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AGENDA

NIAGARA CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020

6:30 P.M.

**FATHER KENNETH BURNS, C.S.C. BOARD ROOM
CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE, WELLAND, ONTARIO**

Note: Co-Chair, Chris Kouroushis will preside over the meeting until the election of the Chair of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

- 1. Welcome and Opening Prayer**-*Director's Designate-Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education*

Returning Parent Members and Community Representative:

Shonna Daly, Fort Erie/Port Colborne/Wainfleet
Co-Chair, Chris Kouroushis, Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake
Jitto Tom Uthup, Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake
Marilyn Fabiano, Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake
Rita Colling, Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake
Jeremy Harb, St. Catharines
Melanie Oakes-Flegg, Welland
Carrie Vernelli, Welland
Shelley Gilbert, Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Returning Board Members

Dino Sicoli, Vice-Chair of the Board
Leanne Prince, Trustee of the Board

Returning Staff

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Director's Designate, Superintendent of Education
Josie Rocca, Support Staff
Yvonne Anderson, Recording Secretary

New Members:

Fr. Paul MacNeil, Bishop/Diocesan Representative
Jessica Coutinho, Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln/Pelham
Todd Ulbinas, Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln/Pelham
Mary-Kate O'Hara-Skubel, Merritton/Thorold
George Roussos, St. Catharines
Joe Tornabuono, Elementary Principal Representative
Lou Stranges, Secondary Principal Representative
Allan Buri, Secondary Student Senate Representative from Lakeshore Catholic

2. Roll Call-Co-Chair Kouroushis

3. Commissioning of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee-Fr. Paul MacNeil

All members of the NCPIC will participate in the annual commissioning of NCPIC members in accordance with the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Policy and Administrative Operational Procedures No. 800.7., and the By-Laws of the NCPIC.

4. Approval of the Agenda-Co-Chair Kouroushis

5. Terms of Office for Parent Members-Co-Chair Kouroushis

The Terms of Office will be determined for parent/guardian members in accordance with the *Education Act*:

TERM OF OFFICE

37. (1) The term of office of some of the parent members of a parent involvement committee shall be one year and the term of office of some of the parent members shall be two years, as provided in the by-laws of the committee. O. Reg. 330/10, s. 6.

6. Declaration of Conflict of Interest-Co-Chair Kouroushis

7. Election of the Chair of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee-Superintendent Forsyth-Sells

An election will take place for the Chair of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee. The 2020-2021 election of the Chair will be for a term of one year to fill the vacancy of the Chair, due to the resignation of the Chair.

EDUCATION ACT-OFFICERS

38. (8) A vacancy in the office of chair, co-chairs or any office provided for in the by-laws of a parent involvement committee, shall be filled in accordance with the by-laws of the committee. O. Reg. 330/10, s. 6.

Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee-By-Laws

Eligibility

1. Only parent members that have been elected/appointed to the committee for a two-year term are eligible to be elected as the Chair/Co-Chair(s). **(Not applicable for the 2020-2021 school year).**

2. Parent members with only one year left of their term are not eligible to stand for election as a Chair/Co-Chair(s). **(Not applicable for the 2020-2021 school year).**
3. An individual may not serve more than two consecutive terms (four years) as Chair/Co-Chair(s) unless at least one full two year term has elapsed since the last term as Chair/Co-Chair(s).
4. An employee of the Board cannot serve as the Chair/Co-Chair(s) of the committee.

Election of the Chair

The election of the Chair shall be by nomination and vote by secret ballot. The candidate receiving a clear majority of votes cast by all parent members present shall be elected but the count shall not be declared. Should no candidate receive a clear majority of votes cast, the candidate receiving the least number of votes shall be dropped and balloting shall be continued in this manner until a majority of ballots cast shall be in favour of one person or an equality of vote result in a tie, in which one further ballot shall be held. If an equality of votes shall result again, the candidates shall draw lots (straws) to fill the position. The drawing of lots shall be done in alphabetical order and the person who draws the longest straw shall be elected.

After the election of the Chair, the newly elected Chair of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee will chair the remainder of the meeting.

8. Approval of Minutes of the NCPIC Meeting of September 10, 2020

B. PRESENTATION

1. Niagara Catholic Virtual School

C. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Faith Formation-*Josie Rocca*
2. Goals/Parent Engagement Events

D. POLICY FEEDBACK

- There are no policies currently being vetted at this time.

E. CHAIR/CO-CHAIR REPORTS

- Nil Report

F. DIRECTOR'S DESIGNATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee-Newsletter Insert
2. Thank you letters on behalf of the NCPIC
3. Review of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee By-Laws
4. 2020-2021 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant
5. NCPIC Financial Report

G. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

1. Society of St. Vincent de Paul-*Shelley Gilbert*

H. SEAC REPORT

I. BISHOP/DIOCESAN REPRESENTATIVE REPORT-*Fr. Paul MacNeil*

J. STUDENT SENATE REPORT-*Allan Buri*

K. STAFF REPORT-*Joe Tornabuono and Lou Stranges*

L. TRUSTEE REPORT-*Vice-Chair Sicoli and Trustee Prince*

M. NEW BUSINESS/AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

N. NEXT MEETING: January 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

O. CLOSING PRAYER

P. ADJOURNMENT