

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Outdoor Adventure Campus

Chair: Lisa Mooney

MINUTES

PRESENT: Lisa Mooney, Cheryl Podetz, Jim Burnison, Kelly McNeil, Melissa Rypstra
Pauline Dawson, Joy Janzen, Stacia Heaton, Fran Cerminara

REGRETS: Tracy Leemet, Robin Lakeit, Charlotte Powell, Chris Seabrook, Alex Bradnam
Jennifer Coote

SUPERINTENDENT: Marian Reimer Friesen

TRUSTEES: Lora Campbell, Helga Campbell, (Chair) Dale Robinson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Karen Sawatsky

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting was called to order. Superintendent Marian Reimer Friesen welcomed everyone to the newly renovated Outdoor Adventure Campus for our last meeting of this school year.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Joy Janzen

Seconded by Stacia Heaton

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Pauline Dawson

Seconded by Cheryl Podetz

“That the Minutes of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting of April 5, 2017, be approved.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Marian Reimer Friesen began by thanking PIC members who attended the Dr. Stan Kutcher sessions on May 1st and 2nd to participate in the Community Carousel by sharing information about the supports available to parents through School Councils and our PIC.

The Committee finalized session options and other conference details for the November 1st, 2017, PIC Conference. Meeting dates and locations were determined for the first three PIC meetings of the 2017/2018 school year as follows:

Wednesday, September 13th – DSBN Education Centre

Wednesday, October 4th – Eden High School (PIC Conference planning)

Wednesday, November 1st – Eden High School (PIC Conference)

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Lisa Mooney took the opportunity to thank committee member, Jennifer Coote, for her dedication during her time on PIC, as she will be stepping down from the committee at this time. Lisa also shared an email from a DSBN parent, thanking and applauding the committee for their dedication to the DSBN parent community and for the many informative learning opportunities that she has participated in over the years at the PIC Conference sessions.

POLICY REVIEW

PIC discussed and gave feedback for the following DSBN Policies that are up for review until June 2nd:

A-2	Attendance at Board and Committee Meetings
E-2	Sexual Harassment
E-11	Equity and Inclusive Education
G-5	Weapons
G-8	Code of Student Behaviour
G-35	Copyright Provision
I-1	Guidelines for Retirement/Resignation Dates for Teachers
I-3	Interprovincial/International Teacher Exchange

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 June 20th, 2017. Policy review link: <http://www.dsbns.org/about/policies>

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Trustee Helga Campbell spoke about the decision to move College Street Public School into the South Lincoln High School facility in January 2018 and some details regarding Ministry Grants for the 2017/2018 school year. She also shared information about a variety of upcoming events, including Special Olympics on June 8th, Summer Learning Programs, and anniversary celebrations such as Stamford's 160th on June 10th and AN Myer's 60th on September 22/23. Trustee Campbell also spoke about the naming of Wellington Heights Public School, and the Board support for this name.

Board Chair, Dale Robinson, briefly highlighted the incredible evening of music on Music Monday, involving over 350 of our DSBN students, drawing a large audience for the evening performance held at the Meridian Centre.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Cheryl Podetz

Seconded by Joy Janzen

"That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn."

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Next meeting – Wednesday, September 13th, 2017
DSBN Education Centre