



ATTENDANCE

Members

DJ Laprise, Christ the King Catholic School
Emily Gurd, Christ the King Catholic School
Felicia Ceccacci-Smiths, Georges P Vanier Catholic School
Carla Annett - Good Shepherd Catholic School
Allison Lee-Holloway - Holy Family Catholic School
Sarah Packet, Holy Rosary Catholic School
Ashley Nottley - Sacred Heart Catholic School, Port Lambton
Daniel Belanger, St. Angela Merici Catholic School
Christine Rowland, St. Angela Merici Catholic School
Kate Vilaranda, St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim
Christine Thompson, St. Elizabeth Catholic School
Gemma Vitella, St. Michael Catholic School, Bright's Grove
Shauna Ward-Carver, St. Philip Catholic School
Tracy Pound, St. Patrick's Catholic High School
Tressa Brown, St. Patrick's Catholic High School

Trustees, Administration & Staff

Chris Kehoe	Daniela Mezzatesta	Michael Giroux
Chris Preece	Angie Ellis	Janine Ross

Chair: Tressa Brown

Recording Secretary: Josselyne Segeren

1. Welcome

Chris called the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone and thanked the parents for joining our first PIC meeting of the school year.

2. Land Acknowledgement & Opening Prayer

Chris Kehoe led the Land Acknowledgement and Daniela Mezzatesta led the opening prayer.

3. Approval of Meeting Notes - Tressa Brown

Motion: (Allison Lee-Holloway & DJ Laprise) That the meeting notes for the Parent Involvement Committee meeting of Wednesday, April 20, 2022, be approved.



4. Approval of Meeting Agenda - Tressa Brown

Motion: (Sarah Packet & Christine Thompson) That the meeting agenda for the Parent Involvement Committee meeting of Wednesday, October 19, 2022, be approved.

5. Mental Health & Wellbeing Presentation

Chris Preece introduced herself as the Mental Health Lead. She said she has worked in Children's health for 32 years, and has been with SCCDSB for 9 years.

Chris began by explaining that we can help students to flourish no matter their background, and she engaged parents using an activity.

She presented some background information and discussed the Mental Health Continuum. She showed skill based activities that are being implemented in the classroom.

The importance of social emotional learning was discussed, and using consistent language is important. She gave a series of questions to think about.

Chris talked about emerging trends across the province. It is important to be digitally aware. There are many supports available for students in our schools. Chris reviewed the various supports, and also showed parents the websites both for St. Clair CDSB and School Mental Health Ontario. She reviewed the roles of staff including Social Workers, Child & Youth Workers, and Attendance Counselors, and the Compassionate Care Team.

6. Structured Literacy Presentation

Angie Ellis and Janine Ross showed a video clip of literacy in action in our classrooms at SCCDSB. They explained that the Ontario Human Rights Commission released the Right to Read document. The new structured literacy approach is good for all students, and essential for some students. All students are receiving Tier 1 support as part of regular classroom instruction. There is Tier 2 support for some small groups and individual student support as part of tutoring.

Angie and Janine walked parents through a structured literacy lesson that would take place in the classroom. They showed a sample of the FlyLeaf books that students are using in the classroom. Each booklet corresponds with a lesson, and builds with each new book in the series. These books are called "decodable" books. The repetition in the lessons are building student confidence in reading.

Sounds walls are part of the program and show students visuals with the sounds. Slide decks have been created for every book in the FlyLeaf series, and they are available on the staff hub for all teachers. They modelled activities that teachers would use in their classrooms and parents saw a presentation and some samples of resources. Some helpful tips for parents include practicing letters and sounds, using the proper pencil grips, and reading every day.

7. Closing Prayer

Michael Giroux led the closing prayer.

8. Adjournment

Chris Kehoe adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.