



Memorandum

TO: School Council Chairs/Co-chairs & St. David Family of Schools, Monsignor Doyle CSS & St. Benedict CSS Administrators

FROM: Judy Merkel, Superintendent of Learning

CC: CPIC, Director of Education & Trustees

DATE: September 7, 2017

SUBJECT: Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Membership

The Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) within the Waterloo Catholic District School Board is seeking new members. The CPIC exists to help the Waterloo Catholic District School Board further their goal of engaging parents in their children's education, in order to improve student achievement and well-being.

The CPIC is responsible for seeking the advice and ideas of school councils, other parents and partners as they plan and implement strategies to involve more parents at the regional level. We benefit from an active CPIC that has provided direction and support to a number of activities in the past (i.e. feedback on Board Improvement Plan, special speakers for the parent community, "Engaging Parents" workshops for school administrators, teachers, and parents).

The Ministry of Education, based on a large body of significant research, believes that increased parent involvement will result in improved student achievement, reduced absenteeism, better behaviour and more confidence in children. The government also believes that increased parent involvement will benefit teachers, principals, trustees and board officials. Under the Ministry's direction, each school board supports a Board-level CPIC that is chaired by a parent. The membership includes a majority of parents (representing each family of schools), trustees, a representative from the Deanery, and has a direct link to the Director of Education.

The CPIC parent term of office is two years, and we are currently seeking parent replacements in the 2017-18 School Year as follows:

- **Cambridge Secondary (1 Vacancy)**
- **St. David Family of School - Elementary (1 Vacancy)**
- **Monsignor Doyle Family of School – Elementary (1 Vacancy)**

Criteria

Parent representatives must have a child in the school system. Ideally the parent should be on Catholic School Council. If the parent representatives' child leaves elementary, secondary or the system the parent must resign from the committee. The parent of an elementary student transferring from elementary to secondary may apply to represent that panel.

The Parent representatives on CPIC will select representatives to the CPIC from those qualified parents who have submitted an application form.

CPIC meets throughout the school year during the evenings, as a committee member you are committing yourself to attending the dates listed below, if you are not able to attend, a courtesy regret is requested.

- Wednesday, October 11th, 2017 – 5:00 pm (CEC – Board Room)
- Wednesday, November 8, 2017 – 5:00 pm (CEC - Board Room)
- Wednesday, January 10, 2018 – 5:00 pm (CEC – St. Aloysius)
- Wednesday, February 14, 2018 – 5:00 pm (CEC – Board Room)
- Wednesday, March 21, 2018 – 5:00 pm (CEC- Board Room)
- Wednesday, May 9, 2018 – 5:00 pm (CEC- Board Room)
- Wednesday, June 13, 2018 – 5:00 pm (CEC – Board Room)

Further information on CPIC can be found at:

<https://www.wcdsb.ca/parents/pic/pic.html>

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/PIC.html>

Interested parents from the available openings above are invited to complete the attached application form and submit to Alice Figueiredo via email to alice.figueiredo@wcdsb.ca by September 29th, 2017.

Yours truly,

Judy Merkel

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