



# PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Education Centre, Grimsby Lincoln room

Chair: Lisa Mooney

## MINUTES

- PRESENT: Lisa Mooney, Joy Janzen, Charlotte Powell, Kelly McNeil, Pauline Dawson, Alex Bradnam, James Burnison, Chris Seabrook, Melissa Rypstra, Stacia Heaton, Fran Cerminara, Susan Jovanovic
- REGRETS: none
- SUPERINTENDENT: Marian Reimer Friesen
- GUESTS: Brett Sweeney
- TRUSTEES: Lora Campbell, Helga Campbell
- ADMINISTRATION: Tracy Leemet, Mat Miller, Jennifer Tye
- RECORDING SECRETARY: Karen Sawatsky

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting was called to order. Superintendent Marian Reimer Friesen welcomed everyone, including our guest presenter, Brett Sweeney, a Communications Officer with the DSBN as well as our administrators new to the committee this year, Secondary Administrator Mat Miller and Elementary Administrator alternate Jennifer Tye. Secondary Administrator alternate Ann Kennerly was unable to join us. Everyone present introduced themselves stating the school/area they represent.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Joy Janzen  
 Seconded by Kelly McNeil  
 “That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

### APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBER

It was noted that PIC member application for Susan Jovanovic had been sent to the committee prior to our meeting. Susan was acclaimed and welcomed to the Parent Involvement Committee.

Moved by Alex Bradnam  
 Seconded by Pauline Dawson

CARRIED

Chris Seabrook, who now has a child in Secondary School, will change his designation from Elementary to Secondary Welland Representative. Melissa Rypstra, currently one of our Community Reps, was moved into the role of Elementary Welland Representative. As well, the committee requested a “thank you” to PIC members Cheryl Podetz and Jennifer Coote be noted in the minutes. Cheryl and Jennifer have informed the committee that due to other commitments, they will be stepping down from PIC this year. The Committee thanks both of these parents for their time and dedication to PIC.

Without nominations received from the committee, and after some discussion, Lisa Mooney, our current PIC chair, volunteered to remain as PIC chair for another term.

Moved by Sue Jovanovic  
Second by Pauline Dawson

“That Lisa Mooney continue as chair of Parent Involvement Committee for a 2-year term.”

CARRIED

Committee members discussed the need for succession planning for PIC Chair, and the possibility of having a committee member work with Lisa this year to learn the role. Ontario Regulation 612 and our DSBN PIC Bylaws allow for a Co-Chair position. A proposal was tabled to explore this role at our October meeting. Three PIC Members expressed interest in the role: Chris Seabrook, James Burnison and Melissa Rypstra. For further conversation, Lisa will provide the committee with a record of tasks that the Chair carries out through the year.

Moved by Melissa Rypstra  
Seconded by Joy Janzen

“That the committee accept nominations and vote on a Co-Chair for our DSBN Parent Involvement Committee at our October 2017 meeting.”

CARRIED

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

Moved by Stacia Heaton  
Seconded by Jim Burnison

“That the Minutes of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting of May 3, 2017, be approved.”

CARRIED

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

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

#### **COMMUNICATION’S PRESENTATION**

Brett Sweeney shared with the committee that a refreshed, modern DSBN website will soon be launched. The committee is welcome and encouraged to send any feedback regarding the new website to Karen. Brett reported some remarkable statistics and information as to how public access to information has changed over the past ten years or so. He highlighted the popular current trends of Facebook and Twitter as a means of communication with an audience, such as DSBN parents.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

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

She shared the following:

- Proposed meeting locations for our 2017-2018 PIC meetings were discussed and will be posted when finalized.
- Stakeholders will be able to provide feedback on board policies that are scheduled for review. The first group of the 2017-18 school year Policies scheduled for review will be accessible on the website from September 8th to November 3rd, 2017. Stakeholders can provide input electronically on any Policy within the review timeframe. The Policy link is: <https://www.dsbn.org/about/policies>. A summary of the input

shared will be presented to the Trustees at each of the Policy Committee meetings - November 21, 2017, February 13, 2018 and May 15, 2018. Following the Policy Committee meeting, a report will be presented to the Board of Trustees by the Chair of the Policy Committee.

- PIC Members were asked to review the first group of policies up for review in the coming weeks so that we can discuss them and gather feedback at our October 4th meeting.
- Our November 1<sup>st</sup> conference preparations are under way. Rack cards have gone out to schools and the link to our registration site was launched this week at <https://www.dsbm.org/pic>

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Lisa Mooney shared the following:

- Regional PRO Grant has not been received yet
- Recent announcement from the Premier and Ministry of Education regarding launching a public consultation of a multi-year initiative to modernize curriculums and assessment tools from Kindergarten to Grade 12.
- Our November 1<sup>st</sup> PIC Conference attendee and vendor registration is now open

### **TRUSTEE UPDATE**

Trustee Lora Campbell shared the following:

- The doors were open on the first day of school for the beautiful, new Greater Fort Erie Secondary School and the newly renovated Wellington Heights. The comments made by members of the community are very positive, and staff and students have enjoyed their first few days in their new schools
- Other construction projects during this past summer include the five new turf fields at Governor Simcoe, A.N. Myer, Welland Centennial, Greater Fort Erie and Sir Winston Churchill secondary schools.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Jim Burnison

Seconded by Susan Jovanovic

"That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn."

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next meeting – October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Eden High School