



Parent Involvement Committee
MINUTES
Sept. 12, 2017
Location Rm. 201C (behind fireplace, main level)
Dinner 5:45 pm., Meeting 6:15-8:30 pm

Time	Topic	Lead	Guests
	1. Welcome & Introductions	Margaret	
	2. Approval of agenda First – Rochelle; Second – Mike		
	3. Approval of minutes First – Shelley; Second – Jose		
	4. Getting to Know Each Other The group participated in an activity to ‘get to know each other’.	Amanda	
	5. Purpose of PIC Margaret provided an overview for the group. The role of this committee is to provide advice – parents are representing themselves at this table. Meetings take place monthly – please advise if you are unable to attend a meeting. If policies are being revised or out for consultation they may be of specific interest for parents. This could involve a meeting before PIC to formulate a PIC response. This is then shared with the whole PIC committee. Occasionally the board will seek parent representation and PIC will be approached.	Margaret	

	<p>6. Understanding Norms and Values Handout provided.</p>	Margaret/Amanda/Sharon	
	<p>7. Understanding of Terms of Reference Handout provided. It was noted that some sections are not gender neutral. The document will go back to administration for review.</p>	Sharon	
	<p>8. What do we want to learn about?</p> <p>Math Accessibility – gender neutral washrooms Transportation – speaker EA allotment School closures – Ministry on hold IEPs Curriculum Environment – transforming learning everywhere – Alternative learning spaces Instructional coaches – role changed to a Reading Specialist Building of community hubs Inclusive conditions Storefronts – specialized programs Boundary reviews – annual update (how are boundaries determined) OOC process Facilities Priority areas Facilities repair process</p>	Margaret/Shawn	

	<p>Communication of JK/Early Years Technology in the school & classroom – update on TLE – what devices are allowed to bring in the classroom What can community partners do to be on the same page as schools? Communication – consistency amongst schools Safe Schools review Parent Assist</p> <p>Chair, Vice-Chair and Sharon will review these items and will include in their agenda planning.</p>		
	<p>9. School Council Training modules October dates – dates will be confirmed. Topics will include what School Council is/template for Terms of Reference/Bi-laws/fundraising/communication.</p>	Sharon	
	Standing Items		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trustee Update Governance and Policy began this week. First Board meeting Sept. 18. <p>Ministry announced a 2 year moratorium on Pupil Accommodation Reviews so the provincial policy can be reviewed.</p>	Dawn Danko/Penny Deathe	

	<p>HWDSB will not be engaging in West Mountain review this Fall and the schedule will be delayed until the Province has released new guidelines.</p> <p>The Board is looking for partners to collaborate on a community hub at the Sir John A. Macdonald site. Goal is to have an elementary school on the site that will bring together the Hess and Strathcona students. HWDSB has put a call out to any community partners who are interested in sharing the site, and are particularly looking for partners with capital investment available.</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home and School Update Meet & Greet – Sept. 18 – 7:00-8:30pm, at Ed. Centre, Rm. 211 An overview of Home & School will be sent to members from Margaret. 	Veronica Coombs	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication Sub-committee No meeting scheduled as yet. Changes and enhancements to PIC website will be addressed at first meeting. Margaret will email to seek PIC interest in sub-committee work. 	Rochelle Butler	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Profiling Volunteer Excellence sub-committee New format last year was well received. 	Margaret/Shawn	



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	Plan for 2018 to be determined.		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">French as a Second Language Advisory Committee Sept. 29 meeting Looking for new members Meet bi-monthly	Melanie Roberts	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rural Schools update No update	Amanda Fehrman	
	<p>Other</p> <p><i>School excursions – U.S.</i> HWDSB encourages staff to look at opportunities in Ontario to meet curricular expectations – out of country options continue to be considered as well. Travel advisories should also be considered.</p> <p>Sharon will check on number of nights for elementary student excursions.</p> <p>Weekend excursions – supervision piece is considered.</p> <p><i>Student Trustees</i> – process for election – opportunity is open to all secondary schools in the district to put their name forward – interview process – short listing and then present to Student Senate who vote. Student Senate</p>		



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	includes representation from across the district. Will clarify composition of senate. (Sharon) <i>School bus driver shortage – provincial challenge.</i>		
Questions from any members of the public present		Margaret	
Adjournment	8:40 pm	Margaret	
Next meeting	October 10, 2017		

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