

Parent Involvement Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 7 pm
Rainbow District School Board
Board Office – 69 Young Street - Sudbury

Attendance:

PIC Executive: Chair Leo Bisson and Secretary Stephanie Cooke

RDSB: Trustee Ruth Ward, Superintendent Norm Blaseg, Senior Advisor Nicole Charette, Principal Chantal Lacroix, Lorrie Beausoleil OPSEU, Barb Blasutti ETFO, Vice-Principal Pablo Gil-Alfau

PIC Members: Vickie Hancharyk, Sharinna Appanna, Mona Aelick

Guest Speaker: Lesleigh Dye, Superintendent of Schools, Rainbow District School Board

Parents: Shelley Mazzuca-Rumball Carl A. Nesbitt Public School, Aileen Rickard Churchill Public School, Dawn Graham Valley View Public School, and Tammy Vaudry R.L. Beattie Public School

Regrets: Vice-Chair Cathy-Lynn Smith, Trustee Jeanna Miller

1. Welcome: Chair Leo Bisson

- Self Introductions

2. Bill 212: Progressive Discipline and School Safety

Guest Speaker: Superintendent Lesleigh Dye

- Superintendent Dye highlighted changes to Safe Schools Legislation effective February 1, 2008
- A hard copy of the RDSB Code of Conduct provided

3. Approval of Agenda: Chair Leo Bisson

- Thames Valley District School Board email added
- Agenda approved

4. Thames Valley District School Board Email – Leo Bisson

- Looking to form a committee for English Public PIC representatives in province
- Are we interested in investigating this?
- Copy of email attached
- Motion “To Participate in the English Public School Council investigation”
Moved by Stephanie Cooke, seconded by Trustee Ruth Ward - Carried

5. PRO Grants/Board News/Communications: Nicole Charette, Corporate Communications

- PRO Grants: News release issued today re: schools/PIC receiving grants to engage parents
- For those schools that have received funding, PIC would like School Councils to make a presentation at the April 8, 2008 School Council Appreciation Evening. Superintendent Norm Blaseg will send an invitation via the Principals.
- Schools have until September 30, 2008 to complete projects. Any unspent money from PRO Grants will be placed into the PIC budget. PIC will then discuss how these dollars will be disbursed.
- All School Council Members are invited to the School Council Appreciation Evening; each

school will receive certificates for council members. Please encourage all members to attend.

- School Year Calendar approved for 2008 – 2009
- Lively District School Secondary: Monday, March 31, 2008 at 7 pm, there will be a free workshop for Parents of teenagers with guest speaker Monique Howat. All are welcome to attend.
- September 11, 2008 is Anti-bullying day. A decision regarding the Board's participating in this day will take place at April 21st Board meeting in Espanola.
- Principal Profiles are due April 11, 2008 – profiles are to be submitted by this date, pending approval at the following School Council Meeting. Trustee Ward indicated that Trustees refer to the profile submitted by each council when considering principal placements.
- Budget – PIC currently has approximately \$7,300 remaining in its budget, including \$400 surplus from last year. A monitor will be installed in the board room at the Board Office, which will improve the video feed to Espanola and Manitoulin. The final cost will be brought forward before the end of the school year.
- Kathleen Wynne was tentatively scheduled to visit Sudbury in April. The Minister's office has yet to confirm. She will be visiting Rainbow's Autism program. For more information regarding this or any other RDSB program, please email Nicole Charette at info@rainbowschools.ca
- The Wembley Public School Accommodation Review Committee held its first public meeting on March 5, 2008. The second public meeting will be held on April 9, 2008. All are welcome to attend.

6. School Council Success Stories:

- This new item on the agenda will encourage School Councils to share their successes.

7. Meeting Adjourned

- Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.
- Next Meeting will be the School Council Appreciation Evening on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 7:00 pm at Lockerby Composite School. All School Council members in Sudbury are welcome.
- The May meeting will be a School Council Appreciation Evening on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 7:00 pm at Little Current Public School for School Council members in Espanola and Manitoulin.