

**Parent Involvement Committee
Minutes
Tuesday, May 14, 2019
Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
with video link to
Little Current Public School**

Attendance

Sudbury site:

Judy Kosmerly, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board; Judy Noble, Superintendent of Schools; Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning; Denis Plouffe, Parent, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Stacy Paajanen, Parent, Lively District Secondary School; Shelley Depaolis, Parent, Lasalle Secondary School; Sara Pidgen, ETFO representative and teacher at R.L. Beattie Public School; Bernadette Rémillard, Parent, Lansdowne Public School; Dan Koziar, Principal, Princess Anne Public School; Kim Nadeau, Public Health, Sudbury & District; Melanie Bertrand, Vice-Principal, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School; Allison Andlar, Parent, R.L. Beattie Public School; Denise Sheppard, Parent, Manitoulin Secondary School; Steffany Bourque, Parent, Chelmsford Public School; and Angelina Kasunich, Parent, Lockerby Composite School

Espanola site:

N/A

Manitoulin site:

Margaret Stringer, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board; Christy Case, Principal, Little Current Public School; Shelley Tamura, Vice-Principal, Little Current Public School; Alicia McGraw, Parent, Little Current Public School

Chair Stacy Paajanen called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

1. Welcome

Stacy Paajanen welcomed everyone to the PIC meeting.

2. Self-Introductions

Those present introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

Moved by: Bernadette Rémillard, Lansdowne Public School

Seconded by: Shelley Depaolis, Lasalle Secondary School

Carried

4. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the PIC Meeting held on April 2, 2019

Motion: "That the minutes of the meeting held on April 2, 2019 be approved."

Moved by: Denise Sheppard, Manitoulin Secondary School

Seconded by: Allison Andlar, R.L. Beattie Public School

Carried

5. Brainstorming for 2019-2020

Committee members brainstormed topics for presentations for the 2019-2020 school year, including the possibility of presenting the documentary "Screenagers".

The following schedule of presentations was approved.

Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 7 pm

Topic: Social Media

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7 pm

Topic: E-Learning and the Google Classroom

Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 7 pm

Topic: Autism and Special Needs Supports

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 7 pm

Topic: Financial Literacy

Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 7 pm

Topic: Specialist High Skills Major - Red Seal

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7 pm

Topic: Planning Meeting for the 2020-2021 school year

6. PIC Conference Update

The Rainbow District School Board Parent Involvement Committee will present "Empowering Parents to Raise Resilient Children" with keynote speaker Dr. Adèle Lafrance on Saturday, June 22, 2019.

This free conference by parents for parents will take place from 9 am to 2 pm at Lockerby Composite School, 1391 Ramsey View Court in Sudbury. Everyone is welcome. Child care will be available on site. Lunch will also be provided. Parents/guardians will be invited to register through EventBrite.

Dr. Adèle Lafrance is an Associate Professor at Laurentian University, a clinical psychologist, and co-developer of Emotion-Focused Family Therapy. As co-director of Mental Health Foundations, Dr. Lafrance provides consultations and training for clinicians, school boards and mental health agencies worldwide.

A passionate advocate, Dr. Adèle Lafrance supports parents/guardians and caregivers as they take care of their loved ones. Her address will inform, educate, inspire and empower. Parents will learn family-friendly tips and tools that will help with healing and recovery.

In addition to the keynote, participants will take part in two workshops:

FLIP IT! Transforming Challenging Behaviour (Kindergarten)

From LEGOs to iPhones (Grades 2 to 6)

Transitions: From Tween to Teen (Grades 7 and 8)

Whatever! (Grades 9 to 12)

Holistic Arts Based Program: An Introduction (For all ages)

Children and Grief (For all ages)

Agenda for the day:

9 am to 9:30 am – Registration

9:30 am to 11 am – Keynote Address with Dr. Adèle Lafrance

11:15 am to 12 pm – Workshop # 1

12 pm to 1:15 pm – Lunch (provided)

1:15 pm to 2 pm – Workshop # 2

The conference is being funded by the Ministry of Education Parent and Community Engagement Office through a Parents Reaching Out Regional Grant.

7. Communications Report

Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor of Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning, delivered the following communications report:

Sudbury Secondary School has been recognized provincially for student success in mathematics, earning a 2018 Dr. Bette M. Stephenson Recognition of Achievement from the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). Sudbury Secondary School's Grade 9 applied math scores increased by 25 percentage points while Grade 9 academic math results increased by 20 percentage points in the 2017-2018 school year.

Rainbow District School Board students captured top honours at the Mock Trial Competition on May 10, 2019. The Hennessy Cup was awarded to Lockerby Composite School. Silver medals were presented to students from Sudbury Secondary School.

Students garnered medals in coding, prepared speech, and horticulture and landscape at the Skills Ontario competition held May 6 to 8, 2019 in Mississauga. Skills Ontario is the largest event of its kind in Canada. Congratulations to Confederation Secondary School and Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School.

