



PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 5, 2020
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Education Centre
Chair: Lisa Mooney
MINUTES

PRESENT: Lisa Mooney, Joy Janzen, Susan Jovanovic, Kelly McNeil, Melissa Lofquist, Pauline Dawson, Stacia Heaton
REGRETS: Tracy Leemet, Jim Burnison, Doug Newton
SUPERINTENDENT: Michael St. John
TRUSTEES: Nancy Beamer
ADMINISTRATION: Fred Louws
RECORDING SECRETARY: Elisha von Wuthenau

WELCOME

Meeting was called to order. Chair Lisa Mooney welcomed everyone.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Joy Janzen
Seconded by Kelly McNeil

“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:

- Discussion regarding the present job action. The Boards continued objective is to provide a great education and safety for all the students.
- Addressed questions regarding report cards not being sent home. He explained that all of the public elementary school boards across Ontario made the decision to postpone sending report cards home during job action. At this time they will not be sent home, but teachers are still available for conversations to discuss achievement.
- Coronavirus - the DSBN is taking its’ lead from Public Health. Parents are encouraged to keep children home if they appear to be unwell.
- Kindergarten Open House was successful. Almost 1000 Junior Kindergarten students are registered online already.
- Forestview Elementary school in Niagara Falls has been granted government funds to increase the gym size to accommodate the school growth. Their population has more than doubled over the past few years.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Lisa Mooney shared the following:

- DSBN and Niagara Regional Police and a few radio stations have partnered to bring awareness re bullying. They have started a social media challenge "I pledge to end bullying", where participants are asked to submit a video showing how they "pledge to end bullying".
- Canadian Learning to Code currently has a survey asking for parent input

PRO GRANT DISCUSSION

There are funds remaining from the Pro Grant, after the PIC Conference, to be use before the end of school year. Discussion was had addressing a variety of options.

The PIC committee decided to use the funds accordingly:

- To bring a presenter to the School Council Chair event in April, rather than discussion groups as has been done in the past.
- Council event is scheduled for April 15th and will be made open to all council members, not just the Chairs.
- Resources will be provided to schools in need. Discuss will be had between Superintendents to determine where there is the most need.

Moved by Pauline Dawson

Seconded by Joy Janzen

CARRIED

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Trustee Nancy Beamer shared the following:

- In October the Student Trustee Senate approved the addition of an Indigenous Student Trustee. At the Open Board meeting last week, Ness Griffin a DSBN grade 12 student was introduced and officially welcomed.
- This year there were over 700 submissions to the Directors annual artisan art contest. This year students were challenged to create cards that celebrate what is special about different months of the year. Cards, with illustrations from the winners were presented at the meeting.
- Brock is hosting Young Enterprising Women – A Night Out with STEMpreneurs, February 19th, 6:30-8 at Brock. This is an opportunity for young women in high school that have interest or are involved in STEM.
- Trustees attended the Public Education Symposium on Jan 23, 2020.
- Mentioned that the Board agenda is always public. Questions are best directed to Trustee's or Sue Barnett.

NEW BUSINESS

- none

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Joy Janzen

Seconded by Pauline Dawson

"That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn."

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:00p.m.

Next meeting – April 15th, 2020
Location – Education Centre, St. Catharines Room