTES

Present: Joanne MacEwan, Cathy Philpott, Alison Baizana, Julian Hanlon, Laura Johnston, Cindy Owens, Alana Schryburt

Regrets: Patricia Walsh, Karen Delaney, Mirna Akkawi

Prayer: Julian Hanlon, Director

Welcome: Joanne MacEwan, Chair

- New committee member Cindy Owens, Principal of Sacred Heart High School, was welcomed to the committee

1. PIC Symposium in Toronto (information attached)

- The Chair provided an overview on the memorandum from the Ministry of Education, dated February 6, 2012, subject: Covering travel and accommodation costs of two members of the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) to attend the Minister's third annual PIC Symposium, April 20-21, 2012.
- It was agreed by the committee that Joanne MacEwan and Cathy Philpott will attend in April.

2. People for Education – March 3rd, 2012 meeting in Toronto

- The Chair informed the committee that the People for Education composition is a group of parents from around the province who support the community and discuss educational issues around the province. The meeting on Saturday, March 3rd will be focused on the Drummond Report.
- The Director provided an overview on his perspective of the Drummond Report and expected timeline for the GSNs for the Board's budget

- The PIC support budget has funds available to support attendance at this meeting (\$700) and the Chair is seeking approval from the committee to use these funds to cover expenses for her to attend.

Moved by: Cathy Philpott

Seconded by: Laura Johnston

THAT JOANNE MACEWAN, PIC CHAIR, ATTEND THE PEOPLE FOR EDUCATION MEETING ON MARCH 3, 2012 AND THAT UP TO \$700 OF THE PIC SUPPORT BUDGET BE USED TO COVER EXPENSES.

Carried

3. Review of PIC and PRO Grants (see Report Back Form for PIC attached)

- The PIC form was reviewed and members of the committee were informed that this form will be sent to the school principals early in May.
- It was suggested that 4-5 ideas for spending these funds be included with the form when sent to schools to help principals with initiatives for engaging parents
- It was noted that ideas are posted on the CSPA website but it might be helpful to put together a list of past expenditures
- As some schools have spent their funds or possibly will before May, it was suggested that the form be posted on the CSPA and the school board's website for access.
- **ACTION:** Report-back form to be posted on the CSPA website and the Board's website; and, 4-5 suggested ways to spend funds also be posted with the form

4. Budget: PRO Regional Grant (\$9000) and PIC Support Budget (\$11,200)

- PRO Regional Grant: An overview was provided on the Regional Grant. This Grant supported/will support three events and are jointly hosted by CSPA, PIC and the OCSB. "Parenting Now: Supporting Healthy Minds" took place on November 12th, 2011. Over 250 parents attended this Symposium. The Keynote was Dr Bruce Ferguson and a number of workshops were offered around Mental Health.. "Parenting Now: What's Up with Today's Youth?" will be held on Saturday, March 31st at St. Patrick's High School. The Keynote is Dr Michael Cheng and a variety of workshops will be offered to parents. Additionally, expenses will come from this grant for the keynote speaker, Dr. Karyn Gordon, who will be speaking to over 600 attendees at the Director's Forum which will be held on Wednesday, February 29th at St. Paul High School.
- PIC Support Budget: A screen presentation was provided on the projected support budget for the 2011-2012 school year. An overview was provided by the Chair showing that less than \$50 would be available in this account at the end of the budget should all projected invoices be correct. The Budget covers costs incurred by CSPA by funding meetings, travel expenses of CSPA Executive members attending Board committee meetings, supports website and communication and helps fund "Parenting Now" Symposiums (see above).
- PRO Grants: as these will be released in April for the coming year it was suggested that a list of ways to spend these funds be outlined at a CSPA meeting
- The Director said that at a Catholic Learning Leaders meeting he will inform principals that if they have an upcoming event for parents, they can contact the PIC Chair to see if funds are available to collaborate on the event.
- **ACTION:** Monitor Budget spending.

Moved by: Laura Johnston
Seconded by: Cathy Philpott

THAT THE REVISED PIC SUPPORT BUDGET (\$11,200) BE APPROVED

Carried

5. Parent Engagement Initiatives

- The Director informed the committee that funds in the PIC Support Budget could be used to develop a video around the Board's French program which would be streamed on the Board's website for all parents to view. High Schools that offer media production will be approached to work with the Board's Communication Department

Moved by: Cathy Philpott
Seconded by: Laura Johnston

THAT UP TO \$4000 OF THE PIC SUPPORT BUDGET BE ALLOCATED TO THE DIRECTOR FOR USE IN CREATING A VIDEO FOR PARENTS SO THEY MAY BE INFORMED ABOUT THE BOARD'S FRENCH PROGRAM

Carried

6. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 30, 2012, noon, Room #3

- Call for agenda items