

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 14, 2016
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Education Centre, Grimsby Lincoln room
Chair: Lisa Mooney

MINUTES

PRESENT: Lisa Mooney, Joy Janzen, Charlotte Powell, Kelly McNeil
Cheryl Podetz, Pauline Dawson, Alex Bradnam,
Chris Seabrook, Melissa Rypstra, Jennifer Coote, Stacia Heaton,
REGRETS: Helga Campbell, Tracy Leemet, James Burnison, Fran Cerminara
SUPERINTENDENT: Marian Reimer Friesen
GUESTS: Karen Leskiw-Janvary, Erik Teather
TRUSTEES: Lora Campbell, Diane Chase
ADMINISTRATION: Robin Lakeit, Jennifer McDowell
RECORDING SECRETARY: Karen Sawatsky

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting was called to order. Superintendent Marian Reimer Friesen welcomed everyone, including our guest presenters, Karen Leskiw Janvary, DSBN Student Achievement Leader and Erik Teather, DSBN Elementary Math consultant.

Everyone present introduced themselves stating the school/area they represented.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Joy Janzen

Seconded by Pauline Dawson

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Chris Seabrook

Seconded by Stacia Heaton

“That the Minutes of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting of May 4, 2016, be approved.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

MATH PRESENTATION

Karen Leskiw-Janvary and Erik Teather explained and provided examples of DSBN’s math goal: To develop life-long mathematicians who have the knowledge, thinking skills, confidence and perseverance to solve problems in their current and future lives. They helped PIC to understand the changes to instruction that have happened over the past decade since the release of the Ontario Math Curriculum in 2005. Discussion also centred around what parents can do to support their children at home including:

- Be positive
- Avoid math anxiety
- Learn from mistakes
- Be patient and build confidence
- Ask a teacher
- Play math games
- Math in everyday contexts
- Find math in literature
- Use online resources such as Dreambox, Homework Help and Bedtime Math

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Marian shared some of DSNB's summer highlights:

- Summer Heat was held at 13 school sites for over 940 primary age students, and included parent engagement strategies. Secondary summer learning opportunities were very popular this year and over 2400 students participated in programs such as Reach Ahead Credits, E-Learning, Regular Summer School, Community Education Coop, and EduTravel Programs.
- The DSNB Welcome Centre was very busy during the summer months, registering 90 elementary and 77 secondary students from around the world in our schools.

Other highlights shared:

- The official launch of the DSNB Strategic Plan "I Matter" has been a great success thus far, and mattering as an individual, learner and community member will be a foundation for all the great work happening in our schools and work locations. <https://dsbn.org/imatter/>
- Proposed meeting locations for our 2016-2017 PIC meetings were announced.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Lisa Mooney shared the following:

- Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants have been awarded to 35 schools in the DSNB, supporting the work of their School Councils
- A Regional PRO Grant was also awarded to DSNB, funding our November 2nd PIC Conference
- A quick update on our conference preparations. "Rack cards" going out to schools later this week, being distributed one per family.

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Trustees Diane Chase and Lora Campbell shared highlights from recent Board meeting:

- Trustee Campbell shared that doors were open on the first day of school for the new John Brant Public School, which is an amalgamation of Ridgeway, Crystal Beach and Bertie Public Schools. The comments made by members of the community are so positive, and staff and students have loved their first few days in their brand new school. The Grand Opening for the School is Monday, October 3rd at 1:30 p.m.
- Other construction projects during this past summer include the new parking at Governor Simcoe SS, a Cafeteria at Laura Secord SS, and continued work at Greater Fort Erie Secondary School in preparation for September 2017 opening.
- Trustee Chase shared that the DSNB is considering a notice of motion to move to one board meeting per month.
- Stakeholders will be able to provide feedback on board policies that are scheduled for review. The first group of the 2016-17 school year Policies scheduled for review will be accessible on the website from October 21st to December 16th, 2016. Stakeholders can provide input electronically on any Policy within the review timeframe. The Policy link is: <http://www.dsnb.edu.on.ca/about/default.aspx?id=10971>. A summary of the input shared will be presented to the Trustees at each of the Policy Committee meetings - January 17, March 21 and June 20, 2017. Following the Policy Committee meeting, a report will be

presented to the Board of Trustees by the Chair of the Policy Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Charlotte Powell

Seconded by Joy Janzen

“That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn.”

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:57: p.m.

Next meeting – October 5th, 2016
Eden High School