



Parent Involvement Committee

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 – 6:30 – 7:30 PM
Virtual Teams Meeting

MINUTES

Principal Rep: Marie McDade
Trustees: Nancy Rothwell, Laura Bisutti
Staff/Resource: Lisa Walsh (Director), Chera Longston (Communications Manager), Barb Crawford (Exec. Assistant)
Council Reps: Jeanette Versteeg, Jennifer Schroter (Mitchell DHS / UTES), Stacy Schulz (CHSS), Carling Buchanan (Listowel Eastdale), Sara Woolnough-Thayer (Avon), Judy Greig (SMDCVI), Heidi McNeil, Annerieke (Clinton)

1.0 Introduction and Overview of PIC

Chera introduced board staff and welcomed everyone. Chera provided an overview of the purpose of PIC. All school council chairs had been invited, but it was noted that you don't have to be a member of a school council to be a member of PIC.

2.0 Motion to Approve November 18, 2020 Agenda

Moved by Jennifer Schroter

That the Agenda for November 18, 2020 be approved as presented.

Carried

3.0 Motion to Approve the May 5, 2020 Minutes

Moved by Judy Greig

That the Minutes of the May 5, 2020 meeting be approved as presented.

Carried

4.0 Business Arising from the May 5, 2020 Minutes

4.1 PRO (Parent Reaching Out) Grants for 2020/2021

Chera explained that the Ministry of Education provides grants to school councils. The board receives the funding and distributes the funds to schools. The PRO Grant Application package will be available next week, distributed to principals on Monday, who will forward to school council chairs. The Grant is for projects that engage and address the needs of parents. The grant is not intended for student projects. Details are in the Application package. Information will also be posted on the parentvoice.ca website.

4.2 Strategic Plan Update

Chera shared an overview of the Strategic Plan 2020 to 2024. The Plan will be launched and promoted through PIC and school councils. A video has been created that gives an overview of the Plan. School Trustees will be presenting the Plan at upcoming school council meetings. Please consider inviting your school trustee to your next school council meeting.

Director Walsh explained the successful graduate slide and summary of the Plan. The Director's Work Plan (DWP) identifies the goals based on what we want to achieve this school year. DWP outlines the goals for one year of achievement towards the 4-year Strategic Plan. Annually the board reports to the Ministry through the Director's Annual Report, which is a recap and highlights of the previous school year.

First step of implementation of Strategic Plan: Goal is to collect data from families – consider planning an activity at school council – think, pair and share. Identify 3 things that your school likes about this plan in the areas of iAm prepared, iAm engaged, and iAm well, and what would be one wish. What would be your three stars and one wish? This data will be used to help navigate the strategy.

Question to your school councils: Like to know what do you think are some things that you would like us to gather input on, not specific but in general areas – what would parents share their voice on?

5.0 New Business

5.1 Meeting Format (virtual, timing, dates) and Purpose

- Meeting 4 times within each school year. Will continue with meeting via Microsoft Teams, at 6:30 p.m.

5.2 Selection of New Chair

Jennifer Schroter agreed to facilitate the next meeting.

6.0 Adjournment

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:34 p.m.