

**Parent Involvement Committee Annual General Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 5:30 pm
Sudbury Secondary School Library
with video link to
A.B. Ellis Public School**

Attendance

Sudbury site:

Doreen Dewar, Chair, Rainbow District School Board; Bob Clement, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board; Gord Santala, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board; Judy Kosmerly, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board; Norm Blaseg, Director of Education; Judy Noble, Superintendent of Schools; Cindy Whitson, Executive Assistant; Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning; Bernadette Rémillard, parent, Lansdowne Public School; Jessica Kitlar, parent, Churchill Public School/ Lasalle Secondary School; Kate Barber, parent, Sudbury Secondary School; Kristina Rivard Gobbo, Principal, Barrydowne College; Janelle Bast, Vice-Principal, Valley View Public School; Natasha Delaney, parent, Jean Hanson Public School; Mike Moczek, parent, R.L. Beattie Public School; Michelle Violette, parent; Sherri McArthur, parent, Copper Cliff Public School; Richard Eberhardt, parent, Walden Public School; Denis Plouffe, parent, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Karry Strelezki, parent, Lively District Secondary School; Elizabeth Mack, Principal, Larchwood Public School; James Clyke, OSSTF President; Sara Pidgen, ETFO representative; Enza MacEachern, Principal, Chelmsford Public School; Patrick Hopkin, Vice-Principal, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Stacy Paajanen, parent, Lively District Secondary School; Tyler Campbell, parent, R.L. Beattie Public School; Christine Chisholm, Principal, Valley View Public School; Paula Mackey, Principal, Queen Elizabeth Public School; Kelly Lemieux, parent, Valley View Public School; Raye Addison, parent, Queen Elizabeth Public School; Colleen McDonald, Principal of Special Education Programs and Services

Espanola site:

Jennifer Tilston, parent, A.B. Ellis Public School; Dan Koziar, Vice-Principal, A.B. Ellis Public School.

Call to order 5:40 pm

1. Welcome from Superintendent of Schools Judy Noble

Superintendent Judy Noble welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting. Judy Noble reviewed the agenda for the evening and introduced members of the 2016-2017 PIC Executive. Superintendent Noble also introduced administrators, teachers and Trustees who participated in PIC. She also acknowledged all of the parents who attended PIC meetings and thanked them for their interest and support.

The purpose of the Parent Involvement Committee is to give School Councils an opportunity to network, to share ideas, to provide input and to learn from Board and community guest speakers.

2. Greetings from Board Chair Doreen Dewar

Board Chair Doreen Dewar delivered greetings on behalf of the Board of Trustees. Chair Dewar thanked all PIC members for their contribution and commended PIC Chair Dahnja Schoengen and Vice-Chair Natasha Delaney for their leadership.

Through the PIC and School Councils, parents and guardians join with us in meeting our mandate of student achievement and, more importantly, make a difference in the education of our children and young adults.

In education, the home, the school and the community come together to make up a team to support student success. When supportive parents, caring educators and active community members work as a team – Together, Everyone Achieves More.

3. Greetings from Director of Education Norm Blaseg

Director Blaseg welcomed everyone to the first Parent Involvement Committee meeting of the 2017-2018 school year. He thanked the Parent Involvement Committee and School Councils for providing their input in the creation of the Board's vision, mission, values and priorities. Strategic Directions serves as the foundation for the Board improvement plan and school improvement plans, which are updated annually.

Director Blaseg outlined a number of initiatives and accomplishments in the summer of 2017, including the Summer Learning Program, programs for students with autism and behavioural challenges, Kindergarten Summer Camp, a new Indigenous Summer School program, on site and online Summer School and Summer Co-operative Education.

Director Blaseg thanked members of PIC and all parents who participate in School Councils. He wished everyone a great school year.

4. Engagement – School Board Governance Supports

Judy Noble shared the Discussion Guide on School Board Governance Supports.

According to the Discussion Guide, “the academic success and well-being of students in schools across the province relies on the focused and collaborative efforts of school boards, educators, school and system leaders, parents and guardians, and other education stakeholders. Working in partnership toward the goals of achieving excellence, ensuring equity and promoting well-being, we can continue to foster high levels of public confidence in our education system.”

The Discussion Guide further states, “recognizing how important strong and healthy governance is to the achievement of our shared goals articulated in *Achieving Excellence: Renewed Vision for Education in Ontario*, it is essential to provide supports to school board trustees and to promote effective governance practices. Ongoing dialogue with our education partners continues to inform the focus and format of those supports, and to help identify those practices that foster accountable and transparent governance.”

The Discussion Guide provided background information and questions on the following topics:

1. Integrity commissioner and trustee code of conduct
2. Trustee honoraria
3. Electronic participation in board and committee meetings
4. Student trustee term of office and election process
5. Broadening the director of education qualifications

Five round tables were created. Each table had an opportunity to provide their written input on each topic on a rotating basis. The input gathered will be summarized and shared with the Ministry of Education. Superintendent Noble thanked all participants for sharing their feedback.

5. 2017-2018 Election of PIC Membership

Superintendent Judy Noble explained that at the AGM, a slate of up to 10 candidates is approved for the PIC Executive.

According to the Terms of Reference, the composition of membership would include one representative from each of the Espanola and Manitoulin Island areas, and eight representatives from the Sudbury area.

This year, there were a total of nine nominees from Sudbury as well as one nominee from Espanola, and one nominee from Manitoulin.

Judy Noble presented the slate of candidates for the PIC Executive and invited those present to say a few words about their interest in being part of PIC.

The following candidates for the PIC Executive were acclaimed:

Tyler Campbell - R.L. Beattie Public School
Richard Eberhardt - Walden Public School
Bernadette Rémillard - Lansdowne Public School
Denis Plouffe - Chelmsford Valley District Composite School
Kate Barber - Lansdowne Public School/Sudbury Secondary School
Raye Addison - Queen Elizabeth Public School
Jennifer Tilston - A.B. Ellis Public School (acclaimed for Espanola)
Alicia McGraw – Little Current Public School (acclaimed for Manitoulin)

The following candidates were removed from the ballot as they were not present for the election at the AGM in Sudbury:

Adam Pitre - Larchwood Public School
Natasha Delaney - Jean Hanson Public School
Karla Allen - Lasalle Secondary School

These candidates will have an opportunity to be considered for election to the PIC Executive at the next meeting on November 15, 2017.

No names were added to the ballot.

Superintendent Noble introduced this year's non-parent PIC members:

Gord Santala, Bob Clement and Ruth Ward (Trustees)
Judy Noble (Superintendent of Schools)
Nicole Charette (Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications)
Kristina Rivard Gobbo (Principal)
Heather Downey (Vice-Principal)
Sara Pidgen (Elementary Teacher)
TBD (Secondary Teacher)

6. Meeting dates for 2017-2018

Superintendent Judy Noble reviewed the schedule of PIC meetings for the remainder of the school year, as follows:

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Topic: Embracing Equity | 7 pm

Board Office, 69 Young Street in Sudbury

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Topic: Resiliency and Growth Mindset | 7 pm

Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive in Sudbury

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Topic: LD Pilot Project | 7 pm

Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive in Sudbury

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

Topic: Safe Internet Use | 7 pm

Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive in Sudbury

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Planning meeting for the 2018-2019 school year | 7 pm

Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive in Sudbury

Judy Noble thanked everyone for attending. Participants were invited to stay for the presentation on well-being with Debbie Digby and Kim Nadeau of the Sudbury & District Health Unit.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 - 7 pm

Board Office, 69 Young Street, Sudbury

Topic: Embracing Equity