



PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE



Wednesday, April 3, 2019
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – McKay Public School

MINUTES

PRESENT: Lisa Mooney, Pauline Dawson, Fran Cerminara, Melissa Bigford-Lofquist, Chris Seabrook, Kelly McNeil, Susan Jovanovic, Stacia Heaton, Joy Janzen

REGRETS: Jim Burnison

SUPERINTENDENT: Wes Hahn

TRUSTEES: Nancy Beamer, Doug Newton, Shannon Mitchell

ADMINISTRATION: Tracy Leemet, Karen Simpson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Jennifer McGugan

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting was called to order. Superintendent Wes Hahn welcomed Patti Lott, Principal, and Jenn Hemauer, Vice-Principal, of McKay Public School for hosting our PIC meeting. Patti shared with the committee a summary of McKay Public School. The school was built in 1924. There have been many generations come through the school. McKay is a dual track FI, fair trade school with 430 students. The vision for McKay is to have kids making good decisions, and contributing to the community, and activities in the school. The globally-minded staff do many things to teach kids to look out for one another and help in their community. Also, the staff at McKay have worked hard to engage parents, to support student engagement.

PIC Co-Chair, Lisa Mooney, noted that Melissa Rypstra has resigned from PIC. Lisa thanked her for her time serving on the committee.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Susan Jovanovic
Seconded by Melissa Bigford-Lofquist
“That the April 3, 2019, Parent Involvement Committee Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Wes Hahn reviewed the following changes from the Ministry of Education:

- Kindergarten to grade 3 class sizes will remain the same, and grades 4 to 8 will be adjusted slightly. Secondary School class sizes will be changing from 22 to 28 students.
- The DSBN currently has policies D-01 and G-26 that already align with changes announced by the government and address cell phone use in schools. The focus at the DSBN has always been that cell phones are acceptable if approved by the teacher and are not interfering with student learning.
- The DSBN is experiencing great improvements in math. The new curriculum will be phased in over four years and the DSBN looks forward to the supports that come with it.

- Health and Phys Ed Curriculum will incorporate important topics, such as consent, on-line safety, and gender identity, and there will accommodation options for parents where appropriate.
- Autism funding structure has changed. Students will be welcomed into DSBN schools. The DSBN Special Education team is planning and preparing for students.

The PIC committee discussed the Student Walk Out planned for April 4th, 2019. Superintendent Hahn noted that the DSBN is supportive of the expression of student voice and that the safety of students is of the utmost importance.

Superintendent Hahn reviewed the policies currently open for feedback. Limited feedback was received. All policy feedback will be communicated to the Superintendent responsible for consideration.

The PIC Committee requested that the email notifying stakeholders about policies open for feedback be sent to School Council Chairs.

CO-CHAIR'S REPORT

Lisa Mooney, PIC Co-Chair, discussed the following:

- The School Council Chair Networking session was very well attended and generated good discussion amongst attendees.
- Lisa requested that the committee provide suggestions for potential PIC Conference sessions.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Beamer reported that there was a delegation at the most recent Board meeting. The delegation was a request for DSBN schools to raise the Pride flag during the month of June to show support of LGBTQ+ students. The committee discussed the request.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Fran Cerminara

Seconded by Pauline Dawson

“That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn.”

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Next meeting – Central Public School on May 8th, 2019