



Kenora Catholic District School Board

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CPIC MEETING
Minutes
December 6, 2023

MEETING DATE:	Wednesday, December 6, 2023
LOCATION OF MEETING	Board Room at CEC and Microsoft Teams
SUBJECT OF MEETING:	Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
TIME OF MEETING:	Lunch 11:30 AM – Meeting 11:45 AM – 12:21 PM
NEXT MEETING:	Wednesday, February 7, 2024

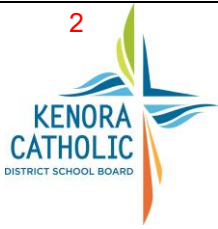
ATTENDED BY:

	ATTENDANCE	PERSON	TITLE
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Janet Paulson	École Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoys Representative
2.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jenn Myshrall	St. Louis School Parent Representative
3.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gianna Poltronetti	St. John School Parent Representative
4.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Crystal Wilson	St. John Paul II School Representative
5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sue Devlin	Mental Health Clinical Supervisor
6.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Erin Hercun	St. Louis School – Elementary Principal
7.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jared Ralko	St. Thomas Aquinas High School – Vice Principal
8.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Randi Casey	Northwestern Health Unit Community Representative
9.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nicole Kurtz	Director of Education
10.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maureen Frankcom	Assistant to the Director
11.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theresa Gallik	Chair – KCDSB Trustee
12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul Landry	Vice Chair – KCDSB Trustee
13.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Angela Bishop	Trustee Representative
14.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Derek Favreau	Trustee Representative
15.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cathy McQuillan	Recording Secretary

- Prayer – Nicole Kurtz**
- Roll Call** – Regrets: Jared Ralko, Angela Bishop, Teresa Gallik, Paul Landry,
- Welcome CPIC Members: Nicole Kurtz**
- School and Community Representatives Reports**

St. Louis Parent Report - Jenn Myshrall

- The Hot Lunch program is up and running
- The Remembrance Day prayer service went well with many community members attending
- Grade 2-3 participating in Stop Now and Plan (SNAP) program through Firefly
- Christmas-themed workshops - Students attended Needle Felting, Jewelry Making, and Christmas Wreath Workshop were open to adults as well.
- Christmas Concert Tuesday 12th - 14th - Fundraising through gift card tree and Gingerbread cookies
- Christmas Luncheon - Dec 15th



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- Choir will be doing their Christmas caroling around town on December 19th
- Lots of fun activities leading up to x-mas Skating Party, Christmas Prayers, Sing a long and Christmas sweater days.

St. John Paul II School – Crystal Wilson

- Spooktacular Raffle – We earned more than \$5000 even though we had 600 tickets left to sell - Prizes Include 1st Prize \$3,000 2nd Prize \$2,000 3rd Prize \$1,000 4th Prize \$250 - Draw Oct 30th.
- We are still totaling up our profit from the Tim Hortons Holiday Cookies: SJPII was chosen as a charity for the Kenora area. 50% of proceeds will go to the Tim Hortons camp program and the other 50% to go to SJPII. This event ran from November 13th to 19th.
- Santa Paws- Photo Fundraiser with Family Pets and Santa was held on November 18th. We had roughly half the number of families that we had last year. We raised \$390 this year. This money will be donated to the Family Christmas Event being held at SJPII in December.
- Hot Meals are organized for the new year, Reddens Pizza, Subway, A&W Burgers and Birds Eye Bistro Chicken Fingers.
- Remembrance Day assemble was open to families and community members
- Our Family Christmas Event will be held this year on December 20th from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. This year's theme is Christmas Traditions. Parents are invited to submit photos and recipes. There will be Cookie Decorating, Christmas Crafts, Jingle Bell Toss, Christmas Tree Bowling, Family Photo Booth, SJP Choir Performance, and Soup, Buns, and Hot Chocolate will be served. We have asked STAHs students to volunteer so staff and parent council can enjoy the event as well.
- Parent Council is in the process of purchasing new Playground Equipment and is hoping to install it in the spring. They are in the final steps and have three companies who have supplied them with ideas on what they could install with the budget they are working with. We are hoping to choose a company by Christmas.

St. John School – Gianna Poltronetti

- In October our Grade 4&5 class spent time with Mayor Fred Mota at the Red Lake Municipality Office. They were able to sit in the council chamber and receive a presentation on the different levels of government.
- On November 14th the staff and students wore blue and did a community walk to bring awareness to World Diabetes Day.
- Our Christmas Market Fundraiser was held on November 26th. We had twenty local vendors participate. We sold snacks, had a penny auction and a quilt raffle.
- Our ski club is doing a maple syrup fundraiser.
- Family Conference Night was held in the gym and parents and guardians were able to meet the teachers and discuss their child's progress. Soup and Bannock were served and students were able to decorate cupcakes.
- St. John School made a Christmas Float and participated in the Christmas Parade.



