PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 9, 2015
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. - Grimsby/Lincoln Room - DSBN Education Centre
Chair: Lisa Mooney

MINUTES

PRESENT: Lisa Mooney, Jennifer Coote, Fran Cerminara, Alex Bradnam, Joy Janzen, Kelly McNeil
REGRETS: Chris Seabrook, Stacia Heaton, Cheryl Podetz
SUPERINTENDENT: Marian Reimer Friesen
DSBN GUESTS: Jim Morgan, Jen McDowell, Gisele Tisi
TRUSTEES: Helga Campbell, Jennifer Ajandi
ADMINISTRATION: Chris Waler, Robin Lakeit
RECORDING SECRETARY: Karen Sawatsky

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Meeting was called to order. Superintendent Marian Reimer Friesen welcomed everyone to our first 2015-2016 Parent Involvement Committee meeting and introduced Chris Waler (elementary) and Robin Lakeit (secondary), our administrators new to the committee this year. She also introduced Jim Morgan, Superintendent of Human Resources.
Everyone present introduced themselves stating the school/area they represented.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Moved by Joy Janzen
“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
Moved by Joy Janzen
“That the Minutes of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting of May 6, 2015, be confirmed as submitted.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
There was no business arising from the Minutes.

ELECTIONS
Lisa Mooney was acclaimed for a second 2-year term as Chair of the Parent Involvement Committee.
NEGOTIATIONS
DSBN Superintendent of Human Resources, Jim Morgan gave a brief explanation of the two-tiered bargaining process for unions (i.e., ETFO, OSSTF, CUPE) in Ontario, referencing Bill 122 passed in 2014. He also reported the status of the collective bargaining process at this time. Jim noted that during negotiations, the quality education and safety of our students continues to be our first priority.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
Marian shared some of DSBN’s summer highlights.
- Summer Heat was held at 15 school sites for 896 students, and included parent engagement opportunities.
- Secondary summer learning opportunities (i.e., Reach Ahead credits, e-learning) were held at 10 sites and over 2500 students participated.
- Two brand new schools were completed this summer in the DSBN. Both Harriet Tubman Public School in St. Catharines, and Twenty Valley Public School in Vineland were open and ready to receive students on the first day back to school.
- Additional summer construction throughout the Board included projects such as childcare facilities, kindergarten renovations, and accessibility projects.
Marian briefly shared that the DSBN Policy for School Councils will be reviewed in 2016. As well, our committee will be updating our PIC bylaws, aligning them with the updated PIC policy.

CHAIR’S REPORT
Lisa Mooney led a brief discussion regarding the committee’s meeting presenter application and recent requests from organizations. Applications will be approved based on alignment with our PIC mandate.

2015 CONFERENCE PLANNING
Discussion took place regarding our upcoming PIC Conference being held on Wednesday, November 4th, 2015.

TRUSTEE UPDATE
Trustee, Helga Campbell, reported that the numerous construction projects in the DSBN are contributing a great deal to the local economy. She also affirmed the DSBN’s work in retaining students which is evidenced by the Board not declaring any teachers redundant this school year. Helga also noted that as of September 1, 2015, the Ombudsman’s jurisdiction now includes Ontario school boards.

ADJOURNMENT
Moved by Jennifer Coote
Seconded by Kelly McNeil

“That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn.”

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.