

Parent Involvement Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 7 pm
Rainbow District School Board
Board Office – 69 Young Street, Sudbury

Attendance:

PIC Executive: Leo Bisson, David Muldoon and Stephanie Cooke
RDSB: Trustee Ruth Ward, Trustee Gord Santala, Trustee Jeanna Miller, Trustee Doreen Dewar, Trustee Judy Hunda, Trustee Larry Killens, Superintendent Norm Blaseg, Nicole Charette, Principal Pierrette Zuk, Vice-Principal Pablo Gil-Alfau, ETFO Barb Blasutti, CUPE John Marcuccio, Principal Dawn Chew and Principal Judy Noble
PIC Members: Sharinna Appanna, Gord Apolloni, Vickie Hancharyk, and Cathy-Lynn Smith
Parents: Cynthia Seguin Ernie Checkeris Public School, Claudia Chamberland Ernie Checkeris Public School, Shelley Mazzuca-Rumball Carl Nesbitt Public School and Adria Wereszczynsky Wembley Public School
Regrets: Mona Aelick Lasalle Secondary School, Robert Beaudin, and Debbie Langlois

1. Welcome: Chair, Leo Bisson

- Self Introductions
- Casual Meet and Greet with Trustees and Administrative Council
- Motion to accept Agenda
 - Pablo Gil-Alfau, seconded by Trustee Ruth Ward. Carried.
- Minutes from October 9, 2007
 - Concern expressed from Committee member David Muldoon regarding acceptance of Minutes prior to discussing term of office for PIC Executive members outlined in proposed by-laws.
 - Further discussion to take place regarding length of term for Committee members.
 - Motion to accept minutes Vicki Hancharyk, seconded by Cathy-Lynn Smith. Carried.

2. Election of Chair: Superintendent Norm Blaseg, Rainbow District School Board

- Leo Bisson was acclaimed Chair of the Parent Involvement Committee for 2008

3. Anti-Bullying Day September 11, 2008: Chair Leo Bisson

- Proposed to be held the second Thursday in September after the school year commences.
- "PINK" is the designated color for the day.
- Bullying is a major concern in our schools.
- Chair Leo Bisson would like to see the RDSB adapt this Anti-Bullying Day.

Chair Leo Bisson continued the election.

Election of Vice-Chair:

- David Muldoon and Cathy-Lynn Smith were nominated from the floor.
Cathy-Lynn Smith was elected Vice-Chair of the Parent Involvement Committee for 2008.
- Motion to destroy ballots: Trustee Ruth Ward, seconded by Barb Blasutti

Election of Secretary:

- Stephanie Cooke was acclaimed Secretary of the Parent Involvement Committee for 2008.

Agenda continued.

4. School Council Orientation Night: Chair, Leo Bisson

- It was suggested that a request be sent to Board administration for feedback.
- Any feedback should be sent to Chair Leo Bisson by email at 033.leo@gmail.com or phone at 969-1743

5. Communications: Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor for Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning, Rainbow District School Board

- PRO Grants: RDSB has received copies of the applications that were submitted board wide for the PRO Grants available to school councils
- Transition Evening: information was given on the Transition Evening that took place in November at the Student Services Centre at Cambrian College. A follow up to this event will be the individual open houses for secondary schools commencing in January.
- French Immersion and Core French Info Soirée: January 31, 2008, from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm at the following locations: George Vanier Public School, R.L. Beattie Public School, Valley View Public School and Westmount Avenue Public School.
- Open Houses for JK/SK parents/guardians and students will be the first week of February.
- Welcome to new Superintendent of Schools, Ada Della Penta

6. PIC By-Laws: Stephanie Cooke

- By-Laws were read with opportunity for questions or suggestions.
- The following changes were suggested:
 - Section 4.1 : Add bullet statement for members to be actively involved with PIC meetings
 - Section 4.7 : add "report back to respective committee"
- Amendments to be made and forwarded to Committee Members for further review

7. Meeting Adjourned

- Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.
- Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 7:00 pm