



PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 5, 2018
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Prince Philip Public School

MINUTES

PRESENT: Lisa Mooney, Joy Janzen, James Burnison, Stacia Heaton, Pauline Dawson, Fran Cerminara, Stacia Heaton, Melissa Lofquist, Rachel Stempski, Susan Jovanovic
 REGRETS: Doug Newton, Karen Simpson, Kelly McNeil, Melissa Rypstra, Chris Seabrook
 SUPERINTENDENT: Wes Hahn
 TRUSTEES: Nancy Beamer, Alex Bradnam
 ADMINISTRATION: Tracy Leemet
 RECORDING SECRETARY: Jennifer McGugan

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Superintendent Hahn introduced and welcomed Trustees, Nancy Beamer and Doug Newton. Trustee Newton was unable to attend. Superintendent Hahn reviewed the trustees that were recently elected or re-elected and the areas they represent.

Ms. Tisi gave our committee a summary of the transitions involving Prince Philip over the past couple of years. She reported that there are 468 students that attend from gr 1-8. This year is the first that the school is only French Immersion. Lynn and Warren showed a video to the committee that highlighted the positive things that the students at Prince Philip French Immersion Public School felt about the transition.

Meeting was called to order. Superintendent Wes Hahn welcomed everyone. The committee members and guests introduced themselves. He thanked Lynn Tisi, Principal, and Warren Dixon, Vice Principal, Prince Philip French Immersion Public School, for hosting the meeting.

Lisa Mooney, Co-Chair, welcomed Melissa Lofquist who inquired about the PIC Committee at the PIC Conference in November 2018. Lisa reviewed the process for a community member to apply to participate in the Parent Involvement Committee.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Joy Janzen
 Seconded by Pauline Dawson
 “That the December 5, 2018, 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 Hahn shared with the committee the goal and purpose of the Education Foundation of Niagara. Funds raised by Education Foundation of Niagara go directly back into DSBN schools. They have a new director,

Laura Byers, that has been working hard to raise awareness for Education Foundation of Niagara. She is reaching out to high profile community partners to help raise funds for DSBN students. These funds help support student needs, Prom Project, post-secondary bursaries and application fees, eye glasses and medical work. Teachers and principals identify needs in their schools and reach out to Education Foundation of Niagara for support. Superintendent Hahn requested that the committee bring forward any suggestions they might have for community partners interested in supporting Education Foundation of Niagara.

Superintendent Hahn shared that Policy Committee is part of his portfolio. The first Policy Committee meeting was in November and the following policies went to board and were approved:

POLICY#	POLICY NAME	DATE OF REVISED/NEW POLICY
i-l	Policy -General	November 2018
E-01	Smoke-Free Learning and Workplace Environments	November 2018
E-03	Health and Safety	November 2018
E-15	Workplace Violence and Harassment Prevention	November 2018
G-12	Alcohol, Drug and Substance Use and Abuse	November 2018
G-28	Student Discipline	November 2018

Some were annual policies and the others were updated to reflect the changes in the Smoke-Free Ontario Act and the new Cannabis Legislation. The Education Act updates have been included in the G-28 Student Discipline policy. Superintendent Hahn noted that the policies are available on the board website for viewing.

Currently, the policies up for vetting on the board website are:

- [A-17 Advertising Expenditures for Public Information and Awareness](#)
- [G-33 School Logos](#)
- [Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions](#)

CO-CHAIR’S REPORT

Lisa Mooney shared the following:

- The Ministry of Education had town halls and the feedback option is still open on their website. They asked for Education Partners to share thoughts on funding. Lisa encouraged parents to share feedback.
- \$500 parent involvement funds have been transferred to schools.
- The Committee debriefed the 2018 Parent Involvement Committee Conference.
- Lisa recommended that there be a registration confirmation for next year based on the feedback received.
- A feedback survey from the PIC Conference sessions is used to guide workshops for the next conference.
- Survey results include the following:
 - 67 attendees from the participants who gave their email address responded to the survey, approximately a 55% response rate.
 - 87% of respondents gave the conference a 4 or 5-star rating.

- 100% of respondents gave the childcare portion a 4 or 5-star rating.
- 97.01% of respondents gave the ease of registration a 4 or 5-star rating.

TRUSTEE REPORT

The new Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees were elected. Trustees are provided with a Handbook and an Orientation session. Trustees received their school and committee assignments Trustees are working together as a Board of Trustees and it is always based on what is best for DSBN students.

Trustee Alex Bradnam will be resigning as a community representative due to his recent position as a Board Trustee.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Susan Jovanovic

Seconded by Fran Cerminara

“That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn.”

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Next meeting – February 6th, 2019