

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 5, 2016  
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Eden High School  
Chair: Lisa Mooney  
**MINUTES**

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PRESENT: Lisa Mooney, Joy Janzen, Charlotte Powell, Kelly McNeil, James Burnison  
Cheryl Podetz, Pauline Dawson, Alex Bradnam, Fran Cerminara  
Chris Seabrook, Jennifer Coote, Stacia Heaton

REGRETS: Tracy Leemet, Melissa Rypstra

SUPERINTENDENT: Marian Reimer Friesen

TRUSTEES: Lora Campbell, Helga Campbell

ADMINISTRATION: Robin Lakeit, Jennifer McDowell

RECORDING SECRETARY: Karen Sawatsky

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### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Meeting was called to order. Superintendent Marian Reimer Friesen welcomed everyone to our meeting.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Charlotte Powell

Seconded by Joy Janzen

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

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

Moved by Jennifer Coote

Seconded by Chris Seabrook

“That the Minutes of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting of September 14, 2016 be approved.”

CARRIED

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

### **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Marian shared a brief update on the collection of School Council chair email addresses for our 2016/2017 email database. An email regarding the \$500 in School Council funds will be sent to the new chairs and School Administrators in October along with ideas for using these funds generated from last year’s feedback.

Marian also gave a report on EQAO test results for the DSBN. This year’s DSBN EQAO results show increases in reading, writing and math in both grades 3 and 6. Of particular note is the 12 % increase in grade 6 math from 2014, which is 9% above the province. Math has been identified as an area of continuous improvement in our Board, the success of student learning is the result of classroom teachers’ dedication to instructional learning and their commitment to individual needs of students.

In Secondary, 83% of students met or exceeded the provincial standard in the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, increasing our results by 4% over the last five years, which is 2% above the provincial rate. In the Grade 9 Math Assessment, success rates have increased in the Academic stream with 79% of our students achieving level 3

or 4. The Applied stream had a slight decrease to 43%, which is mirroring provincial results at 45%. Evidence from EQAO and other classroom-based assessments compels us to challenge our thinking and our practices and we have consistently used our results to help assess and guide our instructional programs. Full reports can be found at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com)

**CHAIR’S REPORT**

Lisa Mooney shared that the following DSBN Policies are up for review from October 21 – December 16, 2016:

D-01 Digital Technology Use by Students
E-16 Electronic Social Media
E-05 Digital Technology Use by Staff
E-17 Performance Appraisal
F-03 Facility Access and Intrusion Alarms
G-32 Fees for Learning Materials and Activities
A-09 Naming/Renaming of Schools
A-13 Board Logo

The Committee discussed several of the noted policies up for review and will submit their recommendations to the Policy Committee after finalizing their feedback next month. PIC was also asked to encourage community members, parents and School Councils to provide feedback which will be shared with the trustees, who will meet to review Policy on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**TRUSTEE UPDATE**

Trustee Lora Campbell shared Board Meeting highlights including the initiation of the West Niagara ARC for Beamsville District Secondary School, Grimsby Secondary School and South Lincoln Secondary School. Details for the public can be found on the board website: <http://www.dsbns.org/arc> .

The DSBN is pleased to have received additional renewal funding from the Ministry of Education and we will be spending the \$16,150,000 on a variety of projects which will address facilities issues including mechanical, electrical, fire safety and accessibility needs.

The Board approved moving to a one meeting per month structure and will be continuing with the current schedule of committee meetings but will meet to approve the business conducted in committees on a monthly basis rather than bi-monthly.

Trustee Helga Campbell commented on the wonderful opening ceremonies of the brand new John Brant elementary school in Ridgeway.

**2016 CONFERENCE PLANNING**

Discussion took place regarding our upcoming PIC Conference being held on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. It was noted that registration, at this point, is higher than in previous years. Caistor Central Public School was randomly selected as the Early Bird Draw winner for this year’s PIC conference and will receive \$500 for their School and School Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Joy Janzen

Seconded by Cheryl Podetz

“That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn.”

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.