



PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE



Wednesday, February 7, 2018
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Pine Grove Public School

MINUTES

PRESENT: Lisa Mooney, Chris Seabrook, Joy Janzen, Alex Bradnam, James Burnison, Stacia Heaton, Fran Cerminara, Kelly McNeil, Pauline Dawson, Susan Jovanovic

REGRETS: Helga Campbell, Melissa Rypstra

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 Carl Glauser, Principal of Pine Grove Public School, for hosting our PIC meeting. Mr. Glauser gave our committee a tour of the recently renovated Kindergarten and front entry areas.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Pauline Dawson
Seconded by Joy Janzen
“That the February 7, 2018, Parent Involvement Committee Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Moved by James Burnison
Seconded by Kelly McNeil
“That the Minutes of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting of December 6, 2017, be approved.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Kindergarten Open Houses were held at all DSBN Schools on February 1st from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. where future JK students registered, met staff, and visited classrooms.
- Marian gave an update on the final conference expenses and status of the PIC budget. The committee was pleased to learn that our conference expenses were lower this year despite an increase in the number of participants.
- The committee was asked to mark Wednesday, November 7, 2018 on their calendar for the next PIC conference. Karen will proceed with appropriate bookings and permits.

CO-CHAIR'S REPORT

- The Committee began preparations for the School Council Chair event being held on Wednesday, March 7th at Grapeview Public School.
- As a parent representative on the DSBN Calendar Committee, Lisa reviewed the status of the Draft 2018-2019 school year calendar.
- Education Foundation of Niagara's fundraising campaign, Make Change for Children, has begun. As well, the Committee was encouraged to consider donating to EFN's Prom Project. Check out their website at: [Education Foundation Niagara](#)
- Ministry of Education is seeking public feedback on transportation services. Please access link: [Ontario Seeking Public Input on Student Transportation](#)

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Trustee Lora Campbell reported the following:

- The District School Board of Niagara is very excited about the purchase of 20 acres of land at 4670 Durham Rd. for our new West Niagara Secondary School. This land is owned by a private owner and is currently empty.
- At the January 23rd Board Meeting, Trustees also approved the distribution of \$263,000 International Education income according to agreed upon principles: a) does not represent continuing cost commitments, b) does not replicate expenditures that would normally be provided through Ministry funding, and c) has long-lasting and board wide impact on student success. The projects that will be funded are:
 - \$165,000 to support playgrounds and early learning outdoor spaces;
 - \$60,000 Education Foundation of Niagara scholarships;
 - \$25,000 Support for physical education equipment for synthetic turf regional site;
 - \$13,000 Support for student led Mental Health Symposium – Tuesday, May 8, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Pauline Dawson

Seconded by Kelly McNeil

"That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn."

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Next PIC meeting – April 4, 2018
Greater Fort Erie Secondary School