

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Laura Secord Secondary School

Chair: Lisa Mooney

### MINUTES

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PRESENT:	Lisa Mooney, Kelly McNeil, Cheryl Podetz, Alex Bradnam, Jim Burnison, Chris Seabrook, Jennifer Coote, Pauline Dawson, Joy Janzen, Charlotte Powell, Stacia Heaton
REGRETS:	Helga Campbell, Tracy Leemet, Fran Cerminara, Melissa Rypstra
SUPERINTENDENT:	Marian Reimer Friesen
TRUSTEES:	Lora Campbell
ADMINISTRATION:	Robin Lakeit
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 Ruth Hernder, principal of Laura Secord Secondary School for hosting our PIC meeting. Ruth briefly shared a few Laura Secord happenings, highlighting our meeting location, the newly finished cafeteria addition.

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Charlotte Powell

Seconded by Jim Burnison

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

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

Moved by Stacia Heaton

Seconded by Chris Seabrook

“That the Minutes of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting of December 7, 2016, be approved.”

CARRIED

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

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- Marian gave an update on the final PIC Conference expenses and status of the PIC budget.
- Dr. Stan Kutcher will be visiting DSBN in May, and speaking to parents at AN Myer SS (Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.) and Laura Secord SS (Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.). These evenings are free of charge and include refreshments, with childcare being offered at AN Myer’s event. Guests can register for these events on either schools’ websites. PIC will encourage School Council chairs to promote this event and will have a table at the Vendor Fair as a way to demonstrate support and Mental Health awareness.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

- The date was set for the next PIC Conference - Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017
- As a parent representative on the DSBN Calendar Committee, Lisa reviewed the Draft 2017-2018 school year calendar with PIC.
- The Committee began preparations for the School Council Chair networking event being held on Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Orchard Park Public School.

## **POLICY REVIEW**

- PIC discussed and gave feedback for the following DSBN Policies that are up for review until February 24th:

<b>B-0</b> Privacy – Freedom of Information
<b>D-4</b> Elementary Interschool Athletics Program
<b>F-6</b> Video Security Surveillance
<b>G-20</b> Sponsorships, Scholarships, Donations, Partnerships for Learning
<b>G-23</b> Transfer of Students From Grade 8 to Secondary Schools
<b>G-25</b> Co-Instructional Activities
<b>G-31</b> Aboriginal – Voluntary, Confidential Aboriginal Student Self-Identification

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 March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Policy review link: <http://www.dsbm.edu.on.ca/about/default.aspx?id=10971>

## **TRUSTEE UPDATE**

- At the January 24<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, seven Policies were reviewed and approved.
- Also, at the Board Meeting there was a recognition of our close relationship with Niagara Regional Police and the Police Protocol partnership document that exists with our Board.
- Kindergarten Open Houses will be held at all DSBN Schools on February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. where future JK students can register, meet staff and visit the classroom.
- The final Public Meeting of the West Niagara Accommodation Review was held on January 26<sup>th</sup>. The final staff report will be posted publicly on the DSBN Website on February 10<sup>th</sup>. On February 14<sup>th</sup>, the Board will hold a special board meeting where the final report will be presented. Delegations will be received at the February 28<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting with a final decision being made by trustees on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Parents and Community are encouraged to read the minutes and documents found on the DSBN website: <http://www.dsbm.org/arc>

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Jim Burnison

Seconded by Pauline Dawson

“That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn.”

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Next meeting – April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Oakridge Public School