



# PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 02, 2019  
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Eden High School  
Co-Chairs: Lisa Mooney and Jim Burnison  
**MINUTES**

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

## **WELCOME**

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

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Joy Janzen  
Seconded by Kelly McNeil

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

## **APPROVAL OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Moved by Melissa Lofquist  
Seconded by Joy Janzen

“That the Minutes of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting of June 11, 2019, be approved.”

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:

- CUPE current situation, “work to rule”. The DSBN’s priority is student safety. There have been no reported issues in schools as any problems or changes are addressed collaboratively. At this point there is no further information to present regarding the pending strike action.
- EQAO results were discussed. DSBN has continued to see growth. In all areas of the EQAO assessment of the primary and junior grades, the DSBN’s results continue to be above the Provincial standard, with special mention of being 17 and 14 percentage points above the province respectively. Acknowledgement was

given to the work in schools by teachers and administrators as well as support of the Board of Trustees for their approval of a budget targeted at student success. Fred Louws, principal of GFESS, explained to the committee, secondary school strategies for achieving student success in literacy and math. Work and resulting success is reflected in provincial assessments at the secondary level as well.

- Funding from the Ministry of Education will be distributed to the School Councils before the end of October, through their school budgets (\$500.00).
- Reminder to look at updated policies on the DSBN website.
- Principals have been asked to send in email addresses for the School Council Chairs. This will enable meeting minutes to be shared with School Councils, along with other PIC related communication.
- Pro Grant information was presented. The funds were determined and allocated by the Ministry. There was discussion regarding how to best utilize the funds. A motion was made and passed to allocate the majority of the Pro Grant funds to the PIC Conference, with the intention of using remaining funds for the Council Chair event later this year. This will meet all criteria for the use of the grant as set out by the Ministry.

Moved by Melissa Lofquist

Seconded by Joy Janzen

CARRIED

### **CO-CHAIR'S REPORT**

Lisa Mooney shared the following:

- Agricultural Hackathon at Beamsville District Secondary School on October 18-24th
- People for Education conference on November 2nd
- World Teacher Day: DSBN will recognize teacher's on October 6th
- EFN will host a floral arranging event on October 6th and Trivia night on November 7th

### **TRUSTEE UPDATE**

Trustee Nancy Beamer shared the following:

- DSBN continues to be a leader in indigenous education. This was clearly reflected at the DSBN Board meeting of Sept 24 with a presentation by local indigenous artist Raymond Skye, the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the DSBN and the Landscape of Nations 360, and a unanimous vote to add an indigenous student trustee to the Board.
- Another important meeting highlight included the announcement that the DSBN, with the recent Ministry approval of 9 new programs in a range of sectors, now offers 64 Specialist High Skills Majors courses. 1400 secondary students are enrolled in these programs across the system.

### **CONFERENCE PLANNING**

Discussion took place regarding the upcoming PIC Conference scheduled on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

- Monday, October 28th bag stuffing at Eden High School, at 5:00p.m. Due to time restraints, it was decided to do the school tour with the committee on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Committee agreed to provide books to participants, as in previous years. Decision will be made regarding specific books by October 6<sup>th</sup>, to ensure delivery on time.

- List of jobs was provided to enable the committee members to determine what they want to be responsible for, the night of the Conference. A Google doc will be sent out to committee members to sign up for a responsibility.
- Discussed door prize organization.
- Vendor tables are half full.
- Bussing: Jim is following up with Sharp Bus Lines. It was decided to use a large bus and offer pizza as incentive to families in Port Colborne and Welland.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- none

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Joy Janzen

Seconded by Kelly McNeil

“That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn.”

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting – PIC Conference, November 6, 2019  
Eden High School