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Northwestern Health Unit – Randi Casey - Attached 5

5. Board & Ministry Update – Nicole Kurtz – Attached 6

6. Sue Devlin – KCDSB Mental Health Clinical Supervisor

- We have successfully completed the PreVenture program for all our grade 8's at St. Thomas Aquinas High School and grade 7/8's at St. John School.
- We also are in our second year of book club. We have done two sessions, and both were well attended. This year's book is Dr. Ungar's I Still Love You.
- Kids in the Know: We also are providing Kids in the Know in numerous classrooms throughout the board. Kids is a safety program that is designed to keep kids safe online and offline.

7. School Updates – Erin Hercun – Jared Ralko

Highschool: Erin Hercun presented for Jared Ralko

- Christmas Concert coming up on December 12.
- Includes STAHS Band and music program, Junior Band including 5-6s from elementary schools, and community members. Join us 7pm on the 12th. \$5 at the door, \$15/family.
- Recently Religion and Leadership classes have been venturing to Pinecrest to spend time with residents and build community.
- Red Seal Ready Trades Expo today, many community businesses and organizations sharing about careers and trades industries.
- Boys & Girls Hockey are in full swing. Girls Volleyball and Boys Basketball in pre-season.
- Grade 7-8 Volleyball wrapped up with the All-Catholics tournament hosted at SJP & STA. 7-8 Basketball will launch in new year.
- Shout out to the Saints Senior Girls Basketball who made it to OFSAA in Belleville.
- Advent Season started, we gathered for our 1st weekly prayer service on Monday to listen and learn about Hope.
- Students from the Interact club participated in the Santa Clause Parade and helped spread Joy.
- Recent PD Day included learning around Schools as a place of healing and reconciliation, sharing our God given gifts with others, early literacy, and high-impact instructional practices.

Elementary: Erin Hercun

- Junior band (Grade 5-6), has started up again and will be performing at STAHS Christmas Concert on December 12
- All schools are gathering weekly for Advent Prayer Services
- SMB had a float in the Santa Clause Parade



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- St. Louis is preparing for their Christmas Concert
- Our piano students will be participating in the Christmas Concert and will be performing at Pinecrest Home on December 20.
- [Click Here](#) For a complete listing on Christmas Events happening in our school.
- Progress Reports have been sent home and Parent Teacher Interviews have wrapped up for this term.

8. **Business arising from the last meeting:** Nicole Kurtz

PRO Funds Update – This was included with the Board & Ministry Update

9. **Meeting Adjournment – Nicole Kurtz** - Meeting Ended at 12:21 PM

10. **Next Meeting:**

Date - CPIC Meeting	Lunch	Meeting Begins
February 7, 2024	11:30 AM	11:45 AM
May 15, 2024	11:30 AM	11:45 AM
Year End Presentation to the Board of Trustees		
June 4, 2024	5:00 PM	

Welcome to Kindergarten

As a partner in school health, the Northwestern Health Unit provides some key information and resources to school boards to share with parents at time of JK registration. This includes information about health services including oral health and immunizations, packing healthy lunches, and more!

Northwestern Health Unit staff may also be able to support school Welcome to Kindergarten events on request. Contact the health educator in your local office or email healthyschools@nwhu.on.ca.

Secondary school vaccination clinics – January and February 2024

Vaccination clinics for secondary students will take place in schools during the months of January and February. Parents/guardians must provide consent and can now do so online: [Online Immunization Consent Form - Northwestern Health Unit \(nwhu.on.ca\)](#)

The Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) in Ontario requires that all school-age children and youth be immunized against designated diseases unless they have a valid exemption. For more information: [Vaccines and Immunizations - Northwestern Health Unit \(nwhu.on.ca\)](#)

Preventing Viral Illnesses

Layering protective measures helps to prevent the spread of viral illnesses. It is recommended that you and your family:

- Stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccines and flu shots
- Stay home when you are sick - [Self-assessment | Ontario.ca](#)
- [Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer](#)
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- If you are at a higher risk of severe infection, consider wear a mask in indoor public settings

For more information: [COVID-19 Information - Northwestern Health Unit \(nwhu.on.ca\)](#)

COVID-19 Vaccines

You can now get your COVID-19 or flu vaccine at the Northwestern Health Unit, your health care provider or at some local pharmacies. It is recommended that you wait 6 months after your last COVID-19 vaccine or COVID-19 illness before getting another COVID-19 vaccination.

For more information and to book an appointment: <https://www.nwhu.on.ca/our-services/vaccines-and-immunizations/booking-a-covid-19-vaccine-appointment/>

9-8-8 is Canada's new suicide crisis hotline

People across Canada can now call and text 9-8-8, a three-digit number for suicide prevention. Support is available in English and French, 24/7, 365 days a year to any person living in Canada who is thinking about suicide, in emotional distress or worried about someone they know. As a country, we need this essential service now more than ever: Every year, 4,500 Canadians die by suicide, and for every person lost, 135 people are impacted by that loss.

