



PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 3, 2020
5:00 p.m. – TEAMS virtual meeting
Chair: Lisa Mooney
MINUTES

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

WELCOME

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Pauline Dawson
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:

- Report cards are being completed. They will be mailed home at the end of June.
- Retrieval of personal belongings at school. There is a plan in place, endorsed by Public Health, allowing parents to access the schools to retrieve their child’s personal items.
- Throughout the closure, custodians are in the schools preparing/cleaning to ensure it is safe for staff and families that may in the school over the next week.
- Graduation – Secondary Schools have decided to postpone until fall. Elementary schools are still working with Public Health to provide a grade 8 graduation celebration. More information is expected to be provided next week.
- The DSBN has ensured that supports are still in place for students that may need support for Mental Health. The Social Workers and Child and Youth Workers are still available to support those children. The framework is different, but they are still available.
- Summer learning opportunities will be happening in the area of special education, mental health and well-being, math, literacy, indigenous perspectives, physical education. At this point, all learning will be virtual.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Lisa Mooney shared the following:

- PIC chairs had a virtual meeting with the Ministry of Education in May. The main concern raised by the PIC chairs in the meeting was regarding Pro Grant funding. The chairs had requested that any unused funds from this year be carried forward to next year, in addition to funds hoped for in the fall. The Ministry of Education did not provide an answer at the meeting. At this time, there is no direction provided.
- PIC chairs have had additional meetings, same issue re-surfaced.

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Trustee Doug Newton shared the following:

- As students and teachers transitioned to learning and teaching from home the DSBN provided over 4000 Chromebooks to assist families in need and wifi service was delivered to hundreds of homes without internet, throughout the Region.
- The DSBN donated \$40 000 worth of Personal Protective Equipment to the three hospitals in the Niagara Health System. The DSBN also donated an additional \$50 000 to the Niagara Health System, to assist in purchases of medical equipment and other resources needed to fight Covid-19.
- DSBN Cares is an opportunity for DSBN employees and Trustees to contribute to a special relief fund to support members in our DSBN community. DSBN Cares partnered with Niagara Nutrition Partners to provide gift cards for groceries and other essential items to support over 1100 DSBN families impacted by COVID -19.
- Board committees are meeting, throughout June through virtual meetings, with a live audio feed available to the public linked on our DSBN website.
- The Board budget process is underway and is expected to be presented in the June Board meeting.
- Trustees have participated in regular information sessions with the Director over the past couple of months.
- Director Hoshizaki is part of a provincial school re-opening working group advising the Ministry of Education on reopening considerations.

NEW BUSINESS

- none

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Pauline Dawson

Seconded by Joy Janzen

“That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn.”

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Next meeting – September 16th, 2020
Location – TBD