



PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 6, 2017
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Wellington Heights Public School

MINUTES

- PRESENT: Lisa Mooney, Joy Janzen, Alex Bradnam, James Burnison, Stacia Heaton, Cerminara, Kelly McNeil, Melissa Rypstra
- REGRETS: Helga Campbell, Pauline Dawson, Chris Seabrook, Susan Jovanovic
- SUPERINTENDENT: Marian Reimer Friesen
- TRUSTEES: Lora Campbell
- ADMINISTRATION: Tracy Leemet, Mat Miller
- RECORDING SECRETARY: Karen Sawatsky

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting was called to order. Superintendent Marian Reimer Friesen welcomed everyone. She thanked Mark Leduc, Principal of Wellington Heights Public School, for hosting our PIC meeting. Mr. Leduc gave our committee a tour of the recently built addition, along with the new gymnasium, showcasing their new logo and school colours.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Stacia Heaton
Seconded by Joy Janzen

“That the December 6, 2017, Parent Involvement Committee Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Alex Bradnam
Seconded by Joy Janzen

“That the Minutes of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting of October 4, 2017, be approved.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Marian Reimer Friesen began by thanking the committee for their outstanding work in preparation for, and during, the PIC Conference. Once again, it was a tremendous success.

Marian walked the committee through the DSBN’s 2017-2018 Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement, briefly outlining the goals, targets and strategies as they relate to the Board’s Strategic Plan. As well she outlined how the BIPSA helps to inform school improvement planning, and ultimately, how our educators engage students in their learning every day. [2017-18 DSBN BIPSA](#)

CO-CHAIR’S REPORT

Lisa Mooney shared the following:

- PIC discussed and gave feedback for the following DSBN Policies that are up for review until January 23rd, 2018:

A-01	Student Trustees on Boards
A-19	Accessibility Standards
D-08	Co-operative Education/Experiential Learning
E-12	Workplace Wellness
E-18	Accessibility Standards for Employment
G-11	Assault/Threatening Incidents Involving Students
G-15	Student Medical Information
G-26	Use of Mobile Devices by Students
G-34	Accessibility Standards to Information and Communication
J-02	Accessibility Standards for School Transportation

- 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 February 13th. Policy review link: <http://www.dsbno.org/about/policies>
- The committee was encouraged to provide feedback on the independent review of Ontario’s assessment and reporting practices to make sure they are culturally relevant, measure a wider range of learning and better reflect student well-being and equity. Feedback link: Ontariolearningprovince.ca
- As a parent representative on the DSBN Calendar Committee, Lisa reviewed the Draft 2018-2019 school year calendar with PIC.
- The Committee debriefed the 2017 Parent Involvement Committee Conference.
- Lisa thanked Charlotte Powell for her dedication during her time on PIC, as she will be stepping down from the committee at this time.

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Trustee Lora Campbell reported the following from the DSBN November Board meeting:

- Trustees expressed thanks to the PIC for their hard work in planning and hosting the 2017 ‘Parenting Matters’ Conference.
- Also Trustees approved the motion: “That the Board write a letter to the Ontario Ministry of Education expressing the Board’s concerns related to EQAO assessments and to request the Ontario Ministry of Education pause EQAO testing for the 2017-2018 school year.” The Board believes EQAO should be looking into accommodations, cultural relevance, and student well-being as they review the testing model.
- DSBN Trustees elected Dale Robinson as Chair and Kevin Maves as Vice-Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Melissa Rypstra

Seconded by Joy Janzen

“That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn.”

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next meeting – February 7th, 2018
Pine Grove Public School