

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 4, 2018  
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Greater Fort Erie Secondary School

### MINUTES

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PRESENT: Alex Bradnam, Fran Cerminara, Joy Janzen, Kelly McNeil, Lisa Mooney,  
Melissa Rypstra, Chris Seabrook  
REGRETS: Jim Burnison, Pauline Dawson, Stacia Heaton  
SUPERINTENDENT: Marian Reimer Friesen  
TRUSTEES: Lora Campbell, Helga Campbell  
ADMINISTRATION: Ann Harrison, Jennifer Tye  
RECORDING SECRETARY: Karen Sawatsky

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#### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Meeting was called to order. Superintendent Marian Reimer Friesen welcomed everyone and thanked Fred Louws, principal of Greater Fort Erie Secondary School, for hosting our April PIC meeting. Principal Louws informed the committee of some of the programs and opportunities that are available to GFESS students as the committee toured the amazing brand new secondary school.

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Joy Janzen

Seconded by Melissa Rypstra

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

#### **APPROVAL OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Moved by Joy Janzen

Seconded by Chris Seabrook

“That the Minutes of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting of February 7, 2018, be approved.”

CARRIED

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- Marian thanked those who came out to the School Council chair networking session at Grapeview Public School on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, helping to make it a very well received and successful event.
- Marian shared the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (BIPSA) Mid-Year update document, which had been presented at the February 27<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, highlighting its link to DSBN’s strategic plan.

**CHAIR’S REPORT**

Co-chair Lisa Mooney reported the following:

- Reminder of Ministry’s PIC Symposium on April 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> in Toronto. Committee members and school council chairs are invited to attend.
- Lisa shared the list of priorities for this years’ PRO Grant applicants to consider.  
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/guidelines.html>
- Lisa apprised us of some recent Ministry developments, including recently released budget highlights. Further information can be found on the Ministry website.
- PIC discussed and gave feedback for the following DSBN Policies that are up for review until April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018:

A-13 Board Logo
A-15 Policy Advocacy and Ministry of Education
B-07 Board Vehicles
C-01 Community of Use of Schools
G-19 Fundraising / Canvassing Initiated by Schools
G-27 Mobile Phone Purchase for School Use

- The committee was asked to encourage community members, parents and School Councils to also provide feedback which will be shared with the Trustees, who will meet to review Policy on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Policy review link: <http://www.dsb.org/about/policies>
- Discussion took place regarding the upcoming PIC Conference to be held on November 7, 2018 at Eden High School.

**TRUSTEE UPDATE**

Trustee Helga Campbell shared the following:

- At the March 27<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, DSBN Trustees received the Wainfleet Elementary Accommodation Review Initial Staff Report, involving both Winger and William E Brown Public Schools. The DSBN has reached out to Niagara Catholic District School Board to propose a joint-use facility in Wainfleet by including St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School in the ARC process. Full ARC details are available on the DSBN website.
- The Trustees also voted on a motion to make grade changes for North Niagara Falls Elementary Schools to be implemented for the 2018/2019 school year.
- Trustee Campbell also shared highlights from recent board meetings, including information from the Special Education Advisory Committee and showcases focusing on kindness and student voice.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Melissa Rypstra

Seconded by Susan Jovanovic

“That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn.”

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Next meeting – May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018  
Smithville Public School