

**Parent Involvement Committee Meeting
(Annual General Meeting)
Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 6:45 pm
Lockerby Composite School Auditorium**

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 Dena Morrison, Director of Education Jean Hanson, Superintendent Norm Blaseg, Superintendent Fred Law, Superintendent Sharon Speir, Nicole Charette, Principal Chantal Lacroix, Vice-Principal Pablo Gil-Alfau

1. Welcome: Chair, Leo Bisson

- Introduction of Parent Involvement Committee Members
- Dena Morrison, Chair of the Board and trustees are welcomed.
- Jean Hanson, Director of Education and members of Administrative Council are welcomed.

2. 2006 – 2007 PIC Annual Report: Chair, Leo Bisson

- Accomplishments of the Parent Involvement Committee were highlighted.
- PRO Grant awarded from the Provincial Government for learning to read strategies; this money provided a “how to” video and literacy tip sheets for parents from across the Board.
- School Council appreciation meetings were held in both Sudbury and Espanola.
- Parent Involvement Committee By-Laws were developed.

3. PIC Liaisons and Email Addresses: Stephanie Cooke

- PIC is requesting that a representative from each School Council elect a Liaison for the Parent Involvement Committee. Should this member not be able to attend a PIC meeting, an alternate council member is asked to attend in their place.
- This individual will be asked to attend four meetings per school year: the Annual General Meeting, the Appreciation Meeting in April (Sudbury) or May (Espanola/Manitoulin) as well as two other meetings throughout the year.
- PIC is asking that each Principal please forward the name and contact information of the council member elected to this position.

4. 2007 – 2008 Election Process: Superintendent Norm Blaseg

- The following 11 names were put forward as representatives for the Parent Involvement Committee: Mona Aelick, Lasalle Secondary School; Sharinna Appanna, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School; Gord Apolloni, Copper Cliff Public School; Robert Beaudin, Manitoulin Secondary School; Leo Bisson, Cyril Varney Public School; Stephanie Cooke, Ernie Checkeris Public School; Vickie Hancharyk, Lansdowne Public School; Debbie Langlois, Espanola High School; David Muldoon, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Cathy-Lynn Smith, Markstay Public School; and Julie Xilon, Princess Anne Public School.
- Superintendent Norm Blaseg asked for acceptance of candidates. Carried.

7. PIC Meetings for 2007 – 2008: David Muldoon

- An agenda of speakers and presentations for the upcoming school year was provided.

8. Participatory Activity: Chair Leo Bisson, David Muldoon and Stephanie Cooke

- All were asked to form small groups for group – led discussions
- Questions discussed:
 - What are some of the barriers to parental involvement within schools?
 - Define parental involvement.
 - How can parents become involved and what are some solutions to the barriers presented?

9. Meeting Adjourned

- Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 7:00 pm
- Please join us for the “Meet and Greet” with Trustees and Board Administration