



PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 13, 2018
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Education Centre, West Lincoln room
Co Chairs: Lisa Mooney and Chris Seabrook

MINUTES

PRESENT:	Lisa Mooney, Kelly McNeil, Alex Bradnam, James Burnison, Chris Seabrook, Stacia Heaton, Fran Cerminara
REGRETS:	Karen Simpson
SUPERINTENDENT:	Wes Hahn
GUESTS:	Nicole Tsitsopoulos, Makayla McReynolds
TRUSTEES:	Lora Campbell, Helga Campbell
ADMINISTRATION:	Tracy Leemet, Ann Kennerly
RECORDING SECRETARY:	Jennifer McGugan

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting was called to order. Co-Chair Lisa Mooney welcomed everyone, including Superintendent Wes Hahn and guest students, Nicole and Makayla. Secondary Administrator Karen Simpson was unable to attend. Everyone present introduced themselves stating the school/area they represent. Superintendent Wes Hahn thanked Lisa and noted his excitement to be part of this committee.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Alex Bradnam
Seconded by Chris Seabrook
“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Stacia Heaton
Seconded by Kelly McNeil

“That the Minutes of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting of May 2, 2018, be approved.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

The committee requested a “thank you” to Robyn Scheubel be noted in the minutes. The committee values Robyn’s support in providing the child care program at past conferences.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Wes Hahn welcomed all the members and thanked them for their commitment to being a part of our DSBN Parent Involvement Committee.

He shared the following:

- The Ministry has directed that an interim HPE curriculum document to be used by Ontario teachers. The DSBN will abide by the government's direction. Our teachers will teach the curriculum the government has provided while continuing to support our students and look after their needs.
- The provincial government is also directing that Ontario teachers ensure they are using Back to Basics Fundamentals in Math curriculum. The DSBN has an excellent math plan with the fundamentals and categories included throughout the curriculum.
- Our November 7th conference preparations are under way. Rack cards have gone out to schools and the link to our registration site will be launched soon.

CO -CHAIR'S REPORT

Lisa Mooney shared the following:

- Regional PRO Grant has not been received yet
- The EQAO provincial scores are publicly available
- EFN has two upcoming fundraising events, Sogni D'oro on September 29th and Beat the Braniac Trivia on November 8th
- People for Education Conference on November 10th, parents supporting their children's success in schools
- Autism Niagara has a fundraising program available for registration this month
- Ministry of Education provides online homework help in math for intermediate and secondary students
- Rowan's law has been passed and September 26th is the day to recognize this and wear a purple shirt
- Every child matters Orange Shirt day is September 30th
- Raw Materials has an Ontario schools recycling challenge to collect used batteries

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Trustee Helga Campbell shared the following:

- The Director's welcome back message of equity and diversity to administrators, trustees and superintendents stressed the importance of having an equity lens and providing support to those that are in need
- DSBN success was highlighted at the most recent OPSBA Annual General Meeting for the work being done at the DSBN Academy, as well as our strategic plan that involved stakeholders across the system

CONFERENCE PLANNING

Discussion took place regarding our upcoming PIC Conference being held on Wednesday, November 7th, 2018.

- Speakers will be confirmed, and registration will be available next week
- Wes and Jennifer will email school council chairs to remind them to promote the conference
- A child care organizer is needed for this year's conference

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Chris Seabrook

Seconded by Jim Burnison

"That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn."

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting – October 3rd, 2018
Eden High School