

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 7, 2016  
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – John Brant Public School  
Chair: Lisa Mooney  
**MINUTES**

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PRESENT: Lisa Mooney, Kelly McNeil, Cheryl Podetz, Alex Bradnam, James Burnison,  
Fran Cerminara, Chris Seabrook  
REGRETS: Jennifer Coote, Pauline Dawson, Joy Janzen, Charlotte Powell, Melissa Rypstra,  
Stacia Heaton  
SUPERINTENDENT: Marian Reimer Friesen  
TRUSTEES: Lora Campbell, Helga Campbell  
ADMINISTRATION: Robin Lakeit, Tracy Leemet  
RECORDING SECRETARY: Karen Sawatsky

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### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Meeting was called to order. Superintendent Marian Reimer Friesen welcomed everyone to our December meeting. She thanked Bill Hadfield, principal of John Brant School, for hosting our PIC meeting. Mr. Hadfield gave the committee a tour of the new school, highlighting the work of artist, Raymond Skye, a member of the Tuscarora Nation of the Six Nations Grand River community, who created the beautiful medallion of John Brant in the front lobby and the school logo.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Lora Campbell  
Seconded by Alex Bradnam  
“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

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

Moved by Cheryl Podetz  
Seconded by James Burnison  
“That the Minutes of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting of October 5, 2016, be approved.”

CARRIED

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

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

### **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Marian began by thanking all the committee members for their outstanding work in preparation for, and during, the PIC conference. By all accounts, it was a tremendous success.

Marian gave a few updates:

- The 2016/2017 Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (BIPSA) was received by the board on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The first part of the BIPSA details the data trends for board over the past 5 years. This is

followed by goals/targets for student achievement in elementary and secondary, as well as overall goals for Student Growth, Educators, School and System Based Growth, etc.

- The DSBN BIPSA is aligned with School Improvement Plans (SIP). Parents are encouraged to discuss the SIP with their child(ren)'s school principal. In addition, Marian asked PIC for any feedback regarding the BIPSA, and encouraged parents to review the document at:  
[http://www.dsbm.edu.on.ca/uploadedFiles/DSBN\\_Main\\_Website/About\\_DSBN/Publications/BIPSA-2016-2017-FINAL.pdf](http://www.dsbm.edu.on.ca/uploadedFiles/DSBN_Main_Website/About_DSBN/Publications/BIPSA-2016-2017-FINAL.pdf)

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Lisa Mooney shared the following:

- Lisa attended the Ministry of Education's 'Promoting Well-Being in Ontario's Education System' session. She encouraged PIC and all interested parents to participate in a survey, contributing to the Ministry's goal of developing a shared vision of how best to promote and support the well-being of all students in Ontario. Ministry survey link: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/about/Wellbeing2.html>
- The Committee debriefed the 2016 Parent Involvement Committee Conference.
- The following DSBN Policies are up for review from October 21 – December 16, 2016:

D-01 Digital Technology Use by Students
E-16 Electronic Social Media
E-05 Digital Technology Use by Staff
E-17 Performance Appraisal
F-03 Facility Access and Intrusion Alarms
G-32 Fees for Learning Materials and Activities
A-09 Naming/Renaming of Schools
A-13 Board Logo

PIC was asked to provide feedback on these policies. The committee was also asked to encourage community members, parents and School Councils to provide feedback which will be shared with the trustees, who will meet to review Policy on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Policy review link:  
<http://www.dsbm.edu.on.ca/about/default.aspx?id=10971>

### **TRUSTEE UPDATE**

Trustee Lora Campbell shared the following:

- The DSBN Board of Trustees wrote to EQAO to request that student results for the recent online administration of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) be counted on students' records. The DSBN had 3,191 students take the OSSLT online pilot test. Of those, 2,020 students completed the entire test. The Board recognizes that both students and staff worked hard to prepare for the online OSSLT and the frustration of parents/guardians. EQAO responded to the Board's letter and we are delighted that they will be scoring the tests and for those who were unable to complete it, other opportunities will be provided in the spring.
- The first Public Meeting of the West Niagara Accommodation Review was held on November 10th. The second Meeting will be held on December 15th at Beamsville District Secondary School followed by a third meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> at Grimsby Secondary School. Parents and community members are encouraged to read the minutes and documents found on the DSBN website: <http://www.dsbm.org/arc>
- At last evening's Board meeting, DSBN Trustee Dale Robinson was re-elected as Chair and Trustee Kevin Maves elected as Vice- Chair.
- Secondary School Open Houses were held during the week of November 28<sup>th</sup>. Much positive feedback has been received.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Cheryl Podetz

Seconded by Fran Cerminara

“That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn.”

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Next meeting – February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017  
Laura Secord Secondary School