



PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 04, 2020
5:30 p.m. – TEAMS virtual meeting
Chair: Lisa Mooney
MINUTES

PRESENT: Lisa Mooney, Joy Janzen, Kelly McNeil, Melissa Lofquist, Pauline Dawson, Stacia Heaton, Susan Jovanovic
SUPERINTENDENT: Simon Hancox
TRUSTEES: Nancy Beamer, Doug Newton
ADMINISTRATION: Fred Louws, Tracy Leemet
RECORDING SECRETARY: Elisha von Wuthenau

WELCOME

Meeting was called to order. Superintendent Hancox welcomed everyone and read the Land Acknowledgement.

APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBER

New Member vote was moved to the next meeting, December 02, 2020.

CO CHAIR NOMINATION

Chair, Lisa Mooney asked all members to consider the opportunity of co-chairing the committee. At this time, no one volunteered.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Joy Janzen
Seconded by Melissa Lofquist

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

none

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent shared the following:

- Over 700 students are expected to return to in-person learning. Students will start back in schools on Tuesday, November 17th.
- The DSBN Living and Adventure Campuses have opened, adhering to enhanced Covid safety protocols. Schools are now able to book a time for one class at a time to visit the outdoor education locations. SHSM Dig It Horticulture students from Westlane Secondary have been working on the gardens and landscaping at the Living Campus. The SHSM Regional Construction students have recently completed their work on building new boardwalks at the Adventure Campus.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Lisa Mooney shared the following:

- The School Council Chair virtual event is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2020. 41 participants have registered, to date. A reminder to register will be emailed the week prior.
- People for Education is hosting a virtual conference for 3 days Nov 16-18. This conference will focus on intergenerational discussions and consultations on equity, rights, and anti-Black racism; sessions to build capacity to work across sectors; and examinations of what the future holds and what that means for education.

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Trustee Doug Newton shared the following:

- The DSBN has received approximately 12.5 million dollars, in government funding for renovations to Smith School in Grimsby, for additional classrooms to replace 5 portables and daycare space and Peace Bridge Elementary School in Fort Erie will renovate to provide additional classrooms.

NEW BUSINESS

To continue plans and discussions regarding the PIC Virtual Speaker Series, Chair Lisa Moon introduced Dr. Amanda Sherman, Mental Health Lead for the DSBN, to discuss the proposal of Ann Murray's virtual presentation, *Taking Care of YOU! Workshop*, in December. The cost is \$500 for up to 500 participants.

The committee voted to have Anne Murray as a presenter.

CARRIED

Chair Lisa Mooney and Superintendent Hancox also presented another potential speaker, Ann Douglas. She is a bestselling parenting author and the weekend parenting columnist for CBC Radio. Ann Douglas has offered to do a presentation entitled Parenting in a Pandemic. Ann's presentation will cost \$2000.00.

The committee also discussed providing Ann's newest book, *Happy Parents Happy Kids* to all participants.

The committee voted to have Anne Douglas as a presenter and provide the book.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Joy Janzen

Seconded by Stacia Heaton

"That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn."

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:45p.m.

Next meeting – December 02, 2020

Location – TEAMS virtual meeting