



PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 4th, 2019
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Oakridge Public School
Co-Chairs: Lisa Mooney and Jim Burnison
MINUTES

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

REGRETS: Trustee Doug Newton

SUPERINTENDENT: Michael St. John

TRUSTEES: Nancy Beamer

ADMINISTRATION: Tracy Leemet, Fred Louws

RECORDING SECRETARY: Elisha von Wuthenau

WELCOME

Meeting was called to order. Chair Lisa Mooney welcomed everyone and introduced Lorne Gretsinger, Principal of Oakridge school. Mr. Gretsinger provided a brief tour of the renovations and new child care area recently completed at Oakridge. Chair Lisa Mooney also welcomed a visiting parent from Grimsby Secondary School.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Stasia Heaton

Seconded by Joy Janzen

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

none

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent St. John welcomed all the members and thanked them for their commitment to being part of the DSBN Parent Involvement Committee.

He shared the following:

- Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF) current situation, “work to rule” and one day strike. The DSBN’s priority is student safety. There have been no reported issues in schools as any problems or changes are addressed collaboratively. At this point there is no further information to present regarding OSSTF or Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO) job action.
- School cancellations and bus cancellations. Superintendent St. John explained how the decision is made and listed the different organizations that are involved in making the decision to either cancel busses or close schools due to inclement weather. He explained that student safety is always a priority.
- There are a number of policies that are up for review/input listed on the DSBN website. Committee members were encouraged to look at the website.

CO-CHAIR'S REPORT

Lisa Mooney shared the following:

PIC policy is presently on the DSBN website for review. The committee discussed the policy to determine if it is still relevant and to determine if there was anything that needed to be added or changed.

Moved by Joy Janzen

Seconded by Melissa Lofquist

"To approve the submission of the PIC Policy A-08 to the Policy Committee as it is"

CARRIED

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Trustee Nancy Beamer shared the following:

- Trustee Beamer shared information regarding the student from Grimsby Secondary who designed the new Equity and Diversity flag. Trustee Beamer also shared the video regarding the new flag.
- There were hundreds of names submitted to the naming committee for the new high school that will be replacing South Lincoln Secondary, Grimsby Secondary and Beamsville District Secondary. After reducing the submissions to 3 names, the trustees decided to name the new Secondary School, West Niagara Secondary School.
- Trustee Beamer briefly discussed the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (BIPSA) data, trends and goals. Superintendent St. John also provided copies of the report for interested committee members.
- A summary of discussions and presentations at the recent Board meeting was provided.

CONFERENCE DISCUSSION

Discussion took place regarding the PIC Conference scheduled on Wednesday, November 6th, 2019.

- 382 people registered, which is generally the same as previous years.
- 43 vendors participated.
- Discussion was had around the use of blazecast for "advertising", using text vs voicemail and having the information coming from one source rather than depending on individual schools.
- 4.43 out of 5, overall rating and 45 out of 46 respondents would recommend the conference according to the survey completed by participants.
- The committee agreed that the provision of books to all participants was beneficial and recommended for next year.
- There was brief discussion regarding the possibility of changing the format next year. Consideration of having a keynote speaker. It was also discussed how to focus differently on some presentations that had low enrollment but have an important message for families in the DSBN.

NEW BUSINESS

- none

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Kelly McNeil

Seconded by Joy Janzen

"That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn."

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next meeting – February 05, 2020

Location TBD