



PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE



Tuesday, June 11, 2019
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Central French Immersion Public School

MINUTES

PRESENT: Lisa Mooney, Fran Cerminara, Pauline Dawson, Melissa Bigford Lofquist, Joy Janzen, Susan Jovanovic, James Burnison
 REGRETS: Chris Seabrook, Stacia Heaton, Kelly McNeil, Karen Simpson, Tracy Leemet
 SUPERINTENDENT: Wes Hahn
 TRUSTEES: Nancy Beamer, Doug Newton
 ADMINISTRATION: Tracy Leemet
 RECORDING SECRETARY: Jennifer McGugan

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting was called to order. Superintendent Wes Hahn welcomed everyone and thanked Mario Zeoli and Lori Moccio, administrators of Central French Immersion PS, for hosting our May PIC meeting. Central is a single-track French Immersion school. There is a great sense of community within this larger school. Central hosts the largest coding conference in Canada. They are proud of their students and the great things going on at Central. They shared a video that they use for new grade one parents. The video highlights the teaching strategies at their French Immersion school. The committee toured the Maker Space classroom.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Superintendent Hahn and Lis Mooney requested that the Conference planning occur after the Trustee update.
 Moved by Joy Janzen
 Seconded by Susan Jovanovic
 “That the amended Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Superintendent Hahn began by thanking the committee for all their contributions, specifically the work and time that that was invested in the planning and support of the PIC conference.
- DSBN Special Olympics, an important event, is being held at Welland Centennial Secondary School on June 12th.
- Superintendent Hahn thanked Lisa Mooney for her 6 yrs. of service as chair of PIC and opened the opportunity for other members to put forward interest for the chair position.
- The committee asked questions about handling parent inquiries. All committee members were encouraged to direct all questions to the principal of the school.

CO-CHAIR’S REPORT

- Lisa highlighted some of the DSBN Summer Programming: Super in 7, Gr8 in 8, High School Head Start, Reach Ahead, New and Recovery Credit, Summer Heat.

TRUSTEE UPDATE

- Trustee Newton shared details about the Board meeting held on Tuesday May 28.
- Staff and volunteers from Valley Way, the Routes Program, and Eastdale were recognized by the Director for their outstanding contributions.
- Students from St. David's and Greendale got to show off their app designs. The girls were part of the technovation app design section of the Connect Conference.
- Our DSBN hosted the Connect Conference, one of Canada's largest technology conferences. Our team of educators and technicians have done an outstanding job bringing in quality sessions for educators who attend from across Canada and the US.
- There were 2 staff reports at the Board meeting, the first being the request to start the naming process for the new West Niagara Secondary School, and the second being the request to begin the process to develop our new board strategic plan for 2020-2025.
- The Board asks for input from all stakeholders when developing the plan. Parent and community voice are critical.
- Education Foundation of Niagara has been hard at work bringing in donor money that goes towards supporting our students. RBC has donated \$25,000 for scholarships and bursaries for the DSBN Academy. The EFN Prom Project supported over 1100 students in their search for prom and graduation clothing.

CONFERENCE PLANNING

The upcoming PIC Conference will be on Wednesday, November 6th, 2019 from 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Eden High School. The committee discussed planning and details about the conference. The following suggestions were provided:

- Use School Messenger to communicate a blaze cast with conference details that sends to both parent email and phone.
- Sharp has offered to do Port Colborne and Welland family transportation for the conference again. Sharp enjoyed having a booth at the conference to promote Sharp that allowed for them to recruit drivers.
- Be sure to clearly communicate that the PIC Conference is for all parents, not just those involved in parent council.
- Have schools put the conference date in their school communication tools.
- Be sure to advertise that children's activities are provided at the conference.
- Use social media to highlight the various presentation topics leading up to the conference.
- Include topics such as, e learning, supporting your child in math, anxiety and nervousness.
- Be sure to make the description of the sessions directed at parents.

Lisa thanked Superintendent Hahn and Jennifer McGugan for their work and support of the committee. The committee thanked Fran Cerminara for her contributions on the committee and announced that she is retiring from PIC committee. Fran said that the staff at Eden will all support the 2019 conference.

Wes thanked Lisa for all her hard work and contribution as chair on the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Fran Cerminara

Seconded by Nancy Beamer.

"That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn."

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next meeting – September 11, 2019
Education Centre