Kindergarten students from Northeastern Elementary School have teamed up with Cambrian College's Design and Visual Arts students to create a collaborative exhibit of visual work with a focus on what they could do to help the environment. The Tandem exhibit will be presented until May 16, 2019 from 11 am to 2 pm at the Open Studio in Room 2119 at Cambrian College.

A symbolic 12-hour walk took place on Manitoulin Island on May 11, 2019. Manitoulin Secondary School students, staff and members of the community walked an epic 60 kilometres to promote respect for water and care for earth.

Six young scientists from Rainbow Schools are representing our community at the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Fredericton, New Brunswick from May 11 to 17, 2019. They are among 500 young scientists showcasing their amazing works of discovery and innovation at the national level.

Brendon Matusch, a Grade 11 student from Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School, is representing Canada at the 2019 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (Intel ISEF). Intel ISEF, the world championship of science fairs, is taking place from May 12 to 18, 2019 in Phoenix, Arizona.

The Confederation Secondary School cafeteria is now home to an Indigenous mural inspired by the Seven Grandfather Teachings. Students painted the mural under the direction of local Indigenous artist Michael Cywink. The Ontario Arts Council funded the project, which took approximately two weeks to complete.

The Lasalle Secondary School Black Box Theatre invites the community to "I Never Saw Another Butterfly." This powerful play will be presented at the school from May 29 to June 1, 2019 at 7:30 pm. There will also be a matinée on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 2 pm. Between 1933 and 1945, more than 11 million people were exterminated during the Holocaust, six million of whom were Jewish. Of those six million, 1.5 million were children. More than 15,000 Jewish children under the age of 16 passed through the Terezin Concentration Camp. Fewer than 150 survived. "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" follows Raja, a child survivor of Terezin, and Raja's teacher, Irena Synkova, who helped prepare Raja for this feat.

For more news, visit rainbowschools.ca

8. School Announcements

Little Current Public School captured top honours at the Math, Science and Technology Olympics at Science North. A Pow Wow will be held at the school on May 31, 2019. The school is focused on EQAO and graduation.

Denise Sheppard reported that Manitoulin Secondary School did well in carpentry and small engine categories at tech skills in Toronto. She provided an update on renovations at Manitoulin Secondary School.

Chelmsford Public School is focusing on reading comprehension and shared reading. A small knitting group at the school visited the Cancer Centre. The school is hosting Entrepreneurship Charity Fair presentations on June 13, 2019. Funds raised will be matched for the charities.

Sara Pidgen of R.L. Beattie Public School said parents will be invited to the school to read with their children during Education Week. There will also be math games. The school is participating in Music Monday as well as Coding Arcade for Grade 6.

Melanie Bertrand reported that Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School welcomed guest speakers on wellness with a focus on stress, self-care and modeling for great relationships.

Dan Koziar of Princess Anne Public School highlighted Education Week activities, Music Monday Idol Competition, Chess Tournament, and Dodge Ball Tournament.

Stacy Paajanen of Lively District Secondary School said the school enjoyed hosting “Diamonds in the Rough”, an all women mine rescue team that spoke to Grade 7 and 8 students. A Headstrong spring tea was held at Meadowbrook. She also focused on the Grade 7 and 8 Math Challenge, Coding unit, Ontario Skills Competition, a rummage sale to raise funds for athletics, and a community clean up with Walden Public School.

Bernadette Rémillard highlighted a number of activities at Lansdowne Public School, including track and field, Education Week, Music Monday, book swap, teacher appreciation, Math Games Family Night, annual clean up, Wellness Day that featured many workshops, traditional gathering to honour water and the Grade 8 graduation.

She also highlighted activities at Sudbury Secondary School, including a new weight room, Pink Day, school play, singers at the Joan Mantle Music Trust International Dinner, Bands, Exposed art showcase, renowned choreographer in the dance class, new computers for media arts, climate change project, flag for Alex Trebek, EQAO, Mock Trial Competition, Special Olympics and John Street community garden clean up.

Shelley Depaolis of Lasalle Secondary School talked about the construction projects at the school, including the new multi-use sports complex and new French Immersion JK to Grade 6 school and the renovations to welcome area Grade 7 and 8 students. The school is offering students Advanced Placement Program options in specific subjects.

Kim Nadeau of Public Health shared information about a pilot program at Lockerby Composite School and focused on harm reduction messages, including make it the right kind of memorable and plan ahead to reduce risk.

Angelina Kasunich of Lockerby Composite School shared information about financial literacy programs that may be of interest to schools, including budget boot camp, value for money, growing up in a cashless world, saving for the future, funding post-secondary education, credit, and the digital world and fraud. Financial literacy is part of Civics and Careers in Grade 10.

Motion: “That we do now adjourn.”

Moved by: Bernadette Rémillard, Lansdowne Public School

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 29, 2019 – 6 pm - AGM

Sudbury Secondary School, Sheridan Auditorium

Topic: Social Media