

**Parent Involvement Committee Annual General Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 6 pm
Rainbow District School Board
Centre for Education
Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
with video link to
Manitoulin Secondary School
Little Current Public School**

Attendance

Sudbury site:

Doreen Dewar, Chair, Rainbow District School Board; Norm Blaseg, Director of Education; Judy Noble, Superintendent of Schools; Kathy Wachnuk, Superintendent of Schools; Michèle Smethurst, Executive Assistant; Jennifer Battah, Communications Co-ordinator; Dave Kitching, Assistant Manager of Information Services; Colleen McDonald, Principal of Special Education Programs and Services; Dan Koziar, Principal, Princess Anne Public School; Patrick Hopkin, Principal, Jean Hanson Public School; Andrea Therrien, Vice-Principal, Jean Hanson Public School; Kim Boulanger, Principal, Cyril Varney Public School; Denise Sheppard, Parent, Manitoulin Secondary School/Central Manitoulin Public School; Bernadette Rémillard, Parent, Lansdowne Public School/Queen Elizabeth II Public School/Sudbury Secondary School; Shelley DePaolis, Parent, Lasalle Secondary School; Jacqueline Smits-Crawford, Parent, Ernie Checkeris Public School; Tricia Hatfield, Parent, Cyril Varney Public School; Karry Strelezki, Parent, Lively District Secondary School; Joni Roy, Parent, Assiginack Public School; Melissa Gladu, Parent, Northeastern Elementary School; Sarah Wendorf, Parent, MacLeod Public School; Sherri Conley, Parent, Northeastern Elementary School; Natasha Delaney, Parent, Jean Hanson Public School; Richard Eberhardt, Parent, Walden Public School; Diana Millett, Parent, MacLeod Public School; Cindy Cucullo, Parent, R.L. Beattie Public School; Allison Andear, Parent, R.L. Beattie Public School; Kelly Lemieux, Parent, Valley View Public School; Dennis Hatfield, Parent, Cyril Varney Public School; Stacy Paajanen, Parent, Lively District Secondary School; Shannon Boland, Parent, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School; Tracey Oderkirk, Public Health Sudbury & Districts; Kim Nadeau, Public Health Sudbury & Districts; Sara Pidgen, ETFO Representative; Stephanie Leonard, Parent, Adamsdale Public School; Ashley Gibson-Taylor, Parent, R.L. Beattie Public School; Linda Heldman, Parent, R.L. Beattie Public School; Linda Lalonde, Home School Parent; and Tracy McIntyre, Parent, R.H. Murray Public School.

Manitoulin Secondary School site:

Jamie Mohamed, Principal, Manitoulin Secondary School; Denis Lafleur, Vice-Principal, Manitoulin Secondary School; Dawn Dawson, Parent, Manitoulin Secondary School; Dawn Noble McCann, Teacher, Manitoulin Secondary School; Suzanne White, Parent, Manitoulin Secondary School; and Carrie Spry, Parent, Manitoulin Secondary School.

Little Current Public School site:

Christy Case, Principal, Little Current Public School; Shelley Tamura, Vice-Principal, Little Current Public School; Robyn Charbonneau, Teacher, Little Current Public School; Alicia McGraw, Parent, Little Current Public School; and Tammy Bowerman, Parent, Little Current Public School.

Call to order 6 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 2017-2018 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, including the Student Trustee. She introduced fellow Trustees of the Board, as well as Trustees who were newly elected. Chair Dewar thanked all PIC members for their contribution and commended Raye Addison for her contribution as Chair and Richard Eberhardt for his leadership as Vice-Chair/Acting Chair. She stated through PIC and School Councils, parents have a venue to learn, a vehicle to network and a voice in education. Chair Dewar noted that when supportive parents, caring educators and active community members work together, students benefit and schools flourish.

She talked about four people that were not here this evening. They are, everybody, somebody, anybody and nobody. She told the story that there was an important job to be done and everybody was sure that somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but nobody did it. Somebody got angry with that, because, after all, it was everybody's job. Everybody thought anybody could do it but nobody realized that everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that everybody blamed somebody when nobody did what anybody could have done. She concluded by commending the efforts of those in attendance and thanked them for their support of Rainbow Schools.

3. Greetings from Director of Education Norm Blaseg

Director Blaseg welcomed everyone to the first Parent Involvement Committee meeting of the 2018-2019 school year. He stated that we are proud of our successes and continue to set high expectations that will challenge students to dig deeper, expand their knowledge and make connections to the world around them.

Director Blaseg highlighted some key initiatives that have taken place within the Board - 160 students participated in the Summer Learning Program to maintain and increase their literacy; secondary students were offered new credits towards their OSSD including Indigenous Summer School, co-op and eLearning; 19 Rainbow Schools offered Kindergarten Summer Camp for 200 new students; the Board adopted a Mental Health Strategic Plan that will guide its work in this important area over the next three years; and the Board hosted HEADSTRONG, a day-long conference aimed at inspiring students to Be Brave, Reach Out and Speak Up about mental health.

In closing, he thanked PIC Chair Raye Addison and Vice-Chair/Acting Chair Richard Eberhardt and members of the Parent Involvement Committee for their valuable input throughout the school year. He also thanked all parents who participate in School Councils and noted how fortunate Rainbow Schools are to have wonderful, supportive parents.

He finished by wishing School Councils a great school year.

5. 2018-2019 Election of PIC Membership

Superintendent Judy Noble explained that at the AGM, a slate of up to 10 candidates is approved for 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 no submissions from Espanola. The original ballot had 12 candidates, three of which were not in attendance. All those nominees who were in attendance were acclaimed and will take part in the PIC Executive.

Superintendent Noble presented the members of the PIC Executive as follows:

Stacy Paajanen - Lively District Secondary School
Tricia Hatfield - Cyril Varney Public School
Natasha Delaney - Jean Hanson Public School
Shelley DePaolis - Lasalle Secondary School
Allison Andler - R.L. Beattie Public School
Bernadette Rémillard - Lansdowne Public School
Denise Sheppard - Manitoulin Secondary School
Alicia McGraw - Little Current Public School
Joni Roy - Assiginack Public School

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

Grace Fox and Ruth Ward - Trustees
Judy Noble - Superintendent of Schools
Nicole Charette - Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications
Kristina Rivard Gobbo - Principal
Dan Koziar - Principal
Mel Bertrand - Vice-Principal
Sara Pidgen - Elementary Teacher

6. Meeting dates for 2018-2019

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

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

Topic: Indigenous Learning through the Blanket Exercise

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Topic: EcoSchools

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Topic: Mental Health Strategic Plan

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Topic: School Climate Survey Review

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Topic: Planning Meeting for the 2019-2020 school year

Judy Noble thanked everyone for attending. Participants were invited to stay for the presentation on **Emotions and Learning** with Angie DeMarco of the Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury.

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, December 4, 2018 - 7 pm

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Topic: Indigenous Learning through the Blanket Exercise