

Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 7 pm
Rainbow District School
Centre for Education

Attendance

Sudbury site:

Natasha Delaney, Parent, Jean Hanson Public School; Stacy Paajanen, Parent, Lively District Secondary School; Karry Strelezki, Parent, Lively District Secondary School; Judy Noble, Superintendent of Schools; Shannon Boland, Parent, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School; Sara Pidgen, ETFO representative; Sherri Conley, teacher, Princess Anne Public School; Kristina Rivard Gobbo, Principal, Barrydowne College; Denis Plouffe, Parent, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Bernadette Rémillard, Parent, Lansdowne Public School; Richard Eberhardt, Parent, Walden Public School; Ruth Ward, Trustee; Kim Nadeau, Public Health Sudbury & Districts; Dawn Graham, Parent, Confederation Secondary School; Patrick Hopkin, Vice-Principal, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; and Cheryl Ewin, Parent, Valley View Public School.

Espanola Site:

Representatives from A.B. Ellis Public School

Manitoulin Site:

Representatives from Little Current Public School

Call to Order: 7 pm

1. Welcome

Chair Richard Eberhardt welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Self-introductions

PIC members introduced themselves

3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: "That the agenda be approved, as presented."

Moved by: Natasha Delaney, Parent, Jean Hanson Public School

Seconded by Bernadette Rémillard, Lansdowne Public School

Carried

4. Approval of the Minutes of the PIC Meeting held on April 3, 2018

Motion: "That the minutes of the meeting held on April 3, 2018 be approved, as presented."

Moved by: Bernadette Rémillard, Lansdowne Public School

Seconded by: by Natasha Delaney, Parent, Jean Hanson Public School

Carried

5. Brainstorming for 2018-2019

The committee brainstormed ideas for possible presentations for the Parent Involvement Committee for the 2018-2019 school year.

Topics included:

- Budget presentation
- New Math manipulatives
- Empowering Parents Workshop - Google Classroom Apps for Education
- School Climate Survey Reports
- Emotions and Learning – LDAS presentation
- Appropriate Touch/Autism Leading Edge
- Eco Schools
- Mental Health
- First Nation Blanket Exercise
- Rainbow Board Action Plan on Truth and Reconciliation
- Specialist High Skills Majors and Dual Credits
- Empowered Reading
- Inclusion Project
- Mental Health Strategic Plan - Public Health Sudbury & Districts
- Character strengths
- Sharing work from around schools on building vocabulary

The following schedule of meetings and topics was approved:

October 30, 2018 AGM

Angie DeMarco, LDAS, Emotions and Learning

November 13, 2018

Blanket Exercise

(Note: Date was subsequently changed to December 4, 2018)

January 8, 2019

EcoSchools

February 26, 2019

Mental Health

April 2, 2019

School Climate Survey Results

May 14, 2019

Planning meeting for the 2019-2020 School Year

6. PRO Grant Regional Application

Superintendent Judy Noble provided an update on the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Regional Grant Application. The committee supported a workshop for parents by parents with a focus on mental health. An application will be submitted for a PRO regional grant to host a conference with guest speaker Adele Lafrance Robinson.

7. School Announcements

Bernadette Rémillard of Lansdowne Public School talked about the Bike to Ride Safety event, with 20 students registered; the Heritage Fair; fundraising for the year end trip; the Queen Elizabeth appreciation breakfast; a band trip to Boston; preparations for the Grade 8 graduation; the Lets Dance performance; and the school's submission for the Ugliest Schoolyard Contest.

Stacy Paajanen of Lively District Secondary School said the School Council hosted information sessions aimed at empowering parents on April 25, 2018. She also provided an update on the Boys Intermediate Basketball team, the Grade 7 and 8 Band's participation in the nationals; and the first group Council meeting with Ward 2.

Natasha Delaney of Jean Hanson Public School announced that the Blacklight production would not be happening this year. Instead, the school was hosting an Art, Entertainment & Talent Show.

Richard Eberhardt of Walden Public School indicated that families were invited to a Movie Night. Lively District Secondary School students wore Hawk gear to show their school spirit.

Dawn Graham of Confederation Secondary School indicated that the school was preparing for its graduation on June 21, 2018. She thanked the Board for supporting the new gym at the school and the roof repairs. She indicated that Confederation Secondary School had applied for the Ugliest Schoolyard Contest.

Shannon Boland of Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School talked about the basketball team and the upcoming school musical. She indicated that Lo-Ellen Park had also entered the Ugliest Schoolyard Contest, that the Angie DeMarco presentation on emotions and learning was successful; that that school would be hosting a staff appreciation breakfast and that long-time Principal Jeff McKibbon was retiring.

Denis Plouffe and Patrick Hopkin of Chelmsford Valley District Composite School touched on a number of topics - Grades 7 & 8 Females in the Trades event, Grade 8 book publication with a trip to the French River to create more stories, community clean up, wellness day, mini series football, Stand up Speak Out conference, Techno Math grant approval, new SHSM in Information Communication Technology, the sale of Greenhouse baskets, June 2nd Autism Second Annual Concert, and the collection of clothes for the Kidney Foundation.

8. The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Motion: "That the meeting be adjourned."

Moved by: Denis Plouffe, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School

Next Meeting:

October 30, 2018 – Annual General Meeting

Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury

Topic: Emotions and Learning