Grant Opportunity

Canadian Tire Community Development Grants – these grants assist groups and organizations to deliver physical activity-based programs for kids between the ages of 4-18 in financial need or youth with disabilities between the ages of 4-25. [Community Development Grants | Jumpstart \(canadiantire.ca\)](#)



December 6th, 2023

CPIC Meeting



Board & Ministry Updates

Pro Grant Funds for 2023-2024 - \$3500

- Reminder that each school has \$500.00 for family engagement events. Principals are aware as well.
- The first provincial meeting with the Ministry of Education for Parent Engagement will be in January. I will bring the updates to our next meeting.
- Very busy times in our schools from now until Christmas.





Board & Ministry Updates

Exploring Canadian Geography, Grade 9, De-streamed (CGC1W)

As part of the ministry's commitment to de-streaming the Grade 9 program, the ministry will be issuing a new de-streamed Exploring Canadian Geography, Grade 9 course (CGC1W) that will replace Issues in Canadian Geography, Grade 9, Academic (CGC1D). As of September 2024, Issues in Canadian Geography, Grade 9, Academic (CGC1D) should not be offered, and the associated course code will expire at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Please note, Issues in Canadian Geography, Grade 9, Applied (CGC1P) expired on September 1, 2022.

Business Studies, Grades 9 and 10 As announced in March 2019, the ministry is revising the secondary Business Studies curriculum as part of its commitments to modernizing learning. This will begin with revised Grades 9 and 10 courses to be implemented in Fall 2024. Students pursuing the Grade 10 course will not need a prerequisite.

Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset, Grade 9, Open (BEM1O)

The new Grade 9 course, Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset, (BEM1O) replaces the course Information and Communication Technology in Business, Grade 9 or 10 course (BTT1O/BTT2O). As of September 2024, Information and Communication Technology in Business, Grade 9 or 10 should not be offered, and the associated course codes will expire at the end of the 2023-24 school year.

Launching and Leading a Business, Grade 10, Open (BEP2O)

The new course, Launching and Leading a Business, Grade 10 (BEP2O) replaces the Introduction to Business, Grade 9 or 10 course (BBI1O/BBI2O). As of September 2024, Introduction to Business, Grade 9 or 10 (BTT1O/BTT2O) should not be offered, and the associated course codes will expire at the end of the 2023-24 school year.

for implementation in Fall 2024. The course title (Career Studies, Grade 10), code (GLC2O), and description remain the same.





Board & Ministry Updates

Technological Education, Grades 9 and 10

As announced in December 2022, the ministry is revising the secondary Technological Education curriculum, beginning with revised Grade 9 and Grade 10 courses to be implemented in Fall 2024. This will include a **new** Grade 10 course. Students pursuing the Grade 10 course will not need a prerequisite. Students taking the Grade 9 or Grade 10 course, including any Technological Education focus course ending in 1O or 2O, will satisfy the new graduation requirement that is set to begin with the Grade 9 cohort in September 2024.

Technology and the Skilled Trades, Grade 9, Open (TAS1O)

Technology and the Skilled Trades, Grade 10, Open (TAS2O)

Career Studies, Grade 10, Open (GLC2O)

As part of our commitment, mandatory learning on mental health literacy for students will be added to the Grade 10 Career Studies course for implementation in Fall 2024. The course title (Career Studies, Grade 10), code (GLC2O), and description remain the same.



2024 - 2025 School Year Calendar

SCHOOL HOLIDAY
PA DAY
EXAMS

20 Instructional Days

September 2024

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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22 Instructional Days

October 2024

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21 Instructional Days

November 2024

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15 Instructional Days

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19 Instructional Days

February 2025

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16 Instructional Days

March 2025

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All students begin school on September 4, 2024 and end on June 27, 2025

School Holidays

September 2, 2024	Labour Day
October 14, 2024	Thanksgiving
Dec. 23, 2024 - Jan. 3, 2025	Winter Holidays
February 17, 2025	Family Day
March 10-14, 2025	March Break
April 18, 2025	Good Friday
April 21, 2025	Easter Monday
May 19, 2025	Victoria Day

First Day of School for Students

September 4, 2024

Last Day of School for Students

June 27, 2025

187 Instructional Days + 7 PD Days = 194

Professional Activity Days

September 3, 2024	Professional Activity
September 27, 2024	Professional Activity
November 1, 2024	Professional Activity
November 25, 2024	Professional Activity
January 31, 2025	Professional Activity
April 11, 2025	Professional Activity
June 13, 2025	Professional Activity

Elementary

Progress Report
Report Card
Report Card

Secondary

Semester 1

Semester 1 Term 1

Semester 1 Term 2

Mid Term Report

Exams

Final Report

Semester 2

Semester 2

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February 17, 2025	Family Day
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First Day of School for Students

August 28, 2024

Last Day of School for Students

June 20, 2025

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August 26, 2024	Professional Activity
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September 27, 2024	Professional Activity
November 1, 2024	Professional Activity
January 24, 2025	Professional Activity
April 11, 2025	Professional Activity
June 6, 2025	Professional Activity

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KCDSB Professional Development Plan

[KCDSB Website Link - PD Plan](#)



Thank you

