



PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 7, 2021
5:30 p.m. – TEAMS virtual meeting
Chair: Lisa Mooney
MINUTES

PRESENT: Lisa Mooney, Joy Janzen, Kelly McNeil, Melissa Lofquist, Susan Jovanovic, Stacia Heaton
Amanda Moore, Amber Hughes, Pauline Dawson

GUEST: Superintendent, Helen McGregor

SUPERINTENDENT: Simon Hancox

TRUSTEES: Nancy Beamer, Doug Newton

ADMINISTRATION: Fred Louws, Tracy Leemet

RECORDING SECRETARY: Elisha von Wuthenau

WELCOME

Meeting was called to order. Superintendent Hancox welcomed everyone and read the Land Acknowledgement.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Melissa Lofquist

Seconded by Pauline Dawson

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

STUDENT RESOURCE OFFICER PRESENTATION

Superintendent, Helen McGregor and Principal, Fred Louws provided a presentation and explanation of the Student Resource Officer (SRO) Program to the committee. The committee was also given the opportunity to ask questions about the program.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

none

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Hancox shared the following:

- DSBN is welcoming students and teachers back to in person learning from virtual school April 19th.
- Vaccinations are being made available for 4000 eligible staff during the break, ensuring safety of staff and students.
- Grade 8 Graduation planning has begun led by Superintendent John Dickson. Plans will adhere to parameters set by Public Health.
- Outdoor Education offered during February and March will include geocaching, building, hiking. Through May and June opportunities will be extended to kindergarten students.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Lisa Mooney shared the following:

Chair Mooney listed the policies that are up for review. The committee discussed the School Re-naming policy. The Committee agreed that any request to initiate a review and potential renaming of a school should come from School Councils.

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Trustee Nancy Beamer shared the following:

- West Niagara Secondary School fundraiser was held recently. The virtual event raised approximately \$9 800 for new theatre.
- Off the Wall Art Showcase will be exhibiting art from students across the Board.
- Music Monday will be a virtual event occurring on Mondays. Each school is being encouraged to submit a variety of musical performances that will be available for viewing online.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Lisa Mooney presented suggestions for upcoming PIC events. The first was a selection of pre-recorded videos of DSBN staff that would be available to parents to download, during Education Week. The recordings would address a variety of topics related to education, similar to what is offered at the PIC Conference. The second suggestion was to hire Dr. Michael Ungar to be a keynote speaker at the end of May, bringing the PIC Speaker Series to a close. Dr. Ungar will present *The Risk-Taker's Advantage: How to Make Our Kids More Resilient?*

The committee fully supported the suggestions put forth and voted unanimously to offer both to the DSBN families in May.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Pauline Dawson

Seconded by Stacia Heaton

"That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn."

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:00p.m.

Next meeting – May 05, 2021
Location – TEAMS virtual meeting