



PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 11, 2019
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Education Centre, West Lincoln room
Co-Chairs: Lisa Mooney and Jim Burnison

MINUTES

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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting was called to order. Chair Lisa Mooney welcomed everyone, including Superintendent Michael St. John and Administrative Assistant, Elisha von Wuthenau.

Everyone introduced themselves stating the school/area they represent. Superintendent St. John thanked Lisa Mooney and noted his excitement to be part of this committee.

ELECTION OF NEW CHAIRPERSON

Superintendent St. John read the “role” of the Chair. After discussion, Lisa Mooney and Jim Burnison agreed to co-chair the committee.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Joy Janzen
Seconded by Stacia Heaton

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Kelly McNeil
Seconded by Jim Burnison

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

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Election of New Chairperson - complete

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:

- The Ministry has released the new Health and Physical Education (HPE) curriculum document to be used by Ontario teachers. The HPE exemption process was discussed.
- Re-organization of classes will occur this week
- Use of cellphones in classrooms
- Cameras on school busses
- PIC meeting dates and possible locations will be determined in October meeting
- November 6th PIC Conference preparations are underway. Save the date banners have been put on the Board and school websites. It has also been added to the PIC site.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Lisa Mooney shared the following:

- Policy regarding Service Animals in Schools
- People for Education information regarding e-learning
- New HPE curriculum is on the Ministry website and Board policy (D-15)
- EFN Trivia night, November 7th at Niagara Falls Optimist Club

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Trustee Doug Newton shared the following:

- Site preparations for the new West Niagara Secondary School are underway. The next phase will be the school naming process.
- DSBN and the Niagara Catholic District School Board are waiting for Ministry approval for a new joint elementary school in Wainfleet.

Trustee Nancy Beamer shared the following:

- Major renovations: new kindergarten addition at Richmond Street Public School and a new daycare at Oakridge Public School.
- Synthetic turf fields – we now have 8 within the Board.
- DSBN Strategic Plan 2020-2025 – plans underway for new strategic plan.

CONFERENCE PLANNING

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

- Speakers will be confirmed
- Registration will open next week
- Superintendent St. John will email school council chairs to remind them to promote the conference
- Child care organizers will be the same as last year
- "For Profit" vendors will be asked for a \$100 value donation for door prizes
- An updated committee picture is requested
- Participant bags will be stuffed by the committee at Eden the week before the Conference, date to be confirmed at October meeting

NEW BUSINESS

- In response to a question, Principal Louws explained school procedures regarding vaping.
- In response to a question, Superintendent Hahn and Principal Louws explained that turf fields will be kept and maintained in accordance with Board procedure.
- Superintendent St. John will contact principals of Niagara Falls schools in an effort to find a committee representative from that area.

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 – October 02, 2019
Eden High School