



PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 02, 2020
5:30 p.m. – TEAMS virtual meeting
Chair: Lisa Mooney

MINUTES

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

GUESTS: Pratima Burton, Zakia Hamdani

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.

APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBER

Alison Moore was voted in as a new member of PIC.

Moved by Joy Janzen

Seconded by Doug Newton

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Melissa Lofquist

Seconded by Joy Janzen

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

EQUITY AND INCLUSION FRAMEWORK FOR DSBN

PIC welcomed Pratima Burton and Zakia Hamdani from the Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism Team. They highlighted the components of the Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism Framework. Following the presentation, the committee discussed this as the topic for the next PIC Speaker Series in February and/or March. Suggestions will be presented at the next meeting on February 3rd.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

none

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Hancox shared the following:

- Grade 8 to 9 transition has begun. Guidance staff from high school’s have started virtual visits to their feeder schools to help prepare the grade 8 students.
- Secondary Schools will be hosting their Virtual Sneak Peak, virtual school tours for grade 8 students and families from December 7th to 10th in place of the traditional Secondary Open Houses.
- Secondary Mid-Term reports were sent home via email on November 27th.

- Progress reports for elementary students went home on November 19th and Parent Teacher interviews were held November 23rd through November 27th.
- All school websites now have a “Families Getting Connected Online” button. This provides video’s and tools to assist families navigate online learning.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Lisa Mooney shared the following:

- The School Council Chair event, on November 18th went very well with great questions and discussions.
- The committee discussed the School Council policy since it is up for review.
- The committee was encouraged to go to the DSBN website to look at the policies that are up for review.
- Registration for the first presentation for the Speaker Series, Anne Murray – Taking Care of You! is full. Registration is closed.
- Promotion for the next speaker, author - Ann Douglas will start on December 10th. 500 *Happy Parents Happy Kids* books have been ordered, to be distributed to individuals who register for her presentation.

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Trustee Nancy Beamer shared the following:

- Wednesday, November 18th was the first meeting of the Equity and Inclusion Trustee Advisory Committee. The mandate of the committee is to support DSBN’s commitment to ensure equitable and inclusive schools and workplaces by providing information and making recommendations to the Board on matters related to equity, inclusion and diversity.

NEW BUSINESS

none

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Nancy Beamer

Seconded by Joy Janzen

“That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn.”

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:30p.m.

Next meeting – February 03, 2021

Location – TEAMS virtual meeting